

A roundup of news from WHCF -

2nd Saturday Social Ride 13th October

Leaving Morrisons, Black Fan Road, WGC at 11.45am and pootle to Hertford along the Cole Green Way for lunch. There will also be a group leaving Hatfield Police Station at 11.00am via Wellfield Rd (see below) to join up with those at Morrisons. All invited.

Local Cycle Route Improvements

Hatfield's Wellfield Road Cycle path has been completed. There are some issues with markings and signage that we hope will be addressed.

Work has started to complete the cycle route between Harpenden and Luton alongside Lower Luton Road. The job ran out of money a few years ago and although it was possible to use the route, a long section near the new cycle bridge near East Hyde needed further earthworks and surfacing. Hopefully work will be completed this autumn.

St Albans Council are also trying to negotiate for the section west of Wheathampstead to Leasey Bridge Lane to complete the route following the former Luton and Dunstable Railway.

Hatfield Station Redevelopment

Hatfield Station is being improved to include better cycle parking facilities and a new cycle route along the Great North Road, to join National Cycle Route 61 at the Red Lion traffic lights. The plans include a cycleway on the east side of the Great North Road, with a widened island on the Hertford Road leg to facilitate cyclists crossing to join NCN 61.

WHCF responded to the consultation by suggesting that the cycleway should be on the west side of the Great North Way, to avoid crossing the busiest traffic flow and pedestrian/cyclist guidance lights to indicate safe phases for crossing each carriageway. Correspondence with Herts Highways has continued on the practicalities of moving the cycleway to the west side.

Brompton World Championships

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Three intrepid WHCF members recently took their Brompton folding bikes to

Blenheim Palace to compete in the World Championships. The event is a fun race, with all competitors required to dress as City gents in shirts, ties and jackets. Because of the heat, jackets could be discarded, but competition was still fierce with the winner covering two laps of the six and a half kilometre circuit in a record time of 20 mins and 17 seconds.

The Welhat Flyers team all covered the distance in under 30 minutes and came in as 5th all veteran (over 50) team. See our pictures on our Yahoo Group site.

Results and videos on <http://www.brompton.co.uk/bwc/2012/>

Mixed Group Cycle Rally

The Mixed Group is a local charity who provides a Christmas Party for pensioners. Every year they raise funds through a sponsored Cycle Rally. This year WHCF devised a circular route around WGC, as an alternative to riding along the Cole Green Way to Hertford that has been used before. Although most participants chose the easier of 2 routes, a total of 30 cyclists took part, raising almost £4,000 for the charity.

Innovative all terrain wheelchair

<http://www.mountaintrike.co.uk/>

Victoria Pendleton's autobiography

<http://www.podiumcafe.com/2012/9/18/3352494/between-the-lines-by-victoria-pendleton>

And finally just to prove that cycling keeps you fit, news that a 100 year old has beaten the previous record <http://bicycling.com/blogs/thehub/2012/09/28/100-year-old-man-sets-100-kilometer-cycling-record/>

Monthly Meetings

Our meeting is usually held on the 2nd Weds at 7.15pm at Campus West, WGC.

All welcome.

Regds John

<http://welhatcycling.org.uk/>