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THE PROLOGUE

Le Tour starts today in Rotterdam, moving on to Belgium and then to France. [Here's](#) a quick overview of the teams, while [here's](#) a look at the Brits on Tour. The [Evening Standard](#) reports on Bradley Wiggins's gruelling preparation for the event and Radio 4's guests on [Off the Page](#) give their angles on this, the biggest annual sporting event in the world. Predict the Podium first, second and third and [win an iPad](#) or immerse yourself in everything Tour in this [new book](#).



LONDON BIKE HIRE

Due to be launched on Friday, 30 July, London's cycle hire scheme will involve 6,000 bikes for hire at 400 docking stations around Central London. [Here](#) are the first docking stations being installed and [here](#) are some basics about how they will work.

CYCLE KENT 2010

Kent County Council's Cycle Kent 2010 [event](#) at Shorne Woods Country Park was attended by some 100 delegates from the county's cycling interest groups, assembled to consider how to develop the region's cycling in the future.

FUNDING

As effects of Government cuts begin to hit cycling projects, [News Shopper](#) reports some of the schemes suspended in North Kent. Plans for the Cyclopark at Gravesend move forward, with an application made for circuit lighting and an awkward land issue to be solved, but the most serious delay is the result of a shortfall in funding.

POLLUTION

Two articles cover the [problems](#) of [pollution](#) this week. Unfortunately, the figures in the study, commissioned by the Mayor of London, reveal outer London populations are the most at risk from traffic pollution and are the most in need of a Cycling Revolution. [Guardian Bike Blog](#) talks about what the train companies are doing to help.

BIKE RADAR 11/12 JULY

Read [more information](#) on the cycling festival which will take place next weekend.



WEST KENT CTC CAMPING RALLY



The weekend of 21-22 August will be two days of cycling outdoor fun at Hopehill Scout Campsite, Meopham. Events and competitions throughout the weekend, including: cycle polo and tug o' war; campfire and singsong on Saturday night; treasure hunt around local lanes on Sunday; camping Saturday night, or turn up when you can. Don't miss it!

27,000 RIDE LONDON TO BRIGHTON

An extraordinary number of people took part this year in the Europe's biggest charity cycle. Read about the day [here](#).

HOLES

The roads are beginning to improve but don't be lulled in to a sense of [false security](#). Keep reporting to [www.fillthathole.org.uk/](#) and log your problem on [FixMyStreet](#).

WHAT'S ON APART FROM FOOTBALL?

Well, that's obvious. Eurosport, ITV4, everywhere hopefully. Alternatively, you could eat and drink your way around the Tour with this two-part guide from the [Bike Show](#).

FASHION AND READING NOTES



Keep a look out for [this one](#) this summer. Or take in some truly English [summer reading](#) with *String Fellows: A Cycling Odyssey into Cricket's Heartland* by Colin Bateman, the story of six friends who set off on a 1100 mile charity bike ride around all 18 of the cricket counties of England and Wales.

WINGED WORDS

Please send all your contributions to Winged Words by July 8th. [All gratefully received](#).

Deadline for next
Winged Words:
July 8th

For the Diary



Sunday, 4 th July	CTC South Kent Hill Climb Bodsham, 10.30, Bodsham Hill
Sunday, 4 th July	1066 Cyclosportive Burgess Hill
Sat/Sun 10 th -11 th July	BikeRadar Live , Brands Hatch CyclingPlus Sportive
Sunday, 18 th July	City Farm 8am Blackheath LCC Family ride plus others
Sunday, 1 st August	Haywards Heath Howler Hilly sportive
Sunday, 15 th August	Invicta 100km Audax 08.30 Tonbridge Scout Hall
Sat/Sun 21 st /22 nd August	WK Camping Rally Hope Hill Scout Site, Meopham

Summer Photographic Competition

Don't forget your camera this summer. Competition closing date: 13th September. Entry form and details in next Winged Words.

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- ✚ Conquering a 300km event
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