

# It's party week!

## Bike Week events in Hackney

Tuesday 18 June  
Petit dejeuner au v lo sur l'herbe

Cycle through the Clissold Park, Green Lanes or Stokie areas of a morning? Come and have a spot of breakfast in Clissold Park! Decent coffee, pastries, fruit juices, newspapers, chat...

Corner of Stoke Newington Church Street and Green Lanes, from 8am till the food runs out

Wednesday 19 June  
London Fields Breakfast

Commute via London Fields, south Hackney or the canal? Leave a little earlier and join us for a coffee and a bun.

South end of London Fields, near the cycle crossing into Broadway Market. Time as 'Petit Dejeuner au Velo sur l'Herbe'

Friday 21 June  
STAbikes school breakfast

Kids'n'grownups breakfast presented by STAbikes, Hackney's project for bikes in schools. Featuring obstacle course, quiz, Dr Bike and even an Irish fiddler. Come and find out what's going on!

SirThomas Abney School, Fairholt Road, N16. 8-9.30am.

Saturday 22 June  
Car-Free Ceilidh

So many people enjoyed Hackney Burns Night that we're holding a Car-Free Ceilidh summer dinner and dance, with music and dance-calling for all levels by Hackney's celebrated Muckers (formerly of Geordie's Byre and always of Burns Night), plus fab Mexican food. A great way to round off Bike Week, and to welcome in midsummer.

The Round Chapel, Lower Clapton Road, E5. 7-11pm

**Car-Free Ceilidh tickets (£12.50/£8.50) are on sale now at your local bike shop. Also book online at [www.hackney-cyclists.org.uk/ceilidh.htm](http://www.hackney-cyclists.org.uk/ceilidh.htm), or call Brenda on 7249 2590. All proceeds to LCC in Hackney cycle promotion projects**



Every week is  
bike week in  
Hackney, and  
National Bike  
Week is a  
pretty good  
excuse to  
celebrate that



More than 600 people are members of the London Cycling Campaign in Hackney, and thousands more cycle in the borough every day.

Hackney LCC meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm at the Pub on the Park, London Fields E8. Social from 7pm. Next meetings: Weds 5 June and Weds 3 July.

Join our email list today! Send a blank message to [hackney-lcc@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hackney-lcc@yahoogroups.com)



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## Tributes for Nick Hutt, 1951-2002

We were all very sad when we heard the news that Dr Nick Hutt, popular Hackney GP and long-time member of the LCC, died on 19 April, aged just 51. Nick cut a familiar and well-loved figure riding around the borough, whether on his cool customised ghetto bike or, latterly, on his extra-large BikeE. In addition to his widely valued service to the community as a doctor, he also gave time and commitment generously in many other directions. Nick's contributions to this group and to cycling in the locality included getting our CycleActive project funded and hosting our meetings in the Well Street Surgery where he worked.

Several LCC members went to Nick's funeral on 29 April at the City of London Crematorium, and were honoured to accept the Hutt family's invitation to their home after the ceremony, where Nick's life was remembered and celebrated in great style and good heart.

Nick's GP partners have suggested that an appropriate memorial to his life would be the naming of a piece of cycle infrastructure after him, and his family agrees. Options discussed for this include a route, a parking facility, or even a drinking fountain, and there are also plans for a scheme to encourage primary care health workers to cycle, as a prelude to which Douglas Carnall is already doing photographic portraits of local GPs who cycle.

## Hackney LCC enters bike projects beauty contest

At our last meeting, writes deputy co-ordinator *Oliver Schick*, we discussed possible applications to the newly-established National Cycling Fund (NCF). The first funding window ends on 31 July.

We have plenty of ideas and at the latest count want to put in ten applications. Excessive, I hear? Perhaps not. The fund is £2m, and it has to get spent in order to be set at this level again or even increased. So every application helps.

The fund requires 20% match funding for voluntary organisations (such as us) and 50% from non-voluntary organisations. Here's the list of ideas, in no particular order, that we've come up with so far:

**The Nick Hutt Memorial Project** (see story on the left).

**Hackney Community Transport Workbike Initiative:** work with HCT to add workbikes such as Broxes to their fleet. These could be hired for those occasions when you can't quite fit it all into one 20 litre pannier(!). No more unnecessary car/van hire!

**CycleActive:** Renewed funding for our successful project to get GPs

to prescribe cycle training and consequent exercise as a way of getting better.

**CyclePosse:** Local kids repairing or building their own bikes and then using them to ride out *en masse* to leisure events. Revival of a similar project from a couple of years back.

**STA Bikes:** A comprehensive programme of cycle training for children based at Sir Thomas Abney primary school. Plans to extend it to more schools in the area.

**Pitstop Project:** free basic roadside checks and tweaks, with referral to local bike shops, to keep fair-weather cyclists on the road.

**Self-help Workshop:** sustaining our self-help maintenance resource and opening it to a wider section of the community.

**Bike Shop Partnership:** free business and marketing advice for Hackney bike shops.

So now it's your turn – do you have any spare time that you'd like to give to any of these projects? Or do you have a good idea for yet another project? The sky, er, £2m is the limit. (And there'll be another within the next 9-15 months.)

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>> LCC membership in Hackney topped a record 600 this year, thanks to membership retention work by the LCC office and to the many members who have worked to maintain our high local profile.

Congrats to all. Your membership is worthwhile even if all you do is pay that standing order, read *London Cyclist* and our newsletter, and ride your bike! (Of course, if you have a little time to write a letter in support of particular campaigns, to attend a meeting or to help out with an event, that is always welcome!

>> Following a constructive meeting with the chair of the borough's Environment Committee we have been invited on to the Transportation Sub-Partnership Working Party of the Local Strategic Partnership.

>> The dismantling of the Shoreditch one-way system is now in full swing. Some congestion and delays to bus journeys, etc., as a result, but no pain no gain. Will all be done by October. Years of campaigning and community liaison are paying off wonderfully. But, as reported in *Cycling in Hackney News* Feb/Mar 2002, we are keeping the pressure on for early implementation of Phase II – two-way all

round, through motor traffic out of Curtain Road – and we have serious reservations about TfL's insistence on facilitating the Pitfield Street rat run at the expense of decent provision for LCN Route 10.

>> Pannier snatch attempts are unfortunately continuing in some areas of Hackney and Islington, despite attention to the problem by LCC and the police. Hackney LCC member David Smith, a robbery victim himself, is working with Ben Webster and our colleagues in the Islington LCC group to produce information for cyclists giving advice on personal safety.

>> Our self-help workshop is still on at Hackney Farm, which has had yet another funding reprieve. The (intermittently) warm weather is bringing more people in to sort their bikes out and we could do with a few more helpers. At the moment we only have enough to run the workshop fortnightly (Thursdays 6-9pm – ring Tim Evans on 8986 3456 to check).

>> The Cycles for Asylum Seekers project is now in urgent need of work space. From its base at Hackney City Farm, the project has so far supplied over 130 repaired

second-hand bikes to asylum seekers, but with the ongoing financial problems in Hackney and consequently at the farm, this voluntary project is now being asked for a killer £100 per month rent.

Project promoter Paul Standeven asks: "Can you think of a way to get some space and also perhaps a cheap or free van for the project?" If you can help, please contact Standeven on 020 7690 7134 / paul.standeven@virgin.net

>> CILT, the Centre for Independent Transport Research in London, invites all Hackney cyclists to its next Open Meeting, on 6 June at 6pm, at which Paula Smith, LCC's Community Cycling Officer will be speaking on the subject: "Can cycling solve London's congestion?"

There's free nosh to encourage you to attend, and there seems to be plenty of interest in the meeting, with several London borough transportation officers keen to attend.

Venue: Queensbridge Community Centre, 30 Holly Street, Hackney E8. Cycle parking: railings with CCTV coverage; buses: 30, 38, 56, 277, 67, 149, 242, 243, 236; overground train: Dalston Kingsland; spaces for disabled car users.