

NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN was set up in Summer 1990 as an independent pressure group concerned exclusively with the promotion of cycling in the city. It lobbies official bodies for better facilities, encourages employers to cater for cyclists and organises various bike-related events. We are a member of the national Cycle Campaigns Network.

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INTRO

Funny how things change... There we were, this time last year, chewed up with frustration at Norfolk County Council's negative attitude over the Newmarket Road scheme, but hailing as a breakthrough Norwich City Council's decision to appoint a Cycling Officer and start a regular Cycling Forum. And now? Cycle facilities in place at Newmarket Road and the prospect of a cycle-friendly County Council following the local elections. From the City, a decision effectively to ban cyclists from Magdalen Street, and still no Cycling Officer or Forum! We're still here though, working hard to win even more converts to the best means of transport ever invented!

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MEETINGS

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month, but as the next meeting falls in a busy National Bike Week, we urge all members instead to visit the 'Wonderful Wheels' event (see enclosed listing) on 16th June. The dates of the next meetings are therefore 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October and 17th November, at the Charing Cross Centre, St John Maddermarket (note the change of venue), from 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

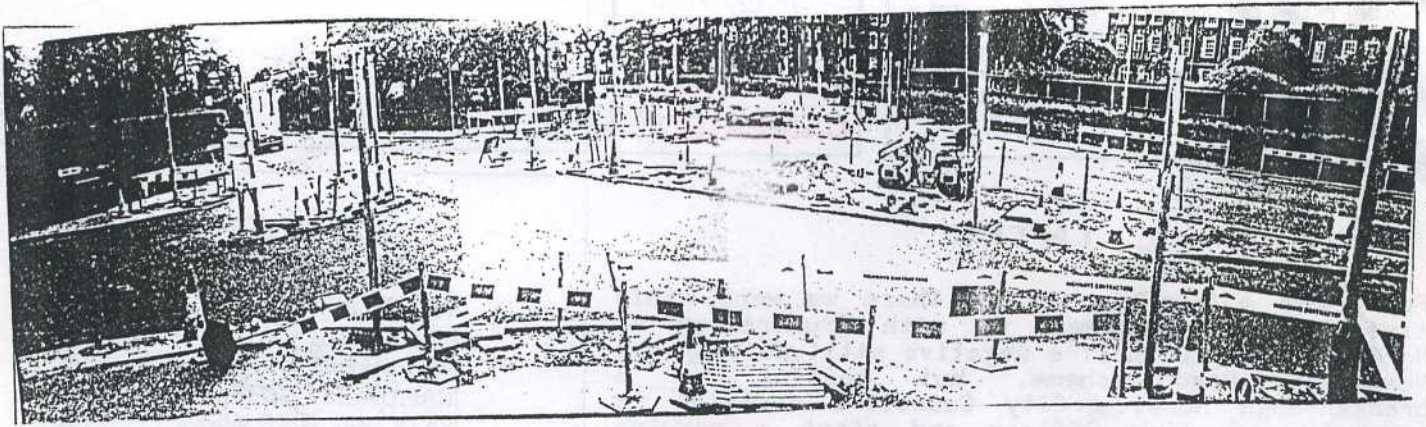
• Please come along if you can.



ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK 12-20 JUNE

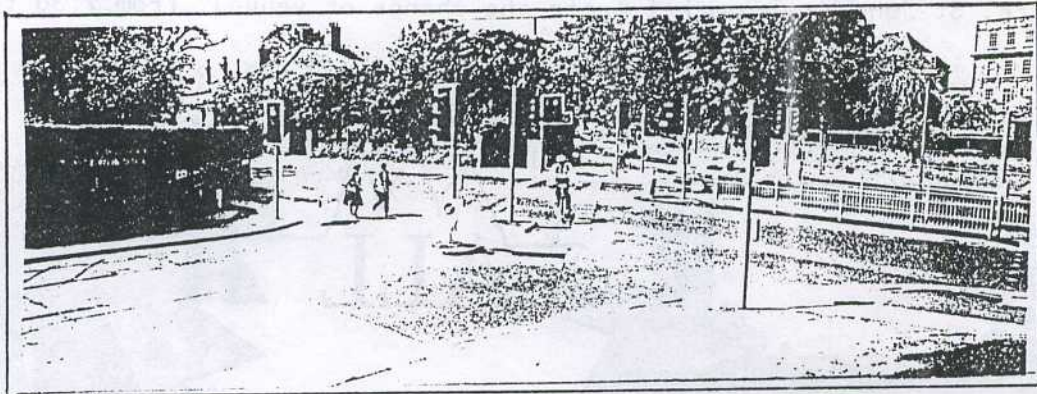
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NEWMARKET ROAD

Regular users of this route will know that the cycle lane/path and special crossing facilities were finally completed in mid May. We can feel proud that little if any of this would have happened at all had we not lobbied continuously throughout 1992. There are still certain aspects of the scheme which could still be improved, and we'd be interested in having your comments for incorporation into a future feedback report to the County Council. We were to have shared in an official opening ceremony on 5th May, but high-ups at County Hall decided to postpone this to avoid politically sensitive election time. Instead we hope to participate in a similar event in the near future (attended by the new County Council leader) when the section of bus/cycle lane outside the Outer Ring Road will also be complete.

- Comments please to Matthew (ring 503824 or write) by 17th June at the latest.



MAGDALEN STREET

In the last newsletter we pledged to keep you informed of further twists to this tangled tale... Well, there may be a contraflow bus lane (opening early July) but are cyclists going to be allowed to use it? At a very late stage we've been told "No", supposedly because the lane is of substandard width, and the City Council's insurers won't cover them for cycling accidents. In other words, they would rather see southbound cyclists flattened attempting to cross the Inner Ring Road at the Duke Street or Whitefriars roundabouts. So from us it has to be a formal objection to the Traffic Order, letters to Patrick Thompson MP, strong words at Magdalen Street Working Party meetings, and we're still fighting hard - preferably for the right to use the bus lane (we're aware that many cyclists will anyway), but failing that for immediate provision of a viable alternate route.

NORWICH
City Council

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CYC
(as agreed by)

2.4 Cyclists' needs will be considered during the assessment of all road and junction improvements, traffic management, traffic calming, and new facilities will incorporate existing cyclist desire for a convenient alternative route where appropriate.

PLANNING STRATEGY

by Planning Committee on 17th October 1991

assessment and design of all road and junction and environmental improvement schemes. All lines where-ever possible, or include a safe

so much for the policy....



1993 NATIONAL BIKE WEEK IN NORWICH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organising group</u>	<u>Contact for details</u>
Saturday 12th June	<u>BREAKFAST CYCLE RIDE TO N.WALSHAM</u> (40 miles). Meet 7 am, Heartsease Roundabout	YHA	Phyll Hardie 35547
Sat 12th and Sunday 13th June	<u>CAMPING WEEKEND AT SHADINGFIELD</u>	CTC	Norman 630640
Sunday 13th June	<u>'NO NORTHERN BYPASS' CYCLE RIDE.</u> A protest ride around the possible route of the Northern Bypass, finishing at County Hall. A chance to see what could be lost if it's built. Meet 10 am Barn Road Roundabout (near Halfords).	Norwich Cycling Campaign & Norfolk Friends of the Earth	Les Hopkins 762722
Tuesday 15th June	<u>COUNTRY LANES EVENING RIDE</u> (20 miles). Meet 7 pm Earlharn Road/Ring Road roundabout	CTC	Norman 630640
	<u>NEWCOMERS INVITATION TIME TRIAL</u> (10 miles). Meet 6.45 pm Cromer Road, 1/4 mile north from Newton St Faiths	CTC	Norman 630640
Wednesday 16th June	<u>NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY</u>		
	<u>HALF DAY SOCIAL RIDE</u> Meet 11 am North Walsham Rd/Ring Rd rdbt	CTC	
	<u>EVENING RIDE TO DILHAM (Cross Keys P.H.)</u> Meet 7.30 pm, Fat Cat P.H., Nelson Street.	CTC	
	<u>'WONDERFUL WHEELS' FAMILY EVENT & OPEN EVENING</u> at Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road, Norwich, 5.30 to 8 pm. Stalls, exhibitions, food, bar, an opportunity to meet City Council's new cycling officers	Norwich City Council	Carole Timm 767393
Thursday 17th June	<u>RIDE TO SHOTESHAM.</u> Meet 11 am Earlharn Road/Ring Road rdbt. Home by 3 pm.	CTC	Dennis 55758
Saturday 19th June	<u>DOCTOR BIKE SESSION</u> in Chapelfield Gardens, 11 am to 4 pm. Have your bike checked over by expert mechanics	Norwich Cycling Campaign	Chris Hull 612772
	<u>TEN to FIFTEEN MILE RIDE</u> starting 2.30 pm	CTC/YHA	Frank 665685
Sunday 20th June	<u>RIDE TO LETHERINGSETT.</u> Tea at Buxton Mill. Meet at 9 am, Firs P.H. Cromer Road.	CTC	Alan 410231
	<u>RIDE TO RANWORTH</u> for tea (25 miles). meet at 1.45 pm, Martineau Lane roundabout.	CTC	Christine 0508-88166

