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'Cycling will never solve congestion'

Commuters now make up over half of city workers

"CYCLING won't solve all our problems" when it comes to Cambridge congestion say two leaders charged with sorting the issue as the full scale of numbers commuting into the city is re-

John Bridge OBE, chairman of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce, made the claims on the back of new research suggesting more than half of the city's workers commute from

And fellow City Deal board

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member Cllr Ray Manning, the leader of South Cambs District Council, added that his residents "will never accept a congestion charge" as the debate about solving the congestion rages on.

The congestion we get in the middle of Cambridge is really caused by the vehicles that are having to come in," Mr Bridge said. "One of the real problems



is we haven't got proper commuting corridors because we've an impenetrable barrier called the A14. We need to get proper commuting corridors because we've got places like Ely, St Ives, Huntigndon and Northstowe coming along, so we have

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1: My perfect weekend consists

of... a swim in the sea followed by cycling the quiet lanes of Cambridgeshire. Coming home and entertaining friends and family with a barbecue and Pimm's.

- 2: I would be starstruck if I met...
- 3: In a film of my life, I would be played by... Matt Damon.
- 4: The best thing ever invented is...
- 5: Something I loathe in people is... arrogance
- 6: Something people would be surprised to know about me is... I was born in Peru.
- 7: It makes me angry when... politicians and members of the House of Lords let the nation down with improper behaviour.
- 8: A film I've seen more than five times is... The Shawshank Redemption, below
- 9: My earliest memory is... breaking my foot jumping into a paddling pool from a fruit packing box.
- 10: I think cosmetic surgery is... ill-advised. There seem to be so many post op problems.
- 11: The hardest challenge for young people today is... getting on to the housing ladder.
- 12: I feel sorry for... refugees fleeing wars and civil unrest.
- 13: The most important thing to teach a child is... to have respect for
- 14: In moments of weakness I tend to... relent. I do not like conflict.
- 15: My least favourite subject at school was... the sciences - especially chemistry.
- 16: My favourite game as a child
- 17: If I could know the truth behind one unsolved mystery, I would pick... Cluedo: it's also a great game.
- 18: My mother taught me... to eat everything on my plate.
- 19: The best thing I ever ate was... fresh sea trout I caught on line on Lough in County Donegal as a teenager.



ever... smoke. Interview by L'OCCITANE OCCITAN

And relax . . .

In our eyes, L'Occitane can do no wrong. Since founder Olivier Baussan started selling essential oils on the markets of Provence the best part of 40 years ago now - it's grown into one of the biggest and best-loved pamper brands around. The latest addition to the range is a five-strong set of rebalancing products. Fragranced with juniper and eucalyptus, a blend

proven to energise, we fancy the soothing bath salts, which come in the cutest little tea-bag-type sachets, and the face mask, packed with vegetal and mineral powders to purify and tighten

● Bath infusions, £15, face mask, £20, at L'Occitane, Rose Crescent, Cambridge

Bag of fun

We can't get our heads round the fashion for micro-bags. (Where do you put your hair brush? And your foldaway brolly? And your emergency chocolate bar? Hmm?) Nothing beats a big old tote — and this sweet-yet-also-chic number from Love Moschino ticks all our boxes. It's not cheap, mind: it's £170 at houseoffraser.co.uk. But it's a

Pretty sight

We've got a real soft spot for cosmos, staple of the cottage garden. And no variety comes cuter than this. When Thompson & Morgan customer Diane Engdahl spotted an unusual form of the annual growing in her Santa Rosa yard, she harvested the seed and sent it to the Suffolk plant experts for inspection. They were so wowed by the strain's cupshaped flowers - cosmos normally has a daisy-like ring of distinct petals - they decided to breed from it; the result is the pink and very pretty Cosmos bipinnatus 'Cupcakes', new for 2015. SERIOUSLY

• Order 'Cupcake' seeds now for a show next year: they're currently £1.99 for 100

at thompson-morgan.com.



In fairness, thanks to the gloomy weather, we're not getting much chance to lounge around in the garden at present. But hey, let's think positive: maybe we're in for an Indian summer?

Should the sun decide to shine, we'd like to kick back and relax in one of Gillian Arnold's Botanical Britain deckchairs: patterned with images of wild flowers and foliage, they're stylish as well as pleasingly sturdy.

Botanical Britain: Picked, Pressed,

Printed deckchairs, £99 each, at gillianarnold.com



In the picture

Described as "an utterly ravishing exhibition", showcasing a "grand sweep of watercolour painting that few other museums can rival", the Fitzwilliam's latest show is a stunner.

Including masterworks by Blake, Turner and Cezanne - some of which haven't been seen for decades -Watercolour: Elements of Nature runs until the end of September and admission is free.

So that's your Rainy Day Plan sorted. (Soz to be the bearers of bad news, but skies are set to be grey (again) this weekend . . .)

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