

# NEWS SHEET

## Tring and Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign

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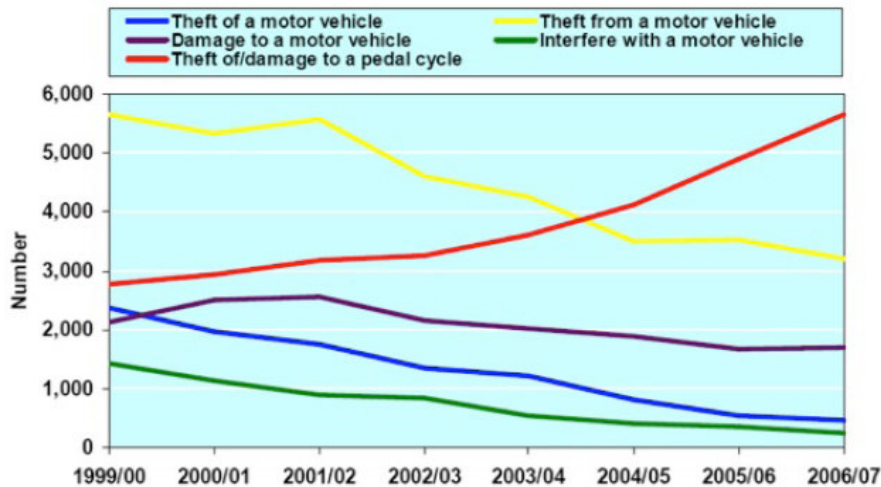
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### OUR NEW WEBMASTER

David Calder has done a brilliant job as “webmaster” during the past year, so that our website is both useful, and something of which we can be proud. However he is leaving us to tour Europe for a year by bicycle. We wish him well, and hope that he will be able to let us know how he is getting on during this time.

Oliver Partridge has kindly volunteered to take over this crucial role, and has lots of plans for further improvements to our website. We await these changes with eager anticipation and bated breath.

### Risky Facilities: Theft at Railway Stations



Source: British Transport Police  
The data in this chart are outside the scope of National Statistics

This chart emphasizes concerns about thefts from stations mentioned in previous news sheets.

### CYCLING ON CANAL TOWPATHS

The local canal towpaths offer good opportunities for cycling, but cyclists should be aware of conflicts with other users. You should remember that pedestrians have priority, and be prepared to inform them of your presence. The general rules are in the London Cycling Campaign’s “Two Tings” leaflet.

[http://www.lcc.org.uk/documents/two\\_tings\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.lcc.org.uk/documents/two_tings_leaflet.pdf) . In particular you should have a bell and give “two tings” when approaching pedestrians from behind. This is a warning and not an order, and you should be aware that many people have hearing impairment, and others are ill-advisedly using headphones. You should pass slowly, and thank those you pass so they are more likely to let you pass next time. You should also ride at a sensible speed, and if you are in a hurry then use another route.

Fishing matches occur mainly at weekends, Details of “senior matches” affecting Tring Station to Cheddington can be found in the calendar of the Tring Anglers website [www.tringanglers.org.uk](http://www.tringanglers.org.uk) , but you should also look in the “Juniors” section. Fishing on the canal between Huntonbridge and Tring Station is controlled by the London Anglers Association, [www.londonanglers.net](http://www.londonanglers.net) . This website has nothing about match venues, but details of bookings can be found by ringing 020 8520 7477.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### *Cream Tea Ride with Quiz* (suitable for families)



You are invited to join us for a Cream Tea Ride around Tring and the villages on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**. There is no charge for the ride.

Meet us at Church Square - **1.45 pm** to register and leave soon after 2pm.

We'll be making a round trip of about 6 ½ miles, along a fairly flat route, stopping at Wilstone Farm Shop, where you can buy an excellent Cream Tea or refreshments of your choice. *See you there!*

**ROBIN HOOD CHARITY RIDE: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. 10.30am.** This is a 15.5 mile ride in aid of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. Bacon butties will be served to riders at the pub in Brook Street, Tring before the start, and water and bananas will be provided en route. For more information pop into the pub or ring 01442 824912.

**BERKHAMSTED BIKE FEST: This will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Canal Fields Car park, Berkhamsted. 2pm to 5pm.**

There will be 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. Information on Cycle Routes and resources. Refreshments.

For more information contact Tim Vaughan, [timvaughan@waitrose.com](mailto:timvaughan@waitrose.com), or 01442 872127

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## **BICYCLE MAINTENANCE**

Some members have asked about bicycle maintenance courses. Comprehensive but expensive courses are available from Park Tool in Aylesbury, but these are mainly designed for "professionals". Good one-day courses for average riders are held at intervals in Luton. Cost £30 for Luton residents (£60 for non-Luton residents). For information please contact Nathan Burge on 01582 547153.

There are also very informative websites that can help you with any difficulties:

GENERAL: [www.sheldonbrown.com](http://www.sheldonbrown.com) and [www.parktool.com/repair](http://www.parktool.com/repair)

For those people like myself, who learn best by watching and imitating, then good collections of videos can be found at [www.bicycletutor.com](http://www.bicycletutor.com) and [www.videojug.com](http://www.videojug.com)

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Some of the 47 people who took part in our Bikeweek Treasure Hunt wondered what this object was, seen in fields at Astrope. It is known as the Spaceship and featured



in the film "Starwars".

**Visit our website: [www.tbcc.org.uk](http://www.tbcc.org.uk)**

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