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NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN was formed in 1990 to promote cycling in Norwich and lobby for better cycle facilities. It is affiliated to the National Cycle Campaign Network.



Editor's Column

John King

Norwich Cycling scheme gets big national award!

Yes, its true! Patrick Field in his column 'Cycling Sideways' in 'Cycling Today' magazine ran a competition to find 'The Worst

Cycling Facility in the UK'. We sent him photos and a copy of our report of the Guardian Road roundabout scheme 'Marooned on an Island'. Result - First Prize - the coveted (?)

**CYCLISTS DISMOUNT
AWARD**

We do feel, however, that an award should rightfully go the designers of the scheme, Norfolk County Council.

We are therefore inviting a council representative to a Public Presentation Ceremony to receive the award.

If a suitable official recipient is not forthcoming we shall reluctantly have to present the award to a Tub of Lard!



Hovis National Bike Week gave Norwich Cycling Campaign members something to get on their bikes for. Paul Commins took this photo of some of them at the Woods End Tavern, Bramerton, on the final day of HNBW, Sunday the 18th of June.

- **Public Transport? No Thanks!** - The case for priority to cyclists
- **Cycling schemes in the Greater Mile Cross area**
- **National Bike Week - reports, views, competition results, etc**
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HNBW 1995 in Norwich

How was it for you?

Although not quite reaching the same level of achievement as the 1994 event, National Bike Week 95 in Norwich was nevertheless deemed to have been a success in many ways despite unfortunate setbacks and poor weather.

The Radio Phone-In, June 9th, Radio Norfolk. An excellent response. The 'planted' questions worked well and we were invited back to do another in August.

The Dr. Bike Checks, city centre, 10th June were disappointing as the weather was cold and drizzly. The stall went well, however.

The **Mass Ride to Reepham** (June 11th) for the opening of the Reepham-Aylsham cyclepath had over 100 riders. Most enjoyed themselves and there was useful press coverage.

The **Secondhand Bike Bits** Stall (June 12th) was surprisingly successful, adding £140+ to Campaign funds plus much publicity.

Norfolk County Council **Cycling Conference** took place on June 12th, with over 100 delegates, good quality speakers and very useful contacts. Norwich Cycling Campaign had a

well-positioned leaflet / promotion stall, and a responsive audience were lucky enough to see and hear Brian Glover (actor, ex-wrestler and voice behind the Hovis ads) give a pro-cycling speech!

Womens Cycling Day (June 13th) saw a only a small attendance at the **Maintenance Workshops**, an equally

disappointment. Cancelled at only two days notice because the local parish council refused permission for the campfire (despite Playing Field C'tee having given their permission in January)! It would have been on June 17/18th. It would have been great and good and the crowning event of the week. The **Breakfast Ride** on the 18th was a small (because of the cancelled Fayre) but an enjoyable one.

Co-ordinator's Column

small but gallant turnout in foul weather for the **Womens Rides**, and an enthusiastic audience for excellent speakers at the **Public Meeting**.

June the 14th saw a thoroughly enjoyable **Evening of Cycling Films**. The pub setting and the varied choice of viewing helped make this low-cost, high-value event particularly successful.

The **Cow Drive Cycle Path** was opened by the Lord Mayor on June 15th. About 15 civic dignitaries aided publicity (good picture in local press).

The Best Event Of The Week took place on June 16th. 25 riders sat down to our **Bicycle Biryani Blowout** - an Indian meal cooked by Norwich Cycling Campaign's best chefs! A lovely friendly atmosphere with superb food produced much satisfaction, over £100 for Campaign funds, new members, raffle ticket sales and a determination to do it again whenever possible!

The final event - **The East Anglian Cycle Fayre** - was the week's biggest

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We are indebted to all the volunteers who worked so very hard to make the most of HNBW 95. Planning has already begun for HNBW 96. There's always something to look forward to with Norwich Cycling Campaign! *Les Hopkins*

Meetings



All members are welcome at these monthly meetings which are held in our Campaign Office at the Development and Environment Centre, 38 - 40 Exchange Street (entrance at rear, start 7:30pm).

Please come along and say what YOU think about cycling issues in Norwich!

Next Meetings

20th Sep
18th Oct

16th August - Management Committee only, NOT a members meeting

Welcome to new members

Ian and Gina Couzens
Gorden Cardew
Amelia Craighill
Ann Dismarr
Mr and Mrs T. Godden
Karen and Jeremy Brockman
Rachel Orbell
Julie Marshall
Rod Tompson
Slim Piggott (in Cambridge)
Ruth Frean (welcome back!)
Mike Savage (ditto!)

