



### For the Diary

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January  
[Quiz Night](#) at the 'Mudhole'

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January

Clubroom reopens



Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January

[Orpington's New Year Supper](#)

8.15 [Bull's Head, Pratts Bottom](#)



Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January

[Barn Dance](#)

7.30 Pratts Bottom Village Hall

A happy new year! I hope you all got to cycle in what was some formidable weather. My sister lives on the aptly-named [Christmas Pie Trail](#) so on Boxing Day I had my first off-road mud-bath ride and a taste of Surrey's Route 22. A New Year ride to envy [here](#). And so into 2010 and a search for more...

Assessments of the decade seem to rank [Lance Armstrong](#) high in [top Sporting achievements](#), unsurprisingly.



Better weather is hopefully scheduled for the [Tour Down Under](#), starting 17<sup>th</sup> January, while the Tour de France 2010 reveals a route commencing in Rotterdam. See all 3,600km [here](#) and RCUK analysis

[here](#). If you fancy witnessing the Grand Départ, try this site for [Dutch accommodation](#).

### RIGHT TO RIDE - 'SEVENOAKS TO CATCH UP'

Reg Oakley is the bringer of good news this Christmas as Sevenoaks District Council incorporates cycling into its transport scheme, showing what good representation can produce.

### TUNBRIDGE WELLS: PARKING FOR 4,000 CARS... AND 30 BIKES

Recent great representation also by Brian Barrett in the [Courier](#) of [18<sup>th</sup> December](#) on a ride in Tunbridge Wells with reporter James Daly.

### FUTURE OF ROADS

Brian also shares [this article](#) on an excellent approach to road management in Ashford.



### PEMBURY DUALLING HIGHWAY PROJECT

Meanwhile, have a say on the long-awaited A21 changes. You can view the [proposals](#) and comment until 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be an exhibition of the scheme at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge until 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Don't forget them. Get the family cycling to school, work, shops, even once a week! Meanwhile I am resolving to:

- work out how my computer works;
- store more in the shed and less in the house;
- ECONOMISE. Save up for new bike;
- ride *FURTHER*



### STILL BEING MADE

Will you be saving up this year for a new bike? Might it be [one of these](#)? Some great statistics, Indian and World, at [bicycleindia.com](#). Bit dated as we enter a new decade, but a fun site.



### PHOTO COMPETITION

Don't forget to enter your photos in the West Kent Annual Photographic Competition by 10<sup>th</sup> January. Download an entry form [here](#).



### WINGED WORDS

Deadline for contributions to Winged Words remains 7<sup>th</sup> January. If you wish to subscribe, then it's an email to [Richard Bush](#) for details.



### OOGLING

Did you see this Youtube 2009 [highlight](#)? More *CRINGE* with this one, as [We Get Luminal](#) - guess it's dark in winter Vancouver.



Happy New Year!



Beat The Eggheads?



Think you can start the New Year by giving the Mudhole (The Fruiterers Arms) resident quiz team a run for their beer?



They have no opponents for Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, but a quiz will still be supplied for us all to try.

Teams of four-ish, just book a table behind the bar so we know you'll be turning up for 7.30pm or thereabouts.

The format will be two general rounds, 4 themed subject rounds, "Guess the year" and "Who am I?" plus a beer round decider.

Come and give it a try!



Nibbles supplied, £1 a head entry.

See you there.

Andy Meaton

**BACK**

Dear West Kenter

The Orpingtons invite you to our New Year supper evening at:-

**The Bulls Head, Pratts Bottom on Tuesday 12th January 2009 at 20.15 hours.**

The 4 choices of food are :

Minted Lamb. : Cottage Pie, i.e. beef. : Lasagna the Vegetarian version. : Salmon.

Please let me know if you would like to come by **WEDNESDAY 6 TH JANUARY 2009** and your choice of food by telephone - 01689 821475 or email - [peterhwoods@msn.com](mailto:peterhwoods@msn.com)

Vernon has given us a very good deal of £10 INCLUDING a choice of desert! I think he expects that we will buy plenty of drink!

**BACK**

**BARN DANCE** 19:30 at [PBV](#) - music by the Crooked Stove Pipe Band. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tickets £6.75 on the door or in advance from [Lynne Friday](#) (020 8859 7617).

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## *REG OAKLEY, RIGHT TO RIDE REP, SEVENOAKS REPORTS*



As a follow up to my requests for cyclists to respond to the Consultation process for the Sevenoaks District Transport Strategy 2009-2026, I am pleased to be able to report that I attended the meeting of the Sevenoaks DC/KCC Joint Transportation Board last night, where the results of the consultation were reviewed. Due to the pressure brought by cyclists, when the final document is published February 2010 it is almost certain that Sevenoaks District will be embarking on its first ever cycle plan. This means we will now be catching up with what the rest of Kent has done for several years.

The next move will be to determine with Councillors, KCC Cycling Officer and Highway engineers what can be done to improve cycling provision in Sevenoaks District. The initial focus will be on routes to Schools and stations, though we will be pressing for traffic calming elsewhere. Sevenoaks District does cover Swanley, and I would like to request help from CTC members living in or near Swanley in drawing up what cycle provision is needed there. Please Email me on [regoak@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:regoak@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01959 523257. I expect we will be putting lines on maps in early 2010.

On another welcome development, I have been recently contacted by Otford Parish council, who are wanting to develop a cycle route between Otford and Sevenoaks. They are in favour of a route designed by Sustrans in 1991. This if developed will run from the underpass on Bradbourne Vale Rd, Sevenoaks by a new path bordering the wildlife reserve and running alongside the river Darent to Otford. This project is very much in an embryonic stage, but if it goes through to completion, it will be a distinct cycling asset to the Sevenoaks district.

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