

Madras Place



We are waiting for finishing touches to the crossing which is much improved, and now in use. We hope that an all important pair of traffic lights will reduce the speed of northbound traffic, making this a safer place to cross Holloway Road.

Drayton Park

The council is thinking about changing conditions on this road. Their survey [there's a link on our web site] is now closed. There are some graphic reasons for action on our website - look for crazy parking on Drayton Park in Recent Posts.

W www.icag.org.uk

Suggestions for AGM

It's not too early to be planning for our AGM - any suggestions for a speaker? The probable date is May 9.



**Bike
week**

Bike week 2012

Note the dates are June 16-24 for the next Bike Week.

The Canal towpath

At time of writing, we've seen a letter from Living Streets hoping for action from British Waterways and some consultation about improvements on the Islington section of the Canal. There is mention of chicanes, improved surface and a ban of cyclists. **We are most concerned that, if a direct alternative route is enacted, a safe crossing for New North Road is included.**

Kings Cross



Photo from the LCC site, page saved as bit.ly/uttqBy

We are monitoring TfL activity and liaising with Camden Cycling Campaign. Meanwhile, on Monday evenings there are demos between 6pm and 7pm. The next one is on Feb 6.

Details

W bikesalive.wordpress.com

Velorution

When a Velorution customer is purchasing a new bike, s/he will be offered a 10% discount if she commits a number of hours to one of the projects in a portfolio.

The vision is that people will be willing to donate their time to causes they feel a) affect them and b) they can have an impact upon and earn a discount. (Yes, Velorution is a bike shop in Camden - Ed.)

Go Dutch



That was the invitation for the Go Dutch campaign. As part of it, the electronic petition will be live after the public launch at the Design Museum on Feb 9. The goal is to obtain 100,000 signatures by May 3 - the date of the Mayoral election. Look on the LCC site for details. W www.lcc.org.uk

Communication

We discussed this at the last ICAG meeting. We agreed that apart from meetings, our main means of communication will continue to be by email including the yahoo groups. But we are seeking ways to widen our appeal, using Twitter and our Facebook page, and maybe by updating our website so that it carries more than one item on the front page and is more easily read by mobile phone users.

Weekend cycling for kids

One of our members is looking for other children - aged 8-14 - to join weekend rides in the borough.

C Keith Macfarlane

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Sustrans are recruiting volunteers who love cycling and can help others in their community make more of their journeys by bike or foot. The role is supported by Sustrans who provide the Active Travel Champions with a training programme, materials and one to one support. The Champions' activities will vary from person to person but could include:

organizing a group ride (training provided), giving a talk/presentation to colleagues, plan a cycle maintenance session. It is a voluntary position (however any expenses are paid) and will involve a time commitment of up from 4 hours a month. Active Travel Champions is one of the outstanding projects granted the London 2012 Inspire mark, the badge of the London 2012 Inspire programme. This recognises exceptional and innovative projects inspired by the 2012 Games.

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Half Term cycle training

Islington Council are running free cycle training course during the February half term holiday. All you need to take part is a bike and a helmet.

There are 3 different courses for different ages and abilities.

The courses will be running at the following locations: Elthorne Park, Hazelville Rd, N19

Tufnell Park Playing Fields, Campdale Road, N19
Rosemary Gardens Tennis Courts, Sherborne Street, N1

Castlehaven Community Association Centre, 21 Castlehaven Road, NW1 8RU

To sign up you need to download a form from the council's website and send an email to

C David Shannon

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W

www.islington.gov.uk/Transp ort/Cycling/training/Course s.asp

The form can be downloaded from this page.

Connect 2 trial

Following the March-April 2011 public consultation, the Council recommended that TfL trial the new road layout at St Thomas's Road. This trial will take place in January and February 2012. The results of the trial are likely to be available in March 2012. TfL is currently in discussions with the Council's Highways service about detailed arrangements for installing the temporary road layout during the trial. The temporary measures, like line painting and some kerb alignments, will require some lane closures and bus diversions. The top end of St Thomas's Road, where it meets the one-way system, will also be closed for a short period. Traffic will be diverted via Prah Road. Because of the required time to design and consult on the individual measures, the actual works on street will not take place until autumn 2012.

Looking for a grant from LCC?

Please note that they no longer use the community@lcc.org.uk address.

For the CCFL grants programme (Mags), please use grants@lcc.org.uk

The Little Green Ride

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

C Stephen Taylor

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W: 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 towards costs

C Adrian Williams

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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

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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 and click on report a street problem. Or try www.fixmystreet.com

Rest of London, phone 0845 305 1234 or go to www.tfl.gov.uk, click on road users, then on report a street fault.

Three ICAG Email Groups

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? If you would like to participate, send an email to:

E: 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

To join the Veloteers e-group, email

E: icag_veloteers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

There is a Face book page; www.facebook.com and type in Islington Cyclists.

Contribute to Islington Cyclist

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