

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Newsletter July 2013

News from Welwyn Hatfield Cycling -

Sunday

July 14th Wheathampstead Village Day

This month, our usual second Saturday social ride has been replaced by a family ride on Sunday to Wheathampstead via the child friendly Ayot Green Way. We leave at 11:00 from the Campus West car park, WGC to ensure that we arrive at the High Street well before the procession starts at 13:00, followed by all the fun of the fair. All day Sunday car parking is £1. The ride will be led both ways and we will ride at a slower speed to suit shorter legs.

More details <http://welhatcycling.org.uk/events.htm#JUL>

Sustrans Connect2 Scheme

Sustrans have been shortlisted for a chance to win a lottery award. To see examples of their excellent work and to vote, visit <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/news/national-lottery-awards-sustrans-connect2-shortlisted>. Voting closes 24th July.

Membership

We have recently reviewed our membership rules. Anyone who participates in more than one of our activities, such as rides, meetings, etc. will now automatically become a member. Membership is free and will allow you to join our rides on a regular basis; join our Yahoo discussion group; join CTC as an Affiliated Member with a discount (see below); and get involved in our Campaigning and Lobbying activities. We'll explain further at meetings and rides.

Affiliated
Membership of the Cyclists Touring Club (CTC)

One of the benefits of our membership is that you can join CTC as an Affiliated Member through our Group Affiliation. Affiliated Membership (£16) is considerably cheaper than Full Membership (£41). You will not receive the CTC magazine, but Affiliation does provide you with the same third party insurance for a cycling incident that Full Members enjoy.

Publicity
Stalls

To help celebrate Bike Week last month, we set up publicity stalls on the Saturdays, in White Lion Square, Hatfield (15th) and at Welwyn Festival Street Market (22nd). Unfortunately, the weather wasn't with us on either day. Proceedings were brought to an early halt in Hatfield, when heavy showers turned into more continuous rain and in Welwyn numbers were noticeably reduced due to almost continuous drizzle. However, a good percentage of those who did brave the weather came over to talk to us, so hopefully we have got a few more people out on their bikes.

Hatfield
Station Re-Development

Herts CC, First Capital

Connect and Network Rail hosted a joint public exhibition at the end of June to present their final plans for Hatfield Station Area Re-Development. Some WHBC members went along to have a look. Sadly HCC have chosen to leave the proposed cycle path linking the station with the Alban Way on the Eastern side of the Great North Road. This will involve two crossings of the very busy A1000, instead of only one crossing of the less busy St Albans Road East, with our suggested West side route. We suspect the new cycle path will be very poorly used, with cyclists preferring to use the road (or the West side pavement). On the plus side, pedestrian/cycle lights will be provided on the Hertford Road arm of Red Lion Junction in accordance with our suggestions. The small crossing immediately opposite the main entrance gates to Hatfield House has been abandoned leaving only the large diagonal crossing. The traffic lights controlling this crossing will be linked to the lights at Red Lion Junction to provide a 'Green Wave' for A1000 traffic. Whatever the outcome for cycling, the proposals should make the area a much more pleasant place to be.

The Cycle Show ITV4

A new TV series should be starting on Monday 8th July at 8pm.

London Cycling Festival 3/4th August

Not July, but as this is being held early August, I'd better mention it now. Eight miles of closed roads and lots more. <http://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/>

Our next meeting is at Campus West, WGC, Weds July 10th at 7.15pm

That all for now,

John

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Hopefully the current fine weather will continue.

Regds John

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