

## Kingston Cycling Campaign

Borough group of the London Cycling Campaign

### Bread Pudding rides This SUMMER

**Sunday 7th June**  
Local day's ride 10.30am

**Wednesday 17th June**  
Evening Ride 7.30pm

**Sunday 21st June**  
Morning ride 10.30am-1.45pm  
Afternoon ride 2.00-4.00pm

**Sunday 12th July**  
Local day's ride 10.30am

**Wednesday 22nd July**  
Evening ride 7.30pm

**Sunday 26th July**  
Train assisted ride, meet at **Surbiton station 10.00am**

**Sunday 9th August**  
Challenge ride, meet at **Tolworth station 10.00am**

**Wednesday 12th August**  
Evening Ride 7.30pm

**Sunday 23rd August**  
Local day's ride 10.30am

Rides start in Kingston's ancient market place unless stated. Day rides stop for a pub lunch.

*Remember lights for evening rides.*

**All welcome!** Check for updates at [kingstoncycling.org.uk](http://kingstoncycling.org.uk).

# Blazing Saddles Newsletter

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Picture courtesy of Ruth Crumey

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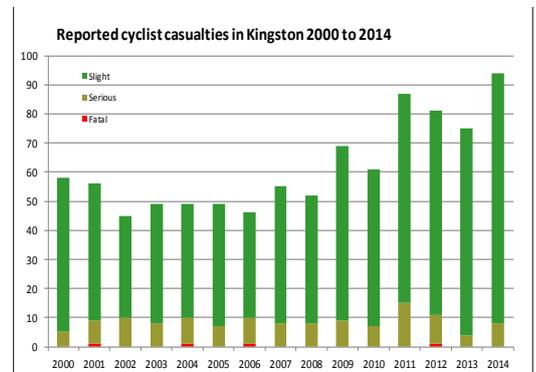
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## Cycling casualties rising

Cycling casualties in Kingston are on the rise. As RBK's final submission for the mini Hollands' funding in December 2013 stated: 'while cycle flows in Kingston grew by 36 per cent between 2001 and 2012, the number of collisions involving cyclists also increased, from 57 to 84 per year. Although this represents a fall in the accident rate we still need to work hard to reduce the number of collisions and to ensure growth in cycling is de-coupled from a growth in accidents.'

The largest part of each of the bars represents slight casualties, and can clearly be seen to have a rising trend. Serious casualties remain stubbornly around the ten per year level in most years. Sadly cyclists have lost their lives in 2001, 2004, 2006 and the latest was in 2012. You can see the chart in colour on our website.

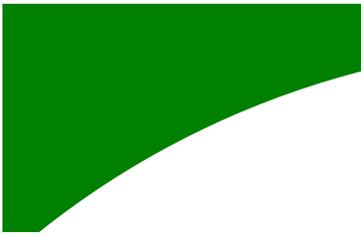


## Bike Week 2015 - 13th to 21st June

The strapline of Bike Week, 'everyday cycling for everyone', is at the heart of what Kingston Cycling Campaign campaigns for. The main event this year actually lasts twenty days from 8th to 28th June - it's the National Cycle Challenge, a competition with prizes for businesses that encourage the most people to cycle. Could you be a 'buddy' to a colleague at work and encourage them to hit the saddle during Bike Week? To take part, visit [lovetoride.net](http://lovetoride.net).

In Kingston, Dr Bike sessions are taking place in Kingston town centre during Bike Week, with expert free bike checks, minor repairs and useful advice about maintaining your bikes on Wednesday, 17th June and Saturday, 20th June from 12:30 - 16:00 (just turn up).

For details of all events near Kingston see [bikeweek.org.uk](http://bikeweek.org.uk).



### Find us online at:

Web: [kingstoncycling.org.uk](http://kingstoncycling.org.uk)

Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/kingstoncyclingcampaign/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/kingstoncyclingcampaign/)

Twitter: @KingstonCycling

Facebook: 'Kingston Cycling Campaign'

LCC local forums: [lcc.org.uk/boroughs/kingston-upon-thames](http://lcc.org.uk/boroughs/kingston-upon-thames)

Email: [mail@kingstoncycling.org.uk](mailto:mail@kingstoncycling.org.uk)

## Cycle Shorts

### New cycling officer

After a couple of years without a designated cycling officer, RBK has appointed Leigh Gravenor, pictured here at the KCC AGM alongside coordinator Jon Fray answering questions about his role. He told the group his focus will be on 'routes, cycle parking and strategy'. You can follow Leigh on Twitter @ChooseGravy



### New road schemes

- A scheme will be coming forward at the Fountain Roundabout in New Malden. RBK traffic engineers are currently carrying out modelling of traffic flows throughout the whole area in consultation with TfL and will liaise with the mini-Hollands team.
- Three sections of the Ewell Road were resurfaced as part of ongoing maintenance and the road markings changed - a dashed line and cycle logos alerting drivers to the possibility that cyclists may go straight on. We hope the changes will improve safety -

let us know your experiences.

- The junction of Brighton Road and Maple Road has been widened, heading towards Portsmouth Road. KCC has fed back that cyclists now need to be even more aware of potential 'left hooks' from drivers taking the newly created left lane at the last moment without due care and attention. On the plus side, the junction features mirrors placed on the traffic signals posts to help drivers of large vehicles spot cyclists.
- Rumour: The bridge on Skerne Road to be made motor traffic-free?

## Eileen Gray, CBE 1920 - 2015



Eileen Gray, CBE passed away in May at the age of 95. Eileen was a former mayor of Kingston and champion of women's cycling. She's pictured on the far left in this picture at an international competition in Copenhagen in 1946, the first one British women had ever competed in, which the team won.

## Get Cycling

RBK has confirmed it will reprint our 'Get Cycling' booklets, first issued last year. It seems the booklets, featuring local rides on quiet roads, are flying off the shelves. Look out for one for yourself, a friend or a family member at a library near you.

## Annual Meeting report

The KCC Annual Meeting took place on 12th May in the Richard Mayo Centre. Jon Fray, who accepted nomination to continue as KCC coordinator for the coming year, said, 'It's been a great year for KCC and the best thing is so many members have contributed to our success. Our presence and interactions on Twitter, Flickr and Facebook and our revamped website; our liaison with and lobbying of the Council, in particular the objections that made the first mini-Hollands scheme so much improved; the ever-popular bread pudding rides that go out come rain or shine and the Get Cycling rides booklet are all things we can be proud of.'

## Mini Hollands latest

RBK traffic engineers are working on the detailed design of the Portsmouth Road scheme and construction has been put back to the winter. A Summer ecological study is being done for the Raynes Park link. Search 'mini Holland' on the RBK website.

## Badly-locked bikes



Found in Apple Market - at least the back wheel's locked...

The next Kingston Cycling Campaign meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th June at 8.00pm at the Wych Elm pub, 93 Elm Road, Kingston, KT2 6HT and every 2nd Tuesday of the month. All welcome! Please check with Jon on 07984 757761 or the KCC website in case of any change.