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# HUBbub

Newsletter of Redbridge, Havering, & Barking & Dagenham LCC Groups

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February – March 2005

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## Redbridge LCC AGM & Social

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm sharp start

**Speakers:** Jack Redman (Cycling Officer) and Scott Wilding (Travel Plans). Your chance to quiz them.

Richard & May's house, 32 Kings Avenue, Woodford Green.

Redbridge LCC has had a very successful year, with many members contributing a great deal to our achievements. Come and help us take stock.

It is always difficult to juggle eating, drinking and business in the time available, so please try to be on time. Bring a dish (traditionally curry) and a drink for our shared buffet.

**Agenda:** Review of the past year, plans for 2005, and election of officers.

**Added bonus:** Richard's photos of his 2005 CTC tour of Thailand.

## Redbridge Launch Council Travel Plan

Redbridge Council has now launched its own Travel Plan, which aims to reduce car travel to Ilford Town Centre. Any Redbridge employee will be entitled to 10% discount on cycle accessories at Halfords or Triton Cycles; initiatives such as pool bikes and bike breakfasts are to

follow, and the Borough Cycle map will be reprinted.

## Redbridge Schools Travel Plan Progress

Cycle parking installed by TFL at three secondary schools in the Borough (Wanstead, Caterham and Woodbridge) is a big hit with the pupils.

40% of Redbridge schools are now involved in the Travel Plan process, and so far 8 schools will be put forward for a grant in 2005, which could amount to as much as £50k collectively.

Well done to ALL schools in Area 1 (Wanstead and Snaresbrook) which are now producing Travel Plans. (Could this have anything to do with the fact that Car Free Day has been held in Wanstead for the past three years?)

## Roding Valley Way – Another Day, Another Battle

At their November meeting, Area 2 councillors saw sense and voted to put the next section of path on the riverbank from Chigwell Road to Ray Park Bridge, rather than on busy Snakes Lane East as recommended by Council officers. They also opted for the recommended width of 2.5m.

Five members of 'Riverside Concern' continued to fight against putting the path on the riverbank, but Cllr Felicity Banks won the day when she made a moving speech about the need for disabled people in wheelchairs to have more access to the riverbank.

Congratulations to Redbridge LCC stalwarts Haydn Powell, Gill James & Nic Jones for speaking up yet again for the needs of cyclists.

## Bendy Buses

Do they squeeze you out?

Redbridge LCC's David Willingham had an excellent letter published in the last edition of 'London Cyclist' expressing concerns for cyclists' safety posed by bendy buses on road bends. Redbridge's Public Transport Liaison Group has been informed of these concerns, which affect Route No.25.

## London Cycle Network News

Hollybush Hill/New Wanstead junction now has traffic signals and ASLs, and a cycleway has at last been approved on the Western verge from the Green Man Interchange to Hollybush Hill.

Design works are in progress for the George Lane/ Woodford High Road High Road junction on this LCN+ route, so watch out for proposals at Redbridge Area 2 Committee!

The Ilford High Road/Green Lane/Richmond Road junction link is due for completion shortly and will be a part of the Chadwell Heath- Ilford LCN+ route.

Redbridge Area 6 Committee rejected a cycle route planned for Woodlands Road, Ilford, as part of the Albert Road to Loxford Park link. Richmond Road will now be considered as an alternative.

## **Redbridge LCC Website Photos Please!**

Members are working hard to keep the web site updated. The latest additions will be on the Home Page, on current Campaigns, and on Family Cycling. Please send **photos** and reports of events through Gill or Chris to our Webmaster to help keep the site fresh.

## **Christmas Season Rides Crafty Cyclists & Cycling Santas**

Eight cyclists enjoyed a pleasant route through the back streets of Hackney and by the River Lee on the December **Sutton House Craft Fair Ride**.

The following weekend **twenty five cycling Santas** (and elves) toured the streets of Waltham Forest and Redbridge raising money for WhizzKidz.

## **Local LCC Email List**

Not already on our group e-mail list for 'Hubbub' and all those vital 'What's On' notices between mailings? Then you should be! **Email:** [gilljames@btinternet.com](mailto:gilljames@btinternet.com) now.

## **Coming Up...**

For a fuller list of rides and other events, check out

[www.stibasa.org.uk](http://www.stibasa.org.uk).

## **February**

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Redbridge LCC AGM & Social**

Speakers invited

7pm, Richard & May's house, 32, Kings Avenue, Woodford Green  
Bring a dish & drink for shared buffet  
Richard Everett 020 8491 6306  
[twojollywheelers@hotmail.com](mailto:twojollywheelers@hotmail.com)

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Winter Cuckoo Ride**

28 mile medium-pace circular ride round Essex country lanes, starting 10am from Shenfield Station. Pub lunch at the Cuckoo. Join the train at Manor Park or Ilford. Led by Barrie Spencer.

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### **Cycle Maintenance Workshops**

#### **Starts Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> February, then**

#### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

Course of 4 workshops held on Wednesdays at the garage at Wanstead House, 32, The Green, Wanstead E11, led by Chris Rigby. Cost £15.

Booking essential, places limited to 10.

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## **March**

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Lee Valley Youth Hostel Weekend**

Ideal short winter trip to introduce your family to youth hostelling.

**Saturday:** Ride up the River Lee off-road path, with possible stops at the Waterworks Nature Reserve & Centre, and Waltham Abbey with its beautiful church, to stay at the new state-of -the-art hostel on the lake at Cheshunt. The group stays in one of the lodges & has dinner and breakfast at the hostel.

**Sunday:** alternatives are a fast ride in the Hertfordshire countryside, birdwatching, or a visit to the Lee Valley park farm, followed by a ride back down the River Lee.

Cost: Adults £28.50, U18's £19.80.

Booking asap with Gill.

### **March 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Easter Weekend Trip To Bath**

Plans are underway to book a Bank Holiday Weekend cycling break in or near Bath, Somerset. Please contact Hilary Iozzi 020 8530 4205 or Geoffrey Whittington if interested.

## **Critical Mass**

<http://cmlondon.enrager.net/>

Massive ride leaving Waterloo Bridge at 6.00 to 6.30pm, last Friday of every month. You really should go at least once in your life and see the sites of central London in a group of 100s of cyclists. It is a great experience.

Richard Everett usually goes, leaving Walthamstow about 5:15 p.m, or contact Gregory Moffatt for information about the Newham contingent.

**Contact:** Richard 020 8491 6906  
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**N.B.** If you intend to go on a ride, please contact the organiser first. Rides have been cancelled because no-one seemed to be interested, only for someone to turn up on the day. To avoid faux pas like this, pick up the phone, even if you're only curious about what the ride involves.

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