



NEWS SHEET

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THE WAY FORWARD AFTER THE AGM

Tim Vaughan became our Chairman at the AGM; he also chairs the Berkhamsted Cycle Group (BCG). Several TCC members are also members of this group, and there are many occasions when TCC and BCG work together. After lengthy discussions at several meetings, members at the latest meeting decided unanimously that it would make sense, and be more efficient, for the two groups to merge.

Therefore we shall be holding an **Extraordinary General Meeting** on Thursday June 5th at 8pm at 83 Dundale Road so that members can agree formally to the merger and discuss the necessary change of name. Proposals are invited; bearing in mind that the 'Tring' in our name has always included its environs, so local villages will still be represented in our work.

A formal notification of this EGM will be sent to members both by post and by email, and if members are unable to attend the meeting they will be able to vote upon this merger by both postal and electronic means. For further information contact John Boielle, whose address, phone and email are at the foot of the next page.

ZEN AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF BICYCLE THEFT

A few weeks ago my "shopping bike" was stolen from outside Tring Cricket Club at night time. I was surprised at first, since it had been used for "What is wrong with this bike?" at several of our displays, and people usually found over two dozen things wrong with it.

The unexpected happens when you least expect it.

On second thoughts, I realised that a bike-theft has a much smaller carbon footprint than a car-theft, hoped it had been useful, and wondered if the person who took it had joined "Green Thief".

The steps to Nirvana climb over bad intentions.

A couple of days later it became clear that in daylight the thief had taken a good look, and abandoned it, since it was found amongst rubbish and returned to me in the same rattly and rusty but usable state in which it has been for the last 15 years.

The reward of magnanimity is the return of something you were glad to have lost.

DISCOUNT AT MOUNTAIN MANIA REVIVED

Dave Llewellyn is now the manager of Mountain Mania in Miswell Lane, Tring, and is reviving the 10% discount for members of Tring Cycling Campaign, **provided they show their membership cards**. This discount applies to parts and service, but not to bikes or special offers. I noticed that there is now a more complete range of bikes.

Jamie Lynn is still the owner, but is concentrating on running a new shop that Mountain Mania has opened in Didcot. Mountain Mania continue to be agents for BALFA, see www.balfa.co.uk

FUTURE RIDES

“Treasure Hunt”, Sunday June 15, 1.45 pm.

This event during “Bike Week” should be suitable for all the family.

We will meet at 1.45pm outside St. Peter and St Paul’s Church, Tring.

Cyclists will be given a sheet of questions, and then we will cycle in guided groups to various nearby places, where we will dismount and search for the answers to the questions. A few of the answers will be within walking distance of the start.

The winners will get gift vouchers from Mountain Mania.

GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Paul Middleton is organising a sponsored bike ride for mums and dads from this school. They will ride from Tring to Oxford and back during two days on the weekend of the 14th/15th June to raise money for this school. At present about 20 will be taking part.

For more details contact Paul on 01442 825248 or email p.middleton@tiscali.co.uk

SHIRES TRIERS – Kids Tri

This local triathlon club is organising 5 children’s` triathlons on 13 July 2008 at King’s Langley school for ages from 8 to 16. For example the distances for an 8 year old are 40m swim, 750m cycle and 400m run. The cycling and running routes are both traffic-free.

There is information about these events from 07780 956573 and also on-line entry available on their website www.shirestriers.co.uk , but it should be noted that the entry limit is 200 and for the last two years this was reached some weeks before the event.

CHILTERN SOCIETY

The Chiltern Society's Cycle Group's Thursday Section organise rides every Thursday, starting at 10.30am and use mainly on-road routes around the Chilterns and in the Vale of Aylesbury. The pace and challenge of the rides are geared to the capability of the cyclists that come, and the mandatory pub-stop for lunch is a key feature of the rides.

The distance is usually about twelve miles to the pub and six miles back and convivial company and enjoyment take precedence over speed and competition! Riders can contact Jeremy Buckman on 01442 863 558 or Roger Lerry on 01494 721142 for details of the start point each week, which is often close to this area. See www.chilternsociety.org.uk

OUR WEBSITE

Our splendid website has been functioning well over the past year, equipped with “bells and whistles” by the young genius Robert Valkass.

Unfortunately he will be going up to university in the Autumn, and so will be unable to carry on as Webmaster (which has nothing to do with Spiderman). We all owe him immense thanks for the superb work he has done on our site.

Luckily David Calder has offered to take over this demanding role, and since he is also a BCG member we can expect our site may have more news of happenings in Berkhamsted and the neighbouring areas of Potten End, Northchurch and Ashridge.

Visit our website: www.tringcyclingcampaign.org.uk

Next meeting: EGM on June 5 at 8pm at 83 Dundale Road, Tring

We welcome any letters/articles/notices for the next issue.

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