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Membership Renewal Issue



LEE CHESTER

Former Committee member

With thanks and appreciation for the work she did for ASPRA

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Neighbours

I have had an eventful year at the helm of ASPRA since last year's AGM. During the year I have liaised closely with Croydon Council over the Croydon Local Plan, as a result of which ASPRA was invited to apply for Local Heritage Area designation, which provides protection for an area of local interest and this is now under consideration. There were planning issues to deal with: unwanted applications to resist, problems to solve: lighting, drainage, parking, rubbish and the rest. Attending meetings with other local groups, associations and the like, preparing literature, correspondence and answering urgent calls for assistance. Then finally, the happy culmination of the year in the Unveiling of the Plaque commemorating R.F. Delderfield, funded by ASPRA, with many people there: the Mayor, members of the Delderfield Family, Councillors, Members, Residents and friends which was judged by all present to have been a great success and leave a legacy which, hopefully, will last for many years to come.

On a sadder note we heard recently about the death of Lee Chester who died suddenly after a short illness. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her partner James Maloney at this sad time. Lee served ASPRA for many years in various roles on the committee alongside her partner James who was Chairman who both stood down at the AGM in 2013 . It was Lee who first suggested that I become Chairman and with her recent sad passing from this world, I am glad I have been able in some measure to continue the valuable work which she and James bequeathed.

Due to pressure of my own work, I must now pass on the torch that was passed to me. I hope that there will be others who will now take up some of the tasks and share some of the workings of the ASPRA Family, for the benefit of all in our neighbourhood, with whom I hope still to maintain links.

With thanks to my Colleagues who have served with me during this past year, to all the Road Representatives, Members & Residents who have supported me and wishing the new Committee & All at ASPRA the very best of luck for the future.

Hilary Chelminski

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NEW PROCESS

ASPRA Membership Subscriptions are now due. With this magazine you should have received an envelope for you to fill out with your contact information and subscription which should be returned to your road rep. The subscription fee has been increased to £4 for the year which was agreed at the AGM; you can pay by cash, cheque, bank transfer or standing order.

The new process is as follows:

- Road Rep writes their name and address on each envelope which is inserted into the magazine and delivered to each resident.
- Resident completes the details and includes payment
- Road Rep collects subscriptions, or resident delivers to Road Reps house.
- Road Rep collates information which is passed onto Postmaster with copy of Membership Form and the collected subs.
- **All cash should be converted into one cheque.**

Benefits

- Each Road Rep manages the membership and subscriptions for their road.
- A central record of all members is maintained by collating returns from Road Reps, most of which will hopefully be done electronically.

Constitution Changes

The subscriptions for 2015/16 will be collected in November 2014 and subscriptions for 2016/17 will not be collected until May 2016. This reflects constitution changes agreed at the AGM including the change of the date of the AGM from September to April which means the next AGM will be in April 2015.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

By Malcolm Saunders
Hon. Secretary CBNWA

What is the purpose of Neighbourhood Watch? It helps to prevent crime by making people aware of crime prevention measures, how they can assist the Police by being aware of potential criminal activity and knowing how to report it.

So how does it work? Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association (CBNWA) covers the whole borough of Croydon. A “Watch” area can be whole or part of a road or a block of flats where one person acts as a Coordinator, who acts as a focal point and keeps their watch informed of crime prevention measures, current scams and other criminal activity notified to them by CBNWA or the Police. CBNWA produces a newsletter 3 times a year which the coordinator delivers or emails to households in their Watch and CBNWA emails a weekly update to coordinators which gives the latest information which the coordinator disseminates.

What are the benefits of being in a Neighbourhood Watch?

The main benefit is to build up a community spirit, get to know your neighbours, watch out for them particularly the elderly and vulnerable, be informed of the latest scams, bogus caller activity; crime prevention measures is a bonus for those in a Watch. A Watch will also be able to have Neighbourhood Watch signs displayed on lamp posts at either end of their Watch area and NW stickers are available to those in a Watch to display, which reminds criminals they are in a neighbourhood Watch area; some insurance companies will give discounts on house insurance to those in a Watch area.

For further information contact:

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Neighbourhood Watch Manager
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www.cbnwa.com

Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association
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Internet Links:

You may find the link to the Little Book of Scams, published by the Metropolitan Police helpful.

http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little_book_scam.pdf

You may also find it useful to know how to contact your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and where and when they hold street briefings for residents.

<http://content.met.police.uk/Page/YourBorough>
www.actionfraud.police.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Emergency	999
Non Emergency Police Response	101
Addiscombe Safer Neighbourhood Team	8721 2473
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PAUL RAPHAEL MONTFORD (1868-1938)

Sculptor of the Croydon War Memorial

By Hilary Chelminski

In this Centenary year of the start of World War I, we remember the creator of Croydon's War Memorial, Paul Raphael Montford. He attended the Royal Academy Schools from 1887, where he was taught modelling by his father. He won the Gold Medal in 1891, the Landseer Travelling Scholarship to study in Italy, France and Spain and continued to exhibit work regularly at the Royal Academy most of his life.

He followed his father into sculpture, making bronze portrait busts, figures and carved architectural sculpture including the portraits of artists in the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Croydon War Memorial in 1921, with the evocative and poignant figures of a soldier bandaging his own arm and a woman holding a child with one hand and a letter in the other. He won the competition to make 4 magnificent sculptural groups for the Kelvin Way Bridge in Glasgow (1914-1920) and did projects in Cardiff and Battersea as well as the Memorial to the Musicians Who Died on board the Titanic.

In 1922, he moved to Melbourne, Australia, where he became the foremost sculptor of public monuments including "The Shrine of Remembrance", with 4 granite buttress groups which was included in an Exhibition in 2007. His statue of Adam Lindsay Gordon at Melbourne was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of British Sculptors. His work is all over Australia including 8 relief portraits in Parliament House, Canberra, a war memorial in the Australian Club, Sydney and a figure of John Wesley in Melbourne. He was president of the Victorian Artists Society 1930-32. and his sculptures are in the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne and Adelaide.

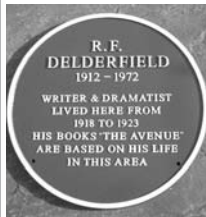
Paul Montford married the portrait painter Maria Dibdin in 1912 and they had 2 daughters and 1 son. On his death from Leukemia in 1938 in Richmond, Victoria, she returned to England, where she was granted a Civil List pension for her husband's services to sculpture. She scattered his ashes in woods in Leatherhead, Surrey. The Greeks and the great Italians had appealed most to Paul Montford and he refused to be influenced by the modernist school, convinced that it was a passing phase in art. *(See Making Melbourne's Monuments. The Sculpture of Paul Montford by Catherine Moriarty. Published 2013 by Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd. Available from Design Archives, Faculty of Arts, University of Brighton*



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DELDERFIELD PLAQUE UNVEILING

By Hilary Chelminski



On 4th September, 2014 the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed unveiled a “Blue Plaque” to commemorate the writer R.F. Delderfield (1912-1972), who lived at 22 Ashburton Avenue, Addiscombe 1918-1923, in the presence of members of the Delderfield family including his daughter Veronica Persse, which was made possible by kind permission of the present owners of the house, Ellen and Fred Stothard and members of ASPRA, who funded it.

Many of his books have been adapted into successful plays and TV series. Those directly based on Addiscombe include “The Dreaming Suburb” and “The Avenue Goes to War” which were adapted for the ITV series “People Like Us” (1977/78) starring John Duttine who also appeared in “To Serve Them All My Days” (1980/81) which The New York Times said was “the best drama series ever made by the BBC, describing it as “a richly textured tapestry crammed with social details that were the speciality of Delderfield.” The first “Carry On” film: “Carry On Sergeant” (1958) was also based on Delderfield’s play: “The Bull Boys.”

He also wrote about the area in his autobiography: “Overture for Beginners.” He was spoken of warmly by all who knew him and was a great champion of the suburbs and those who live there, writing: “These people are for the most part unsung, even though they represent the greater part of Britain’s population. The story of country dwellers and city sophisticates has been told often enough; it is time somebody spoke of the suburbs, for therein, I have sometimes felt, lies the history of our race”.

Messages received from Delderfield’s Family:

Thank you Hilary and all your committee for a very special occasion .

It was so efficiently organised and such a very happy and friendly morning.

I know I speak for all the family when I say how much we enjoyed it and what an honour it is to have the plaque.

June Letheren (Delderfield’s Niece)

Dear Hilary, I would like to thank you on behalf of our family and of course myself for all your hard work. You really did organise everything beautifully, you must have been delighted that everything ran so smoothly. It was really nice to meet you after all the emails! With very best wishes from us both.

Veronica Persse (Delderfield’s Daughter)

LEE CHESTER - TRIBUTE

By Liz Brereton



Lee Chester tragically died after a short illness in August.

Lee served on the Committee alongside her partner James Maloney for over 12 years before they both stood down at the 2013 AGM. Lee held virtually all the roles available on the Committee at some point - such as her versatility; Treasurer, Editor, Secretary whilst James served as Vice Chair and then Chairman as well as jointly being road Reps before serving on the Committee. Below are tributes from members who served with Lee.

“Lee was a kind, caring person with a great sense of humour. Her warm and friendly, personality added much to ASPRA activities. It was a privilege and great pleasure to know her.

Avril Slipper (Former Conservative Councillor)

“I worked with both Lee & James for the whole time they held their official roles. Lee worked very hard for ASPRA. Often I would call in to see her when I needed her help with something. She was always cheerful and welcoming - A great loss.”

Vince Hemment (Postmaster and Road Rep)

“Lee was a lovely, caring and thoughtful person who always made you feel you had done your part for the Association.”

Margaret Grimsley (Road Rep)

“Lee was the person who convinced me to join ASPRA whilst I was helping out one evening. Our thoughts are with James and their families.

Fred Law (Treasurer)

“I worked with Lee and James for the whole of the time they held office. Lee was always willing to help with problems I encountered. Both Lee and James were also very supportive to me when I went through a significant loss. Lee was great fun to be with, very warm and welcoming, had a very outgoing personality and was very versatile. She had the ability to make something very mundane actually appear fun!”

Liz Brereton (Magazine Editor)

“It was Lee who first suggested that I become Chairman of ASPRA when Lee and James were retiring from the Association. I am very glad now that I was able to continue in some way her wonderful work. I am grateful for having known her, for the help and kindness which she unfailingly showed to me, for the confidence which she placed in me and for having been fortunate enough to see her for one last time.”

Hilary Chelminski (Outgoing ASPRA Chairman)

I knew Lee as the energetic and enthusiastic Editor of the Newsletter for many years. Her sudden passing is a very sad loss to both her community as well as to her partner James. I enjoyed working with Lee on the magazine and found her dedication and thorough approach to her work refreshing and informative. Lee was a lovely hard working lady with a sharp sense of humour and great depth of knowledge and she will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Communities are built by people such as Lee who give so much of their time and efforts enriching the lives of others. I also extend my sincere condolences to James.

Clive Asprey (Denyer Printers Ltd)

“It is very sad news about Lee. She was such a bubbly and energetic person.

Eddy Arram (Former Conservative Councillor)

Lee will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The Association is indebted to the work and enthusiasm she put in over the years which we all benefit from. If anyone would like to pass on condolences to James please contact the Editor. Our heartfelt condolences go out to James at this sad time - a great loss.

GP Surgeries Patient Participation Group (PPG)

On our website there is a large amount of information about Health Services (see www.theaspra.org.uk/news-croy.php#03)

The Stovell House Surgery has consulted a “Virtual PPG” since 2011 and now has a “Face-to-Face PPG” which met for the first time in October. The aims of the Group are:

- Promote co-operation between the Practice and Patients to the benefit of both.
- Raise awareness of and access to other support agencies
- Encourage communication of public health messages
- Promote improvements by identifying developments and best practice through local, regional & national networks

If you are a patient at Stovell House Surgery you can make contact with the PPG via the Surgery or email:
contact@stovellhouseppg.org.uk

From 1 April 2015, it will be a contractual requirement for all English GP practices to have a Patient Participation Group (PPG) and to make reasonable efforts for this to be representative of the practice population. **Please ask your GP about your PPG and ideally get involved!**

From 1 December 2014, the Friends and Family Test (FFT) which is already in use in hospitals will be available in GP practices, from January 2015 in mental health and community services and from 1 April 2015, it will be expanded to NHS dental practices, ambulance services, patient transport services, acute hospitals outpatients and day cases.

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Fred Law (Treasurer), Gill Lee (Secretary), Dave Lee (Postmaster), Bob Sleeman (Advertising Manager & Webmaster), Jane Fisher (retiring secretary), Vince Hemment (retiring Postmaster) & Liz Breerton (Editor).

ASPRA THANKS THE FOLLOWING OUTGOING OFFICERS :

Hilary Chelminski Chairman 2013/14 for her amazing energy and fresh ideas.

Jane Fisher for her involvement over many years as road rep, editor, for recruiting Road Reps and this year particularly as Secretary .

Vince Hemment for 25 years' service as Road Rep, Police Coordinator, NHW Coordinator and Postmaster, for all his help to committee members past and present, setting up IT systems and in numerous other ways behind the scenes.

THE EVOLVING ASPRA COMMITTEE STILL NEED THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS

Chairman

Vice Chairman

ROAD REPS FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

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Lower Addiscombe (194-362).

Elmsgrove

Kingscote

Greencourt Gardens

We are an enthusiastic and committed Committee and will give you all the help and support you need. Without volunteers for these roles the Association will not be able to continue. If the Association is important to you please think about getting involved either in one of the roles above or to help in other ways. Please contact The Secretary for more information.

EDITORIAL

Articles, local information and events for inclusion in the magazine are welcomed. Articles should preferably be emailed as an attached document of 2 A5 pages maximum. We also welcome feedback/letters/responses to articles featured. ***We cannot accept anything as pdf.*** Articles should be sent as word, publisher or powerpoint and pictures/posters as a document or jpeg.

Sometimes we are unable to publish content or it may become out of date before publishing ***which is out of our control*** and they may sometimes need to be edited due to space restrictions and article length; if this is a problem please let us know.

Please also visit our website for news/updates about the Association and local area and use the reload/refresh button to get the latest version.

THE EDITOR

The Rotary Club Visit to Ypres

www.croydoneastrotary.org.uk

Sent in by Shirley Vine

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To commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of WWI members of the Rotary Club of Croydon East and the corresponding club in Deinze, Belgium met in Ypres, the city famed for holding the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate every evening since the end of the war.

The 2 club Presidents laid a wreath on the steps of the Gate in a very moving experience. The Rotary Club of Croydon East has a long history of fellowship with the club in Deinze and over many years they have hosted a weekend alternating between the 2 countries. Club members visited the Flanders Fields Museum, followed by a bus tour around some of the war cemeteries in the area, including the German cemetery at Langemark.



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Future Dates

Road Reps Meetings

23 February 2015 (Cedar Room)
29 June 2015 (Small Hall)
14 September 2015 (Small Hall)

A G M 2015

(Changed from September to April)
8 April 2015 Pavilion

All meetings held at:
St Mildred's Centre, Bingham Road at 8pm

Addiscombe Carnival

24 May 2015

Addiscombe Carnival 24th May 2015 11am-5pm **Ashburton Park, Lower Addiscombe Road** **Funday for Disabled 26th May 2015**

It would be nice to bring back the fun and family entertainment that was once what Ashburton park was all about, as well as generating a healthy community spirit. Croydon Lions are trying to inform as many of the local resident groups, individuals and businesses to get involved.

We need volunteers the day before to help set up from 9am, help in distributing flyers/posters and canvassing individuals, as well corporate support and sponsorship. The chosen charity for 2015 is Rutherfords school; a specialist independent school for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities.

If you want to book a pitch or would like more information please contact:

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- Support Croydon Community Against Trafficking.
- Birthing project in Gambia.
- International Women's Day Events.



On the lighter side, the Croydon Club also enjoys social activities throughout the year. These may involve other Soroptimist International clubs and include guest speakers, lunches, BBQs, Carol singing and some more energetic activities like line dancing.

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LETTER FROM NEW COUNCILLORS



3 years ago, as local residents we decided to run for the Council in Ashburton. Having lived in and around the area for a long time, we are attached to the beauty and peaceful nature of the Ward. So we began discussing and working with residents and businesses on important local issues. For a team with no previous experience of elected Office this was a tough but fun learning curve, showing us the nature of Office and helping us to understand our community from experience not assumptions.

Last summer the Council tried to sell off the Ashburton Park Library building. Maddie and Stephen both used to do the book trail here and Andrew is a regular user of the park with his 3 children. Over a pint in the Cricketers we decided action had to be taken. We were able to work with the community to show our support for the building and their desire for a positive future for it. Even Barack Obama's mentor flew in from the USA to help! Whilst there are t's to be crossed and i's to be dotted we are now getting towards the position we want to be in to get the building back in use.

All these issues we put at the heart of our campaign. Why? Because we genuinely believe we can work to improve things here. As local people who care for our community just like ASPRA, we want to make a difference. We want to offer something different and want Ashburton to thrive at the very heart of Croydon. Over the next 4 years we aspire to:

- Keep a close eye on planning and oppose inappropriate development that threatens the feel of Ashburton
- Work with the Police and push to make Ashburton safer by cracking down on drugs, gangs and ASB
- Improve roads and resurface those that have been neglected
- Campaign for 1 hour's free parking on Lower Addiscombe Road to help shoppers and businesses
- Return the Old Ashburton Library Building to a multi use community asset
- Be available for casework through surgeries, electronic media, street stalls; we don't just pop up at election time!
- Work with educators to get the next generation interested in their local area

We want to work closely with ASPRA to help deliver our vision for the area because we recognise the invaluable work already done here. Ashburton voting Labour for the first time ever is a big achievement and a significant change. We truly believe after 4 years our community will see the benefits of this choice and we will work hard to prove you, the electorate right. We look forward to working with you all for the next 4 years.

**Maddie Henson, Andrew Rendle, Stephen Mann
Ashburton Ward Councillors**

UPDATE ON ASPRA'S ACTION OVER TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN BINGHAM ROAD

By Bob Sleeman

After discussions with the Road reps for Bingham Road, a site meeting with Councillor Rendle, Mike Barton (Highways), Fred Demay and Bob Sleeman was held on Wednesday 24th September 2014 in Bingham Road. The conclusions are listed below and while positive, suggest that there will be no action on crossing points and associated road works until at least April 2016.

1. The introduction of 20MPH zones in residential areas across Croydon is actively under discussion. This would include Bingham Road as well as all other roads in the ASPRA area excluding Addiscombe and Lower Addiscombe Roads.
2. The extension of the Controlled Parking Zone might help reduce commuter parking. Residents would be consulted as this would require parking permits.
3. The most favoured option is to improve sight lines for drivers and pedestrians. Road narrowing could be provided at Claremont and Parkview Roads and road narrowing increased at Sherwood Road.
4. Some figures on accidents of personal injury reported to the Police were provided (10 in the period of 36 months to 31st May 2014). These show accidents at all junctions apart from Sherwood and Kingscote Roads.

Data for a sample weekday in April 2014 from the speed sensor near Craven Road shows that 82% did not exceed 30mph, 17% drove between 30 and 40mph and 1% exceeded 40mph. This is a significantly better statistic than in many roads across the borough. A more detailed report will be published on the website – see ASPRA News and Announcements.

Changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Process

The Children and Families Act 2014 is driving changes to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system. By September 2014 Croydon, along with other local authorities across the country, will have to publish a Local Offer of services for children and young people (aged 0 – 25) with SEND.

Croydon's Local Offer provides information on a range of services for education, social care, health and leisure opportunities. It also provides information on pathways to employment, accommodation and independent living. The Local Offer has been compiled with the feedback received from parents, carers and children and young people. We will use it as a basis for further dialogue with service users to review and improve service provision.

An important change brought about by the Act is that the Statement of Special Educational needs will be replaced by an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This will mean that education, health and social care services will need to work together more closely to identify the services needed by children and young people with SEND. Each Education Health and Care Plan will describe the outcomes and aspirations for the child/young person and the service that they will need to help them meet these outcomes.

If you work with children and /or young people with SEND, you need to be aware of these changes and what they will mean for your service. Also if you are a parent of a child/young person with SEND you need to know about how the changes will affect you. For further information please contact:

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Addiscombe Pottery
An appeal for information
By Bernice and Daniel Golberg

Having lived in Addiscombe since 1979, we have acquired a few pieces made by Addiscombe Pottery Ltd and we are keen to find out more about the company and the potters. We have only found a couple of references to Addiscombe Pottery and these relate to Bernard Cotes who founded the Hastings Pottery in 1956 with Dennis Lucas. Cotes had previously worked at Orchard Pottery Addiscombe. Cotes left Hastings Pottery and set up Battle Pottery in 1957, whilst Lucas continued with the Hastings Pottery until it closed in 1995.

The pottery items we have include rather charming and humorous egg cups with individually hand painted faces, a teak and metal stand for a set of two egg cups, a small tankard with a handle and a design of a prancing horse similar in style to the Lascaux cave paintings. The pots are marked 'Addiscombe Potteries Ltd' or 'Addiscombe Pottery' on the bases and look like 1950s or 1960s in style.

We would love to know where the pottery was from, when it was founded, when it closed and the range of their output. The name 'Orchard Pottery' suggests that it might have been in Cherry Orchard Road. If you can help please email us at golberg@btinternet.com





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BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION LONDON TO BRIGHTON NIGHT BIKE RIDE

By Vince Hemment



Our little cycling group of 5 riders decided to meet the challenge and take part in the British Heart Foundation Charity Bike Ride, which consists of cycling to Brighton (62 miles) at night, leaving from Tower Bridge. The initial idea was met with enthusiasm, but then reality sets in (as it's not just a case of jumping on your bike and riding 62 miles) especially at the age of 66!

Training

BHF provide a training schedule which you can follow, to avoid injury, build your stamina and to enable you to safely ride the distance involved. However, we decided to carry out our own training, which meant building up both distance and hill climbing; the worst hill to climb is Devil's Dyke, just outside Brighton. On various days we were cycling 30, 35, 45 & 65 miles on a regular basis. We began cycling circular routes, including Box Hill and eventually riding to Brighton during the day as part of our training routine.

Night Riding

With 3,000 cyclists on the road, how do 5 cyclists keep together when it's dark, everyone is wearing high viz clothing and there are bright cycle lights everywhere? The start of the ride was staggered, starting at 22:00 through to midnight.

Weather

It was very warm, although rain was forecast. It started to rain 17 miles from Brighton, which slows you down, as wet manhole covers can be very slippery when wet.

London to Brighton

It was slow getting out of London, with lots of people outside, as the night was very warm. The first water stop was at the top of Coulsdon, before dropping down to Hooley and the back country lanes to Brighton.

I have never experienced it before, but to see the sun rise is amazing! Night turns slowly into day in a gradual process. We were wet through and cold so it was a welcome sight to eventually see the finish of the ride just past the pier at Brighton.

Donations to BHF

In an effort to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, I have set up a donation webpage via 'Just Giving' and would appreciate your help. Donating through Just Giving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with Just Giving; they will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they will send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate; saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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