



Rare: Comic for auction

Superman specialist

One of the rarest Superman comics ever printed is to go up for auction in Croydon.

Daniel Bradman fulfilled the dream of many a teenage boy when the 13-year-old played a starring role alongside his hero in a special edition of the comic commissioned by his billionaire dad, with only several hundred copies produced.

One of the copies will go under the hammer at the Chateau in Shirley Hills on November 20.

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£1m promise for cycling safety as casualties rise

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Funding has been promised to improve cycling safety, as figures are released showing cyclist casualties have soared in recent years.

A cyclist was killed and 20 seriously injured on Croydon's roads last year, more than four times the number of casualties in 2010, when just five people were injured.

The figures are higher than at any point in the past decade.

The council is applying to Transport for London for £1m to be spent on cycle training for adults and children, better

cycle routes, and more cycle parking on streets.

Austen Cooper, co-ordinator of Croydon's Cycling Campaign, met with Andrew Gilligan, London's Cycling Commissioner, last week at City Hall where Croydon was promised funding, after missing out on £100m funding to turn some outer London boroughs into cycling hubs.

Mr Cooper said: "We want to push Croydon Council, getting

this money is a good start so let's make it happen. Let's make cycling in Croydon safer.

"The figures suggest that if you're on two wheels, you're not in a good position in Croydon."

The Croydon Cycling campaign wants to see safe cycle lanes which are distanced from the main roads, as they have in Amsterdam. They are also calling for a 20mph speed limit on some roads.

Mr Cooper said money to improve cycling should be obtained by any means including

using Section 106 to ask private developers investing in the borough to give funding to improve cycle safety.

Cycling injuries are increasing as overall, road casualties are down 32.3 per cent in Croydon since 2005, according to the Department of Transport.

Councillor Jason Perry, cabinet member for planning, regeneration and transport, said: "We want to encourage more active lifestyles and this is why we plan to spend more than £1m on making our borough more cycle-friendly."



Croxjam: Amfy Eve performing at Half and Half

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Make music

Four days of live music featuring more than 100 bands took place in the town centre last week.

The CROxjam festival ran from Thursday to Sunday at a variety of venues. It is part of the nationwide Oxjam events which all raise money for the charity Oxfam.

A range of acts from jazz to hip hop and classical all featured in the festival.

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BRIGHT IDEAS: The first winner of the BBC's Apprentice will help aspiring entrepreneurs turn their business ideas into reality.

Tim Campbell's Bright Ideas Trust is holding Your Lightbulb Moment, two free half-day events for 16 to 30-year-olds, at Fairfield Halls on October 30.

Margaret Mountford, one of Lord Sugar's original advisors on the Apprentice, will hear people's business ideas. Visit yourlightbulbmoment.biz.

MALARIA WARNING: Croydon has the third highest number of malaria cases in London.

Health chiefs warned of a misconception that people born in West Africa have immunity to the disease, when after moving away from a malaria endemic country immunity wanes.

BE MINDFUL: A new petition by the Talk Easy Trust calls for lessons on mental health to be part of the national curriculum.

The petition was launched by the trust in partnership with charity MindFull after it published a report suggesting one in three young people suffer from a mental health issue.

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