



# NEWS SHEET

## Tring and Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign

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### A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

After an extended courtship Tring Cycling Campaign and Berkhamsted Cycle Group have merged to form the Tring and Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign. The consummation happened at our EGM in Dundale Road on June 5. We are currently in a honeymoon period, trying to find the best ways for the two partners to live together. You will therefore notice many changes in the next few weeks. Some have already occurred. You will notice a change of logo at the head of this News Sheet; and there are many on-going changes to the website, which is now accessed by the new web address at the foot of the next page (and users of the old address will be directed to this new site). In the future we also hope to include much more news from Berkhamsted in both the website and the News Sheet. The aims of the Campaign have been expanded to reflect the larger area covered, which is "Tring, Berkhamsted and surrounding villages in Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire"

Since many of the proposals for the "marriage" came from meetings in the Lamb in Berkhamsted, it is clear that this part of heaven must be the third of the ten spheres described in Dante's "Paradiso": that of Venus, which is for souls who do good deeds but are deficient in the virtue of temperance.

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### CYCLING CHAMPION

Hertfordshire have followed a suggestion from Cycling England and appointed a "Cycling Champion" to promote and support cycling in the county. He is Cllr. Roy Clements, a Conservative Councillor for the Three Rivers District since 2001. Tel: 01923 223142 (home), Email; [roy.clements@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:roy.clements@hertscc.gov.uk).

He has asked Cllr John Metcalf to assist him. John is a keen utilitarian cyclist and has been Labour Councillor for Borehamwood and Elstree since 1980. Tel; 07850 577534, Email: [john.metcalf@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:john.metcalf@hertscc.gov.uk) Both are members of the Herts Highways Transport Panel.

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### NORTHFIELD ROAD

Taylor Woodrow plan to build another 160 houses at Castlemead in Pitstone in Bucks, and have been persuaded to contribute £100,000 of "planning obligation" (or S106) money towards a cycle path beside this road in Herts. There are particular problems with the width of the road at the Station end, and so it has been suggested that the route might divert along Marshcroft Lane to the canal and thence to Tring Station. However, do not hold your breath since this money would not become available until 120 of the 160 houses have been built (which may take a long time in the current economic slowdown).

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### CANAL TOWPATH IN BERKHAMSTED

There is work planned in two areas. One will be carried out by Sustrans, with funding from Berkhamsted Community Partnership, in the Raven's Wharf area on behalf of CARP (the Canal and Riverside Partnership).

The other is longer term and will be in the Northchurch area with S106 funding from the development at Stag Lane, (but see the previous item for reservations about availability).



This picture shows that the Summer Solstice ride was a success.

### **FUTURE TBCC EVENTS**

**Tring Cream Tea Ride** : Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Meet outside St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Tring at 1.45pm for 2.00 pm departure for our traditional leisurely family ride along a quiet, flat route to Long Marston for a cream tea.

Contact John Boielle for details (tel and email at the foot of this page).

**Berkhamsted Bike Fest:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 2pm to 5pm. Canal Fields Car Park. Free Cycle Training provided by a qualified instructor in a cordoned-off area of the car park. Mini Town Rides, about 20 minutes long, and supervised, around quiet areas of Berkhamsted. Free cycle health checks by Bike Knight. UGO sports clothing. Steady Eddie Bikes. FAIRTRADE refreshments. CRECHE co. competitions. Information on Cycle Routes and resources.

For more information contact Tim Vaughan, [timvaughan@waitrose.com](mailto:timvaughan@waitrose.com), or 01442 872127 or Clare Muir, at the [Swan Youth Centre](#) on 01442 384349

### **OTHER EVENTS**

**Mountain Mania Shop Rides.** Every Tuesday at 6.15 pm. Meet outside Miswell Lane shop, Tring About 2 hour off-road rides, and 14-18 miles so mountain bike needed. The aim is to return by 8.30pm. For information, or in case of extreme weather, ring Dave on 01442 822458

**The Second "Robin Hood" Charity Bike Ride:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10am start from the Robin Hood Pub, Tring. This is a 17.5 mile ride in aid of Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

For more information ring landlords Terry or Phil on 01442 823287

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