

NEWS SHEET

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TRING STATION CYCLE PARKING

In the last news sheet we mentioned that on May 2 we had asked cyclists to appeal to Hugh Jennings, the Retail Manager of Silverlink County for additional parking and a cleaner cycle shed. The latest news is that in response to our "lobbying", he put up a notice at the station on August 3 which states:

"I am pleased to announce that work will shortly start on the provision of 40 additional covered cycle spaces. I would expect this work to be completed during August.

These will be situated on the station forecourt, using the short stay car parking spaces to the right when facing the ticket office and will have the benefit of CCTV coverage.

I am continuing to look at the opportunities for improving or moving the current cycle storage facility, but do not expect this to happen in the near future until the wider station plans are finalised.

We will continue to maintain the increased level of cleaning and monitoring of this area, which has brought improvement to the security and the environment."

This picture of the cycle shed in July shows why extra parking is needed, with 80 bikes trying to get into 65 cycle racks.



CYCLE PARKING AT TRING SCHOOL

The following information has been copied from the July Tring School Newsletter:

This year has seen the development of the school's bike shed make rapid progress. With many thanks to Mr Beesley and the year 11 Skills 4 U class, a large amount of the bike shed has been constructed. Currently the year 10 Skills 4 U class is putting on the finishing touches, including painting the frame blue and putting in the individual holders for the bikes.

Mrs Gomersall is, very kindly, planning a mural for the wall where the bike shed will be situated which is outside the canteen in view of several classrooms ensuring that it will be safe and secure.

Due to the great amount of work being put in, September is looking to be the likely launch date.

Thank you very much to everyone who has been involved in the planning and building of the bike shed, your work has been very much appreciated.

Katie McManus, 12 Wy

ASTON CLINTON

You may have noticed that the signing of the advisory cycle lanes at the sides of the carriageway on the "old A41" through Aston Clinton is now completed. The benefits of these lanes were discussed in the July 2005 News Sheet, but only became fully apparent when signing was completed recently, a year after the lanes were constructed.

PITSTONE

TCC have been in touch with Bucks County Council and the developers Taylor Woodrow to ensure that the network of dual-use cycle paths at Castlemead, which meet the Tring boundary at Folly Farm, is properly signed and made safe for both cyclists and pedestrians. It is deplorable that hundreds of houses can be built and occupied, and that many of these paths can be constructed without anyone (especially the developer) having any idea how they should link up, how they should be signed, what some of them are, and whether they require such things as dropped kerbs. In addition the roads are "unadopted" and will continue to be so until development has stopped. This situation does not augur well for cyclists in the many major developments that are planned for Aylesbury Vale.

ACCIDENTS

If you have an accident or crash when cycling you can get help with a claim from www.cycle-aid.co.uk or ring **0808 100 9995**.

Cycle Repairs - Cycles for Sale

STURMEY-ARCHER GEARS AND DYNOHUBS

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 6 at 7.30 pm at 83 Dundale Road, Tring. If you want minutes of this or any other meetings then please contact the editor.

FUTURE RIDES

Autumn Cream Tea Ride: Sunday September 3

We will meet for this popular annual ride outside St. Peter's Church, in Tring at 1.45 for a 2pm start. The ride will be about 7 or 8 miles, and we will stop for a cream tea at Mead's Farm Shop by Wilstone Reservoir. Please contact the editor (details below) for further details.

TCC WEB SITE

After our appeal in the last news sheet Robert Valkass has volunteered to be the Webmaster of our web site, which will now undoubtedly become even more useful to TCC members and also the cycling community.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

A cycling related computer game to keep school children occupied during the school holiday can be found at <http://www.cbc.ca/kids/games/bmx/>

PARLIAMENTARY BIKE RIDE

To watch a short film of the annual ride of 30 or 40 MPs and Lords from the All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, and hear a short address by Transport Minister Derek Twigg, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeV8VwJSGzY>

This site also has many other videos of cycling, one of my favourites being a very short Japanese film of a Dalmatian dog riding a bicycle fitted with stabilisers. Another is "Cycling the Danube Bike Way" which gives a conducted tour of this great cycleway in two 13 minute parts.

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