

Ealing Cycling News

The LCC newsletter for Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale and Southall
June 2013

Bike Week **15th - 23rd June**

Come and join us for Bike Week at one or more of our stalls at these events. If you have never volunteered before, we would be very keen for you to lend a hand: it's a really great way to feel involved in the group. Be a mechanic helping to fix bikes, or an advocate to encourage others to discover the cycling bug!

Sat 15th June

Dr Bike & Stall, Ealing Green

From 10am until 4pm join us on Ealing Green, on the triangle between Bond Street and High Street, where Doctor Bike will be present to check over your bike and resolve any minor problems. There will be people on hand to give advice and guidance on all things cycling. (Ealing Green, W5 5DA)

Sat 15th June

Hanwell Carnival

Take part in the procession to ride to Elthorne Park to promote all things cycling and ECC. The carnival actually started as a cycling parade way back in 1898 with cyclists dressing up their bikes. Dressing up your bike is welcome, but not compulsory! If you have mobile music bring it along too. Meet: 9.45am Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, W7 1PD

Sun 16th June

Family Ride

Suitable ride for families with small children. Short ride to a

local leisure spot. Bring a picnic.
Approx return 4pm

Wed 19th June

Sunset Ride

Leaving at 7pm from Ealing Town Hall for the traditional ride to Richmond Hill for a drink at the Roebuck, and to see the sun set on nearly the longest day of the year. Bring lights! Meet outside Ealing Town Hall.

Sun 23rd June

Ticket to Ride – Brent Lodge Park (Bunny Park) and Gunnersbury Park

A family centred ride organised by Ealing Council. Marshals will guide people around an 11 mile loop of the borough. Starting points on the hour every hour from 10am in the Bunny Park (next to the car park opposite St Mary's Church) and Gunnersbury Park (next to the museum). Rides will be led by trained marshals and refreshment breaks will be provided along the route. Free bike checks at each starting point. We will have an information stall in both locations where you can pick up cycling maps and get your cycling questions answered from friendly cycling bods!

More Social Rides

23 June – not-so-speedy ride around London's prisons

7 July – leisurely ride along the River Crane

21 July – gentle ride to Osterley Park

More info at
ealingcycling.org.uk/rides

Bike Theft

Believe it or not, cycling theft in Ealing is on the decrease. This could be because the investment in more secure cycle stands is proving its worth, or that dummy bikes are now being placed at the Bike Hub outside Ealing Broadway station by the police to catch thieves in the act.

We are forging a very close relationship with Ealing Police, and are heartened to hear their enthusiasm in pushing cycling theft much higher up the agenda. They are happy to attend some of our meetings. Thefts by ward, between November 2012 and February 2013 are shown in the table below.

If you don't want to lose your hard-earned bike use a cable lock as well as a 'D' lock. You should always register your bike on www.immobilise.com

Acton Central	10
Cleveland	5
Dormers Wells	2
Ealing Broadway	26
Ealing Common	6
East Acton	28
Elthorne	18
Greenford Broadway	3
Hanger Hill	4
Hobayne	5
Northfields	8
North Greenford	1
Northolt Mandeville	2
Northolt West End	3
Norwood Green	7
Perivale	11
South Acton	7
Southall Broadway	3
Southall Green	1
Southfield	23
Walpole	10
Ealing Borough	183

Council News

Ealing Cycling Campaign meet up with the council every few months. In April, four of us went along. At our last meeting, we were told that at long last a cycle hub with covered cycle parking is to be installed at North Acton Tube station later this year. It won't be as expensive as the Ealing Broadway lot, thank goodness, but should improve things for cycle commuters. The council is attempting to impose a 20mph limit across the borough in many residential areas, except for the obvious main roads.

Council Leader, Julian Bell – who has now cycled over 5,000 miles since taking up cycling 18 months ago -, is arranging to meet Andrew Gilligan, the Mayor's Cycling Czar, to win him over in the bid to win some of the Mayor's "Little Holland" cycle infrastructure funding. He and other councillors are planning to cycle to City Hall and would be delighted to have other ECC members join them on the ride in. A date has yet to be confirmed, but as soon as we know more details it will be on our website and sent out to all on our mailing list by email. If you are free on the day, please do join in to back the council's cause.

The Mayor's "Vision for Cycling" earmarks a lot of money - £33 million - for transforming town centres in outer London, and Ealing is a prime candidate. The redevelopment for Crossrail and other developments gives us the opportunity to transform central Ealing for the better. The cycle parking near Ealing Broadway station is a start, there is space for more, and there are already quiet cycle-friendly routes (like Windsor Road) radiating outwards into residential areas.

We could use the extra money to link the existing projects together with some new ones (say, a link from Walpole Park to the residential streets north of the Uxbridge Road and beyond). An imaginative plan would stand a good chance, I think, how about you?

The council has committed to using only HGV contractors whose drivers have undergone cycle training to follow the pledge of 'Safer Urban Driving'. So far, over 100 drivers have completed the training, which involves taking drivers on a three-and-a-half hour cycle ride on nearby roads to help them understand the risks lorries can pose to cyclists. We have written to the council thanking them for this. In conjunction with Waitrose, West Ealing we will be holding an "Exchanging Places" event so that cyclists can get an insight of the hidden dangers that lorries pose.

After lengthy negotiations with London Underground, temporary cycle stands have – at last - been added outside Northfields station between Bramley and Devonshire Roads whilst the ongoing building works are taking place. Once the final improvements to the station forecourt are made later this year the station will have double the number of cycle stands on the forecourt.

Other News

Well done to The Institute of Advanced Motorists, based in Chiswick, for asking the UK government and car makers to make radical changes to the front of cars, so that vulnerable road users get the same five star protection treatment as those sitting in the vehicle. Since 2006, car occupant's deaths and serious injuries have fallen, but in the

corresponding period there has been a 25% rise in the number of injuries sustained by pedestrians and cyclists.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dorota and Paul, our amazing social ride coordinator, on the birth of their new baby boy. Marcus was delivered on 17th May and is officially the youngest member to join our growing family!

A word of thanks from The Editor to:

Annette Welland, Tom Hartwell and David Eales who assisted me when I need it most in getting this newsletter over to the printers in time! Thank you to you all! Enjoy the read and happy cycling! Ben Owen

Next Meeting

Our meetings takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at our regular venue, Café Grove, 65 The Grove, W5 5LL.

June: 5th June
July: 3rd July
August: 7th August
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www.ealingbikehub.co.uk

Ealing Bike Hub offers maintenance courses, second hand bikes, cycle instruction and a host of other services. Bike maintenance is run on the first Saturday of the month