



Newsletters are on display in the Clubroom.  
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<i>For the Diary</i>	<i>See Runs List for WK rides</i>	
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Redhill Beach Trip 200 Audax Redhill 8.30am	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Sydenham Wheelers Reliability Trial Knockholt Village Hall 9am	
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Book Swap Clubroom 8.45pm	
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Mad Jack's - John Saviour Memorial Audax Hailsham 9.00am	
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Kentish Killer Sportive Brands Hatch 47/73m	
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Wye Wednesday 200km Audax Meopham Scout Hut 7.30am	
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	London Critical Mass 6.30pm National Theatre, South Bank	
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	The Hell of the Ashdown Sportive Biggin Hill 53/106k	
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Photographic Exhibition and Slide Show Otford Methodist Church Hall 5.30pm	
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Anniversary Ride Moorings Hotel, Sevenoaks 10.30am	
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Orpingtons' Pancake Evening Bulls Head, Pratts Bottom 8.30pm	

**112 DAY**

Would you know what to do in the event of an accident? You can dial 999 or 112 from your mobile. Calls work on a locked phone or a phone without credit. 112 will direct you free of charge in countries around the world with response in English. **European 112 Day** is celebrated all over the EU on 11 February (11/2). And [here's](#) some more sound emergency advice.



**WEST KENT OUTDOOR EVENTS ON FACEBOOK**

There is now a West Kent CTC Outdoor Events Facebook Group for all the latest info on events.



**CYCLE ENGLAND TRAINING BURSARIES**

Cycling England will provide bursaries of £300 to contribute to the cost of training to become a **cyclist instructor**. When you attend the course (National Standard Training to levels 2 or 3), the Training Provider will require advance payment. Once passed, you will be registered as an accredited instructor on the national database and your bursary will then be paid. Bursaries are available until 31st March 2011. The initial four day course must be completed by this date. If you think you could take advantage of this opportunity before 31/3, email [Paul McQuillen](#) for more information.

**WYE WEDNESDAY 200KM AUDAX**  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30am  
West Kent CTC Invicta SR Series.  
A Paris Brest Paris (BRM) qualifying event.  
Email [Tom Jackson](#).  
Entry Form and Route Sheet.



**SEVENOAKS CYCLING FORUM**

For the last two years Sevenoaks Cycling Forum has been campaigning to get Sevenoaks District Council to accept the need for a Cycling Plan equivalent to that developed by every other district and borough in Kent. Earlier this year it was announced that they would embark on such a plan and that the Forum would be involved, a truly rewarding announcement. With this opportunity in mind, a **public meeting** will take place on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm at Sencio Offices, 66 London Road, next to The Depot. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email [Reg Oakley](#) with your ideas. The Forum needs input from anyone who knows the Swanley area of the district. If you can advise on what developments or routes are needed, please get in touch. For other news on developments in the area, see [here](#).



**CYCLING IN LONDON BOROUGHS**

LCC is asking you to email your **local Councillor** and make your voice heard while Council spending is being decided. The page will direct you to your borough Councillor and has a suggested email to use if you wish. **The Mayor** is also turning his attention to cycling in the suburbs. His new campaign, Car2Bike, will promote a switch to two wheels in 13 boroughs with financial input for cycle training, paths and parking. The initiative will focus on removing obstacles that are discouraging potential riders.

**NEW FOR OLD**

Don't forget to take along books you've finished with to the **BOOK SWAP EVENING** at the Clubroom on 17<sup>th</sup> February and swap them for something new.

**VELODROME AND CYCLO-PARK**

Good news for the **Save the Herne Hill Velodrome** campaign emerging [here](#), while the Good Friday Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April is moving to **Manchester Velodrome** this year. **Work has begun** on the new cycle park south of Gravesend. Due to open next spring, it will offer world-class facilities to residents of Kent and surrounding areas. The cycling festival Bike Radar was scheduled to return to Brands Hatch this summer, but [this statement on their site](#) indicates this is no longer the case.

**NO MORE LETHAL LORRIES**

LCC also has a **campaign** to reduce the danger posed by lorries. Addressing issues such as cyclist-awareness, equipment, training and regulation, you can support the campaign by signing the petition and emailing your Council to appeal for lorry driver training. The **European Cycling Federation** is also lobbying the European Commission for safer measures for HGVs. You can find a list of local MEPs to write to on this [page](#).



**EVENING WITH HELEN WYMAN AND IAN FIELD**

On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March **Look Mum No Hands!** will be hosting an evening with top international cyclo riders Helen Wyman and Ian Field. A Q&A session kicks off the event at 6.30pm; more details can be found [here](#).

**The Orpingtons invite you to our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE EVENING on 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Venue: The Bulls Head, Pratts Bottom at 8.30 pm  
There will be a selection of savoury and sweet pancakes.  
Booking is not essential if you will not know until the evening whether you can come, but so that I can advise reasonably accurate numbers coming please email **Peter Woods** or phone 01689 821475 / 0787 515 3918  
As usual, as it is a social evening, arriving by motorised transport is very acceptable!



### CYCLISTS' WOES

We're all clearly concerned about the [number of potholes](#) around, but apparently the wrong kind of grit could be damaging [Kent bikes](#) as well. Bear a thought too for what you're [breathing in](#), while if you want to arrive in style, you could consider membership to this [commuters' club](#).

### QUEENS FARM ROAD LEVEL CROSSING

Due to safety issues, the level crossing at Queens Farm Road near Higham has been closed.

### SPREADING THE LUV ON MANHATTAN BRIDGE

Here's one with a [Valentine's theme](#) - issuing of hearts and chocolate instead of fines for all those riding Manhattan Bridge.



### SUSTRANS COMPETITION

Remember the Sustrans short film competition? [Here](#) are the winning entries to view.

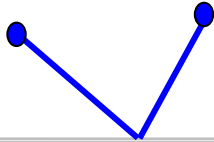
### ON YOUR BIKE

*On Your Bike* is a history of the bike in a six-part series on Radio 4 (11 & 14/2). Available on [iplayer](#) from the beginning.

### MADNESS

Did you see [Top Gear](#)? It seems it was a cycle-bashing bonanza. Well, as a result I've dug out this [Madness](#) tune to cheer you up.

### TV & RADIO



Tour of Qatar	11-15/2	British Eurosport/2
Tour Down Under Review	13&14/2	Sky Sport 4
Tour of Oman	15-21/2	British Eurosport/2
Tour of Algarve	16-20/2	British Eurosport/2
UCI Track World Cup Manchester	18/2	BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Extra
UCI Track World Cup Manchester	20/2	BBC2



## PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22 at 7.30 pm  
SENCIO OFFICES 66 LONDON ROAD

*(formerly Sevenoaks Club; entrance next to The Depot)*

Sevenoaks Cycle Forum is an informal network of campaigners for sustainable transport and a better deal for cyclists of all ages and levels of experience in our district. Work has now started on the long-awaited cycling strategy for Sevenoaks and we need YOUR input and ideas. We have joined a working group of county and district councillors and officers which held its first meeting at the end of January. They want our ideas for cycle routes for leisure and commuter riders. Our goal is to overcome years of neglect and make Sevenoaks a safe cycle-friendly district for all - including families, children and teenagers. The ball is now in our court, so help us seize this opportunity. If you can give us your ideas for cycle routes in written form, we will use them. We are particularly keen to recruit supporters from outside Sevenoaks town. If you can't attend the meeting but want to join in, please email [cycleforum@rocketmail.com](mailto:cycleforum@rocketmail.com) or call

Reg Oakley 01959 523257

or John Morrison 01732 454536

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## SEVENOAKS CYCLING FORUM NEWS

- ❖ The obsolete "No Cycling Signs" on the bridlepath between Tudor Drive, Otford and Kemsing have been removed. This should in time eliminate the confusion over right of way on this path. Though cyclists do have a right of way, a reminder to treat pedestrians with care and courtesy is in order.
- ❖ The riverside footpath between Lullingstone Visitors Centre and Lullingstone Castle is to be resurfaced. Also a surfaced cycle path is to be established in the field adjacent to the footpath. The latter, unfortunately, will be next year.

- ❖ Discussions are ongoing to extend the Tonbridge - Penshurst cycle route to Hever Castle. It will not be completely off road but should be a useful leisure and tourism feature.
- ❖ Network Rail have advised that cycle storage facilities at Sevenoaks Station will be increased from the present nominal 100 spaces to 300. How this is to be implemented will be shown when the plans for renovating the station are made public.

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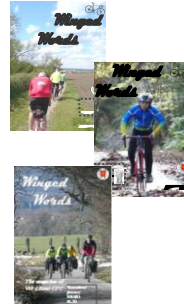
## **Winged Words**



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- ✚ Your winter ride reports
- ✚ Chat With a cycling commuter
- ✚ Cycling New England
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