

Camden & Southwark do...

Some bike stands in Camden and Southwark have the sticker shown below. They last for about a year and feedback to Camden has been positive.



Islington's more robust, longer lasting solution is still in the trial stage at time of writing.



Critical Mass

In spite of a court case, Critical Mass continues to leave Waterloo at 7.00pm on the last Friday of every month. There is a feeder ride led by Chris Ashby which departs at 6.15pm prompt from outside the Town Hall.

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Broken Glass on the road

Although road sweepers are warned not to, apparently they are still breaking up bottles at the kerb side. Most of the bottle may be swept up, but the remaining shards are a hazard to cyclists' tyres!
Keep your eyes peeled!



Festivals

Once again ICAG members enjoyed meeting some familiar faces and some new ones at the Canal Festival and the Gillespie Festival. Both festivals were 21 years old this year! The Gillespie Park Festival had a Dr Bike.



Car free London?

A study compiled by the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Oxford University recommends a **complete ban of cars** in London. This is music to our ears. So we'll just be left with bendy buses and left turning lorries to contend with. And rain...

Colebrooke row latest

We understand that a crossing that separates pedestrians and cyclists at the crossing of City Road is in the design stage, for implementation by March 2008. Also the traffic lights are to be replaced as part of regular maintenance. More news when we have it.

Sponsor for colour?

We've been carrying photographs for some time, which are much better in colour. Does anyone know a potential sponsor to whom we'd give some advertising space in return for the cost of printing 700+ colour copies of the newsletter?

Website

By the time you read this we should have a site 'up and running.' We hope to display up to date news, photos, links to other useful sites, archive material (all the old newsletters, maybe?) and more. Do let us know what you expect to see on a brand new site that is just for Islington Cyclists!

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Freshers' week

City University students will be given information about cycling in Islington on Sept 25. Requests for info about second hand bikes, auctions and security will be frequent, we expect.

London Cycle Network Plus

The progress on the route [Link 106] that goes from the Haringey border to the Camden border is slow but thorough. It started in 2005; work should be finished by 2009.

Have we got it wrong?

I often see commuting cyclists speeding along with their smart new bikes, some clad in lycra. Then I remember seeing their counterparts in Amsterdam, all cycling slowly on those 'old fashioned' bikes in their office clothes. Have they got it right?

Anniversary

There are flowers and messages on the zebra crossing railings in Holloway Road near where cyclist Darren



Hughes died last year. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Cycle Maintenance

One-day cycle maintenance workshop (10am-4pm, Oct 6 FreightlinersFarm, Sheringham Road N7). Cost £20 (unwaged £12.50) For more details contact Jonathan on 07946 261165

Living Pavements?

If you despair about engineering work that is done for cyclists in Islington, have a look at the pavements. Some are appalling!



Nice poster, but

In Tufnell Park Road, there's a bus shelter displaying two Transport for London posters about cyclists aimed at motorists. Shame that the posters face the pavement, invisible to passing drivers!

How can we do better?

We are aware that our relationship with the Council is not as good as it could be. The ICAG committee is exploring meetings with various councillors and council officers. Any suggestions are welcome.

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Joke?

What do you call a cyclist riding on the pavement? A Pedelestrian.

Overheard at a Festival

A LCC member spoke to two lads carrying (brand new) bolt cutters near Upper Street. They told her they'd lost the keys for their bike lock. "Well, I'm just going to phone the police anyway," she said. As the lads ran away they shouted, "Don't f***ing get involved, you bitch!"

Little Green Ride Dates

Description: Easy-paced rides of around 30 miles

Date: 3rd Sunday in the month

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:** icag-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Islington Cyclist on the net

If you've enjoyed reading this issue of Islington cyclist, but would like to see it in colour or the last few back numbers, go to www.lcc.org.uk, click on Local Groups, Islington, ICAG website, then select a newsletter. All files over 1MB!

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Please send any articles or images to:

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