



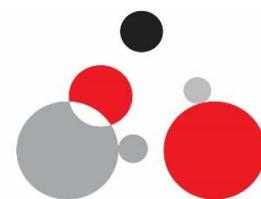
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# BROMLEY CYCLISTS

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## LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN



### Borough Coordinators Report

**Borough Cycling Strategy:** Bromley Council in line with many other borough councils in London has published a cycling strategy. You can read the [strategy](#) on our website. In April the strategy passed its committee stage and as I go to print it is due to be referred for public consultation in a few days time. We at Bromley Cyclists believe the strategy in its present form is weak, negative and has little strategic content. We will shortly be emailing and asking you to respond to the consultation. **There will be an opportunity to send a letter**

**to your ward councillors and to complete a short survey.**

The fact that the borough is going to have a cycling strategy is good news. It would be a shame if it did not address the real cycling issues in the borough. **Please take the short amount of time needed to send the letter and fill in the survey.**

**Blue Plaques Rides:** In the run up to the general election we organised a series of rides around some of the blue plaque

sites in the borough. Councillors and other politicians were invited to join these rides and we were pleased to welcome Orpington parliamentary candidate Mr Jo Johnson, the sitting MP on our Orpington Ride. This ride started and finished at the Priory and we were seen off by Bromley Mayor – Councillor Julian Bennington. Mr Johnson was subsequently re-elected as the MP for Orpington; we wish him well and hope that his experiences on our ride will stand him in good stead when he has to consider any cycling issues in the 'house'.

### We have organised some great rides...

#### Bigfoot 2 Brighton



Please read the reports of this ride on our website. Over 140 riders took part some as young as 8 years old. There were riders at the other end of the age range too. Bromley Cyclists' will be leading another ride to Brighton with the London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally on the first Sunday in November.

#### Folkestone to Dungeness

A late spring ride along the Royal Military Canal across Romney Marsh under the wide South East Kent skies to the unworldly shingle landscape of the Dungeness shoreline, and contrasted by the monolithic monstrosity which is the Dungeness Nuclear Power Station.



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# Come and join our Rides...

## Wednesday Weekly Wanders

Every Wednesday at 7.30 pm we meet at Bromley South Station to go for a sociable cycle ride to a pub where we enjoy a drink and chat. You can register for the wander on our website (but you don't have to). So why not come and join us.

## Some Future Weekly Wanders

03/06/2015.....	Tour de Penge route check	15/07/2015.....	The Angelsey, Bromley
10/06/2015.....	The Cock, Halstead	22/07/2015.....	Goldsmiths, Penge
17/06/2015.....	The Oak, Bromley	29/07/2015.....	The Ivy House, Nunhead
24/06/2015.....	Franx Roof, Peckham	05/08/2015...	Westow House, Crystal Palace
01/07/2015.....	The Five Bells, Chelsfield	12/08/2015.....	Pelton Arms, Greenwich
08/07/2015....	The George & Dragon, Downe	19/08/2015....	Olde White Lion, Locksbottom

## Whitstable

We are now just a few days away from this very popular ride to the seaside. So I suggest you get yourself on to our website and register to join Bromley Cyclists outing to the coast.

This is a Bromley Cyclists' flagship ride! About 60 miles along the lanes of North Kent from Orpington to pretty Whitstable. This is a fabulous day out especially if the weather is nice and we have been fortunate in previous years you can read about the past outings on our website.



The ride predominantly follows the route of NCN 1, rural, mostly on road, scenic and at an easy pace. We will have a pub lunch unless you choose to bring a picnic, we catch the train home. Group saver tickets will keep travel costs to a minimum.

This is a hard ride (mainly because of the distance) and so not suitable for a novice, the early part of the ride is hilly otherwise fairly flat.

## Tour de Penge

Bromley's biggest family bike ride!!!!!! Join us for a ride along the Waterlink Way to Greenwich for a picnic in the park. This is a slow, family ride, all welcome. Kent House or Penge East Railway Stations are nearby if you did not want to cycle to the start. The ride has become a regular part of the Penge festival. Meet at Penge Recreation Ground, SE20 7HQ for registration from 9.00am, with a start time for the ride of 10.00am. Last year we had over 300 riders on this event.

## Crossness Pumping Station

A Bromley Cyclists' favourite. The ride has been rejigged into a circular rather than up and back on the same route. The pumping station is a cathedral of victorian ironwork which is being restored. If you haven't been before then don't miss it.

For further information about our rides, please don't hesitate to contact us by email:- [rides@bromleycyclists.org](mailto:rides@bromleycyclists.org)

## Other news

**RIDES LIBRARY** – We have added a section on our website where you can access route cards for some of our more popular bike rides. This is a work in progress so please check back if you don't find details of the route that interests you. Alternatively if there is a route you want and don't see it listed then you can send us an email and we will see if we can add it for you [info@bromleycyclists.org](mailto:info@bromleycyclists.org).

**PUB of the MONTH** – The following pubs that we have visited have been selected as Bromley Cyclists' Pub of the Month: 1). February - The Wheatsheaf, West Wickham. 2). March - The Oak, Bromley. 3). April - The Woodman, Farnborough. A hearty well done to the licensees, managers and staff at these establishments. You are all in the mix to be the Bromley Cyclists' Pub of the Year.

**BROMLEY BIKING BUZZ** – 20 June in Norman Park. This FREE fun event is ideal for everyone who has a bike. Free activities. Bike MOT with Dr Bike, Level 1 Bikeability Training Bling your Bike at the Bike Boutique, Under 5s can Weeney - Wheel on the cycle circuit, Follow the Leader - A led ride with Bromley Cyclists and much more... incl. the legendary SMOOTHIE BIKE.

## CO-ORDINATOR HONoured

Readers may not be aware that at a recent award ceremony Bromley Cyclists' co-ordinator, Spencer Harradine, was presented with the Mayor of Bromley's Award for Voluntary Services in the Borough. Congratulations to Spencer!



**Meetings (note - another change):**  
Bromley Cyclists now hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month; please see the website for details of the next meeting. Why not come and join us; you'll make some new cycling friends.

## Our Team:

<b>Borough Coordinator</b> .....	<b>Spencer Harradine</b>	Communications .....	Richard Gibbons
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	<b>Linda Rampling</b>	Transport, Travel & Infrastructure .....	John Wood
<b>Secretary</b> .....	<b>Eve Evans</b>		
<b>Rides Coordinator</b> .....	<b>Eve Evans &amp; John Wood</b>	Elected officers are in <b>bold</b> .	