

ICAG - London Cycling Campaign in Islington

# **ISLINGTON CYCLIST**

The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



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July 7 Tour de France starts in London Recruiting new and returning cyclists –a great day out! Secure cycle parking!

LCC is coordinating rides from various points around London to come and watch the Tour de France Prologue. ICAG will be starting from Highbury Fields about 10.00am. The idea is that you bring new or returning cyclist with you. LCC have secured an exclusive viewing area by Achilles Way for the Prologue race through Hyde Park. To benefit from this you must register first. Further details from LCC website or

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# **Collisions and Deaths**

It is appalling to report that since the last newsletter, two Islington women have been killed by left turning lorries. Our heartfelt condolences go to the families concerned. Two more cyclists were seriously injured in separate collisions; we believe they both survived. If you visit the LCC website, you can download their template letter and lobby your MEP to vote for all lorries to be fitted with better mirrors.

## Basic Bike Maintenance Classes

One day classes at Freightliners Farm, 10.00am-4.00pm June 30, July 28. £20/£12.50. Pre-booking essential. Contact Jonathan Edwards - phone 7704 1884. And not too late to sponsor him for his charity ride! (see below)

# **Two Tings Campaign**

To help improve safety and tackle towpath conflict between cyclists and other users, British Waterways have over the last few months been working with Transport for London on a series of physical improvements on the canal. These include new signage, rumble strips, trial chicanes and towpath resurfacing. On May 4, they launched their new Code of Conduct with a 'Two Tings' awareness campaign. They are working with Groundwork and other partners on a series of towpath events. supported by posters, banners, adverts, leaflets and giveaways.

www.waterscape.com/twotings

## ICAG member in London Cyclist

It was good to see one of our active members, Jonathan Edwards, featured in the last edition of London Cyclist, p19. He's celebrating Bike Week by cycling about 350 miles – Yarmouth to Barmouth - for the charity Afasic. Bike Week 2007 June 16-24

Saturday 16, 12noon-5pm Doctor Bike N1 Centre

**Saturday 16, 2pm-5pm** Bio-Diversity Ride starting from the Ecology Centre

Sunday 17, 10am-5pm Little Green Ride – details overleaf

**Tuesday 19, 8am-10am** Cyclists' Breakfast Goswell Road Island

Thursday 21, 12.30-6.30pm Company of Cyclists at Islington Green

Saturday 23, 11am-4pm Tour d'Arsenal – many events at the Emirate Stadium Podium

www.bikeweek.org.uk

## **Little Green Rides**

We need to thank Sue for coordinating these rides for many years. Sadly, by the time you read this, the last fortnightly ride will have happened – May 27. There's one planned for 17 June – time and venue as usual. In future, we hope to have them once a month on the third Sunday.

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Goswell Road 16.03.2007

We realized that cyclists were not being consulted about the plans for Goswell Road Island. So, with a bike breakfast available, we distributed the consultation document. And we asked pedestrians and cyclists to sign a petition – 500 signatures in 2 hours! Andrew Cornwell presented it to the Council. Transport for London is redesigning the crossing. We are keeping a close eye on this.

## **Petition details**

ICAG Member Adam Cox is concerned about traffic speed on Hornsey Ride. He has organised a petition (text below). Please send messages of support to Greg.Foxsmith@islington.gov.uk Why not send this message to Lucy.Watt@islington.gov.uk?

"I have concerns about traffic speed on Hornsey Rise, with clear danger to pedestrians, drivers and cyclists. I note with concern the continuing need to replace damaged accident barriers at the dangerous junction with Cromartie Road. I call upon the Council to conduct a thorough traffic risk and speed assessment with a view to implementing traffic calming measures and/or safety measures."

#### Win a weekend for 2 in Paris!

Work, live or study in Islington? If you commute to work for 21 days before 15 June you can enter the Council's competition. For an entry form go to www.islington.gov.uk/ Transport/Cycling/default. Asp

## Now on the LCC website

You can view this newsletter in colour and much more if you go to the Islington part of the Local Groups section.

www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp? PageID=733

#### Gas Guzzlers referendum

Make sure you vote for the referendum the Council is organising. This is about changing the amount that cars are charged for parking in the streets of Islington. Cars with high CO2 emissions will pay more, but the scheme will be 'revenue neutral.' (Cars with low CO2 emissions will pay less.)

### **Reporting Faults**

Want to complain about potholes (and more) in Islington? Go to

www.islington.gov.uk/Doit/ Onlineforms/reportproblem. asp

or try 020 7527 2000 – Islington Council's phone number and say it's a Highways problem.

For other boroughs and Transport for London roads (A Roads), use the links from the Lcc website – click on potholes on the home page - or phone the TfL number 0845 305 1234

A national website for potholes is run by the Cycle Touring Club. W www.fillthathole.org.uk

#### Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles Date: June 17 Start: 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m. Place: Finsbury Park overland station Contact: Stephen Taylor Telephone: 07977 235 735

#### Cycle Workshop Dates

Place: Sunnyside Ecology Gardens corner of Sunnyside Rd and Hazelville Rd, N19 (off Hornsey Rise)
Date: 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December)
Time: 7 – 9.30 p.m.
Cost: £1 (50p unwaged) per session towards costs
Contact: Adrian Williams
Telephone: 07810 211 902

#### ICAG monthly meeting

If you've something to say about cycling in Islington, or just want to listen, come along to the ICAG monthly meeting.

Place: Islington Town Hall Date: 2nd Wednesday of every month Time: 7.30-9.30 p.m. Contact: Alison Dines Telephone: 020 7226 7012

Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

#### ICAG Email Group

If you wish to discuss any of the topics covered in Islington Cyclist in more detail then why not subscribe to the ICAG email list? The list enables subscribers to receive news promptly and the opportunity to give and receive feedback.

If you would like to participate, send an email to: **E:** icagsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

#### Islington Cyclist by Email

If you've enjoyed reading this issue of Islington Cyclist – but don't live in the borough and so don't get a paper copy – you can now receive our newsletter electronically. All you need to do to be added to the circulation list is send an email to:

**E:** islingtoncyclistsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

#### Contribute to Islington Cyclist

Please send any articles or images to:

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