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The newsletter of the Islington Cyclists' Action Group



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## Annual General Meeting

May 8, 7.30pm start  
Town Hall, Upper St  
Guest speaker  
Dr Robert Davis  
Refreshments from  
8.15 and speaker  
starts at 8.30pm  
Dr Davis is chair  
of the Road Danger  
Reduction Forum  
www.rdrf.org.uk

## Tufnell Park Cycles to School



Photo courtesy of the Islington Tribune

### Ironmonger Row Baths



LBI have installed these temporary bike stands, to check they are in the right position, taking up the space of two car parking bays.

### Tour de France 2014

Seven years on, the Tour will return to The Mall. With the first Stage leaving from Leeds, Stage 3 starts at Cambridge and finishes at the Mall via the Olympic Park. More at  
<http://bit.ly/WhXhOF>

The Tufnell Park Cycles to School Campaign has hit the headlines in the local press. First there was a photo call that was published in the Gazette on 28/2/13. The Tribune took up the story on 15/3/13 and the Gazette went with it again on 21/3/13. A cycling story has never had so much publicity before in Islington! The candidates for the by-elections in Junction and St. Georges Wards were invited to an ICAG event, with Dr Bike and information stall, at the Farmers' Market outside the Tufnell Park Tavern. The event climaxed with a Tour de Tufnell Park; about 30 cyclists of all ages followed the proposed route. David Lincoln masterminded this campaign and all credit should be given to him. John Ackers and Stephen Taylor made videoed interviews with three of the candidates and several children. David also received positive support from the Council Leader; please turn to the next page...

### For interviews with the children

<http://www.icag.org.uk/2013/tour-de-tufnell-park/>

### For interviews with the candidates

<http://www.icag.org.uk/2013/by-election-junction-st-georges/>

### For an overview of the scheme

<http://www.icag.org.uk/2013/tufnell-park-cycles-to-school/>

### For David Lincoln's blog

<http://tufnellparkcycles.wordpress.com/>

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## Tufnell Park Cycles to School - petition reply!

Sign the petition -  
<http://chn.ge/XqsUG8>

This is the text of an email from Councillor Catherine West Leader of the Council to David Lincoln.

"I am delighted to support your campaign to make it easier and safer for children and young people to cycle to school in Tufnell Park. The Mayor of London has recently announced plans to fund pilot Cycle to School Partnerships, although he has not yet announced how prospective partnerships can bid for funding. I have asked the Council's Spatial Planning and Transport Team to contact Transport for London (TfL) to find out when and how partnerships can bid. They will contact you once they have spoken with TfL and I suggest that when the time is right you liaise with them to prepare and submit a bid. I would be happy to support a bid in any way I can."

### By-elections Result

Labour candidates won both wards (Junction and St Georges), although turnout was low - 24.2% and 25.88% respectively.

### Police Liaison

Thanks to Inderpal Mehrok, from the local Police, who came to talk at our January meeting. We hope to print some hints to avoid cycle theft in the next edition.

### Cyclehoops in N19 and N4

We may see some Cyclehoops installed by LBI on Brecknock and Junction Roads soon. Nothing like the end of financial year to make something happen!

## "Every little helps!"



"Trixie" mirrors have been installed on all four arms of the junction at the Angel. This will help alert left turning lorries to the presence of cyclists at their nearside.

### Gyratory Progress - Better Junctions Review

The Council will be contacting us in April with an update on the Archway gyratory. TfL have invited us to a meeting to discuss the Nag's Head Gyratory; date to be confirmed, but towards the end of April. If you're interested in being involved -  
C Alison Dines  
T 020 7226 7012  
E [alisondines@clara.co.uk](mailto:alisondines@clara.co.uk)

### Critical Mass Arrests

"The trial of the nine cyclists prosecuted after last July's Critical Mass ride ended last Friday, with five found guilty after a trial that dragged on for 10 days over a three-week period. The sentences handed down were relatively minor - most of the defendants received nine-month conditional discharges and were required to pay £300 costs - and the rate of successful prosecution is low considering 182 were initially arrested on the opening night of the Olympic Games."  
Read the full blog posted by Tom Richards in the Guardian Bike Blog Monday 18 March 2013  
<http://bit.ly/107j1zF>

## The Little Green Ride

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month  
Start: 10.10 a.m. Finish: 5-6 p.m.  
Place: Finsbury Park overland station  
C Stephen Taylor  
T 07977 235 735  
W: [www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com](http://www.littlegreenride.blogspot.com)

## 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  
C Adrian Williams  
T 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 pm  
C Alison Dines  
T 020 7226 7012  
E [alisondines@clara.co.uk](mailto:alisondines@clara.co.uk)  
Agenda items for meetings should reach Alison Dines by the Saturday before the meeting.

## Reporting Potholes

In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk) and click on report a street problem. Or try [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)  
Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk), click on road users, then on report a street fault.

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E: [icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

We have another yahoo group concerned mainly with the engineering projects that we are being consulted about. If you want to join this one send an email to:  
E: [icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:icag-eng-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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