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Surprise in Holloway Road

We've been told to expect about 50 cycle stands.

Locations are as follows:

- 7 Jackson Rd
- 5 Lorriane Road
- 5 Windsor Road
- 2 Wedmore Street
- 2 Junction Road
- 2 Fairmead Road
- 8 Seven Sisters/Parkhurst
- 13 Camden /Tollington
- 6 Outside Boots (No. 410 Holloway Road)

The south end seems to be rather poorly catered for.



Chris Ashby, John Ackers and Stephen Taylor check available space outside Sainsbury's

Congratulations to these ICAG members who spent an afternoon identifying 90+ sites to suggest to Transport for London.

Help needed

The Council's Refugee and Migrant service helps with the co-ordination of Refugee Week [14-22 June]. We have been asked to help promote the benefits of cycling in refugee and migrant communities? It will raise the profile of ICAG & promote cycling and healthier lifestyles in Islington. Interested?

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It's Election Time!

Initiatives announced by Mayor Livingstone can be welcomed. Super cycleways sound wonderful, but the routes have yet to be confirmed. We wonder how drivers will react to the increase in cycle use; we hope some of the new cyclists will take advantage of free cycle training. And there will be 6,000 bikes to hire! [But Paris has 12,000 apparently...]

Bike Week 2008

The dates are 14-22 June this year. Look out for the usual Bike Breakfast on the Tuesday at the 'Goswell Road Triangle,' a Biodiversity ride starting from the Ecology Centre, a Doctor Bike at the Angel Shopping Centre on Saturday 21 June. The council plans an event at the Emirate Stadium, but it is to be confirmed. They also plan a Dr Bike or two. All of this is provisional – details in the next newsletter.

Charity Fund Raiser

I aim to cycle 100 miles in 6 hours on a turbo trainer on Sat April 26 from 10am to 4pm at the N1 Centre, Angel. Can you help by shaking a tin? (For the charity Afasic)
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Freewheel 2008 is on

The date is not yet confirmed. It may be Sunday September 21 to coincide with European Mobility Week and Car Free Day, which is usually 22 Sept.



Annual General Meeting

The date will be May 14, 7.30 start, at Islington Town Hall. Jon Snow (chair of Cycle Touring Club and TV personality) will be guest speaker.

3 Bath Street shocks

Cyclists who use this road were amazed to find that the traffic signals have finally been switched on. When one of us forwarded the 'good news' email to a council engineer, he replied within 10 minutes. And it was 8.00 at night! But work has now started on a scheme that didn't meet with ICAG's approval when we were consulted.

Basic Bike Maintenance

Classes are held on a demand basis. If one or two people express an interest, Jonathan starts arranging things. A class costs £20/£12.50 to pay for venue and expenses. Any surplus goes to ICAG. Same contact details as Jonathan Edwards (see **Charity Fund Raiser**) on left.

Our Latest Campaign

The Road Danger Reduction Campaign needs volunteers to help carry out observations in the morning or evening peak periods. The next spots we are targeting are Tollington Road/Holloway Road junction; Drayton Park/Holloway Road junction and Horsell Road/Fieldway Crescent junction.

We campaign to reduce road danger in Islington by highlighting the responsibilities motorists have to other more vulnerable road users.

You can see some of what we noted on Hornsey Rise here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xIbQvfmXZk>

We then intend to use the information to highlight the dangers motorists can present to vulnerable road users and, amongst other things, to call for road traffic laws to be better enforced locally.

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Packington Estate

Consultation with the designers of this scheme has ensured that N-S & E-W routes were included. But the planned cycle lanes would not provide the necessary 0.5m width between the contra-flow cycle lane and on-street parking. There'll be a risk of being 'doored.' A suggestion was that cycle symbols were painted on the road rather than having a dedicated lane.

20's plenty!

We discussed a 20mph speed limit on non TfL roads in the borough at the last meeting & agreed that ICAG will support all political parties that want a borough wide 20mph limit.

Be there and be Square!

For £3 you will receive a competition entry form guiding you to 73 of London's squares. When there, answer a simple question. Return your answers by Oct 31st and you may win a cyclist's rucksack, a pocket tool kit, OR A BIKE! Second hand but quite nice. Proceeds go to Afasic for speech impaired children. Same contact details as Jonathan Edwards – front page.

Colebrooke Row scheme

The plans for this are with us for consultation – no surprises. Pedestrians are to have a separate crossing. It remains to be seen how it works and when it is implemented. There are plans to improve the crossing all the way through to St Johns Street, though.

Don't be shy

To improve communication we have set up an ICAG engineering group; this will be for discussing schemes that the Council and Transport for London are consulting us about. There are currently 7 people on this list and we'd like others to join. (and respond occasionally!) You don't need experience just imagination.

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More money to spend

The several LCN+ routes that cross Islington are not yet complete. The Council will be spending unprecedented amounts in 2008/9/10 to finish the work – approx £1m in 2008-2009.

Islington Cyclist 1998

We announced: "You can now contact ICAG by email." We're a little more sophisticated now – but the address used looks familiar!

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

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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

Reporting Potholes

In Islington, phone 020 7527 2000 or go to

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/Doit/Onlineforms/reportproblem.asp>

Rest of London 0845 305 1234

or go to <http://www.TransportforLondon.gov.uk/roadusers/reportastreetfault/934.aspx>

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