



The picture overleaf is just a taster for the many events planned for the summer. Many thanks to Sue Langford (pictured) of the City Council's 100 Days Campaign for helping us with publicity for what was one of our most successful family rides to date, with fifty participants. Future rides organised by the Friends are as follows:

Sunday 4 June: ride across Chat Moss to a lunch stop at Astley Green (not Dunham Massey as wrongly stated in our last Newsletter), including an exploration of Culcheth Linear Park. Round trip of 30 miles, so requiring some stamina. Start 10 am at entrance to Chorlton Water Park. (contact Cos 283 7548)

Saturday 17 June to Sunday 25 June: National Bike Week

Friday 23 June: cycling pub crawl of six or seven hostelries on or around the Loop, distance of about twelve miles for those who stay the course. Start 6 pm at Lloyds Hotel, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton. (contact David 445 1524)

Sunday 25 June: Manchester Cycleway official opening by Chris Hoy and the Mayor of Manchester at 12 noon, Debdale Park. We will lead a ride starting in Chorlton Park at 10 am to go to Albert Square (short stop 10.45), then via the Velodrome (to meet Chris Hoy at 11.30) to Debdale. 12.30 leave Debdale to return along the Loop to Chorlton Park by 1.30 pm. (contact Dick 224 3843)

Sunday 16 July: ride of around 25 miles east along the Ashton Canal to join the Peak Forest Canal and returning via the River Tame Path in Reddish Vale. Start at Fallowfield Sainsbury's carpark at 10.30 am, calling at Debdale boathouse at 11. Return by 3 pm, bring a picnic. (contact David 445 1524).

There are also rides organised by the Chorlton Wanderers on 14 May to Pott Shrigley (40 miles) and 11 June to Macclesfield (55 miles). Start for both at 10 am at Chorlton Water Park entrance.

NB the following members' meetings at the usual time and place – 7.30 pm, Union Chapel, Wellington Road, Fallowfield):

Next Monday 15 May: including a report on our campaign to open up the disused sections of railway line from Didsbury to Trafford Bar. All members welcome.

Monday 17 July: Annual General Meeting. There will be a talk by Jon Follows, Environmental Strategy Officer for the City Council, for the first hour or so of the meeting.

Our website for more information is: www.cycle-routes.org/fallowfieldloophole