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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YEAR OF CYCLING

A review of the year's racing given by Brendan Gallagher in the [Telegraph](#) and the highs and lows of the year's proceedings in [road.cc](#). Road.cc also reports on [London's Year of Cycling](#) with results of reports from TfL on the Hire Scheme and Superhighways. Of course there has been an increased awareness of cycling but this has in turn brought more thefts. Help out with research into methods used with a short survey explained in this [report](#). More insight into the phenomenon and where they're being sold [here](#).

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Only a few more days to get your Annual Photographic Competition entries to Peter Scott. The entry form and details can be found on the website opening page and events page. The closing date is 9th January and the exhibition and slide show will take place on Saturday, 5th March at Otford Methodist Church Hall.



LONDON BIKE SHOW



The [London Bike Show](#) has been helping [Santa](#) distribute rucksacks and saddle covers to cyclists braving the cold. You may still find these promotional freebies in a number of [cycle shops](#), including Harry Perry Cycles. The show takes place on 13-16 January at the ExCeL centre in Docklands and will include top brand names, amazing displays, technical advice and celeb appearances. A good preview of the Bike and Outdoors shows can be found [here](#). The Cycle Show held in October is moving to the NEC in 2011 so book now for [discounted tickets](#) for this one.

SEVENOAKS CYCLE FORUM

The Sevenoaks Cycle Forum was set up nearly two years ago to campaign for developments in cycling in the District, which includes Sevenoaks, Swanley and Edenbridge areas. While slow to gain the attention of the District Council initially, the group is now in a position to contribute to the formation of a cycling strategy. Reg Oakley is asking for your support at this crucial time when real improvements could be made. As the area's cyclists, we are the best qualified to contribute, so please help make 2011 a new beginning for cycling in this part of Kent. You can find a note from Reg [below](#) and email him [here](#).

CYCLE STORAGE

Interesting new designs for bike storage come in the form of [Cyclepods](#). Stylish, space-saving, flexible and secure, they are the product of a company based in Westerham. Could YOU design 'a modular, portable and secure cycle parking solution'? The Architecture Foundation is running the [Bankside BikeShed](#) competition to find suitable cycling parking for the development of Bankside. You have until 16th February to register your idea.

CTC CHARITY VOTE

Meanwhile, you have until Friday, 14th January to submit your vote on converting the CTC to a charity. Information can be found on [CTC website](#) and discussions on [yacf.co.uk](#) or [CTC forum boards](#). [Below](#) the statement from Jeff Tollerman submitted to *Cycle* but only produced in part, and a request from Hugh Roach.

2FOR1

For train-assisted rides in London, don't forget this 2FOR1 offer available to the end of April. You simply choose the attraction, exhibition, show or restaurant you wish to visit and print off the vouchers.



BARN DANCE



The Barn Dance on Friday, 14th January at Pratts Bottom Village Hall offers an ideal opportunity to start your fitness campaign. Tickets are available from [Lynne Friday](#). Bring your own drinks and glasses.

1940S BRITAIN

Did you see the release of these amazing propaganda [films](#) produced in the 1930s and 1940s by the British Council to showcase life in Britain? If you go to '[Digitised Films](#)' there is a selection including 'Island People'. In the description of sporting pastimes cycling is the first activity featured (at about 05:00).

CYCLING INTO THE FUTURE



Here are four great visions of cycling exploited in the future. The [Aquaduct Concept Vehicle](#) aids the transport and purification of water; [Fastronauts](#) encourage children to ride their bikes in order to charge up their toys; the [Velocity Cycling Helmet](#) is a sustainable design giving cool, hard-wearing protection. The [RollerGen](#) harnesses riding energy to recharge your mobile gadgets.



PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

The Prize Presentation Luncheon will take place on Saturday, 29th January at Shoreham Golf Club. Tickets for this event are available from [Jean Tobin](#) (01689 852871) and cost £18.50 for a 3-course meal, coffee and mints.



CHARITY RIDING

That is what this gadget should be called. [Bicycle Bungee](#) enables “two people of different abilities to get to cycle together”. The presentation is worth viewing for the extraordinary concept and for the interesting comments beneath.

FUTURE OF FUNDING

After axing and rethinking of government funding, there is still [hope](#) for some projects in hand.

NYRs

Challenged by dreadful weather conditions and the distractions of food and family, new years' resolutions remain a good start to January for cyclists everywhere. Experts' advice at the moment seems to feature variation rather than steadfastness. Strict eating regimes and rigid training schemes, yes, but with interruptions, rests and treats. Sounds fine to me.

Here are mine:

NYRs

-  Sort the shed out – only TIDY storage works;
-  Eat less crisps – you can't need THAT much salt;
-  Go out once, just once, remembering EVERYTHING.

Winged Words



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Statement to Cycle Magazine

□ This petition was submitted because I and many others are so unhappy at the way in which the proposal to convert the CTC into a full charity was presented to members and the way in which the motion promoting it at the AGM was handled. These grounds are clearly spelt out as numbers one to five in the petition now published in the current issue of Cycle Magazine.

□ Presentation was heavily biased; those opposed to the proposal were given little opportunity to state their case widely and some were subject to shockingly personal abuse by National Councillors

□ At the AGM Motion 8 was lost on votes cast and directed proxy votes. The Chairman, however, then used his discretionary votes not for the 'status quo' but to push through the motion by a narrow majority.

□ You asked why serve the petition since Motion 10 (to adopt the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association) had been defeated at the AGM. This stopped the CTC from proceeding with conversion. However, at no time have the Chairman or Chief Executive acknowledged that the proposal is abandoned. There has been silence and nothing said to confirm that the National Office will not resubmit motion 10 to proceed with conversion.

□ The CTC is a membership organisation and that is what members wish it to remain. The CTC has failed to make a convincing case to demonstrate benefit for members not achievable without becoming a full charity. Far from gaining more control, the CTC as a charity would be required to put public interest and charitable objects above the interests of members.

□ Gift Aid would qualify for tax rebate only if used for charitable purposes, not member benefits.

□ As a charity, benefits to members would be limited to 25% of subscriptions, subject to some exemption.

□ Members feel strongly that the focus of the CTC has moved heavily away from serving members and concentrated instead on seeking to obtain government contracts and project work. That is not the main purpose of a membership oriented organisation. Support for local groups seems to have dwindled. Let's concentrate on the basics.

□ With the massive cut-backs in public expenditure, the CTC Trust can anticipate a huge loss of income, when it is already being subsidised by membership subscriptions.

□ The time is not right for the CTC to become a full charity. Instead it should concentrate more steadfastly on its core functions: providing services to members, campaigning for, promoting and protecting the rights of all cyclists.

□ What do I seek to achieve? That the CTC postpone its ambition to register the CTC as a charity and merge the Club with the CTC Charitable Trust, but concentrate instead on developing and enhancing its core functions as a membership club.

Jeff Tollerman
8 November 2010

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CTC - Charitable Status
Message from [Hugh Roach](#)

You should have received your copy of "Cycle" which includes your yellow voting paper.

Our petition has worked due to the inaptitude of the CTC organisation in trying to bamboozle the Membership at the AGM.

I urge you to use your vote AGAINST the Council's Proposal.

Remember that this decision is irreversible - once made there is no going back and the Charity Commissioners would then be in charge of OUR Club (not us, the members).

We must vote it out in order to further discussions and look seriously at the long term implications.

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE VOTE AGAINST

SEVENOAKS CYCLING FORUM

Dear All,

It has been the aim since the forum was formed (nearly two years now) to get to a situation where we could have a meaningful dialogue with Sevenoaks District Council. The aim being to develop facilities in the district to enhance cyclists' safety and encourage more to see bikes as a viable means of transport. For most of those two years we have found Sevenoaks District council to respond by at worst being rude and at the best managing a patronising smile.

However things have changed. At the Joint Transport Board meeting earlier this Month, the Chairman Cllr David Brazier announced that Sevenoaks District Council is to introduce a cycling strategy and that this will involve discussions between Sevenoaks District Council, Kent County Council representatives and the Sevenoaks Cycle Forum. The actual format for these meetings will become apparent in the next few weeks.

What has been achieved has been due principally to the efforts of John Morrison and sometimes abetted by myself at turning up at council meetings and attempting to raise the topic of cycling. It is imperative therefore that if we are to appear more than just a gang of two fanatics, that others become involved and willing to attend meetings to develop and implement a cycling strategy with KCC and SDC representatives. It is unlikely that after the initial activity of establishing the format for meetings that the frequency for meetings will be more often than bimonthly and most likely quarterly to coincide with JTB meetings. The future now for developing cycle facilities in the Sevenoaks District rests with some of you replying to this email and stating that you want to be more involved.

In recognition that we will be representing the needs of cyclists from Edenbridge in the South to Swanley in the North we encourage those with knowledge of these areas to respond.

As at the time of writing it is a bit nip and tuck if we are going to have a white Christmas, I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Christmas whatever the weather. I think John and myself's new year will be enhanced by the knowledge that others are willing to appear alongside us in our dealings with SDC. Please consider this and respond favourably.

Kind Regards

Reg Oakley

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