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Editor's column

John King

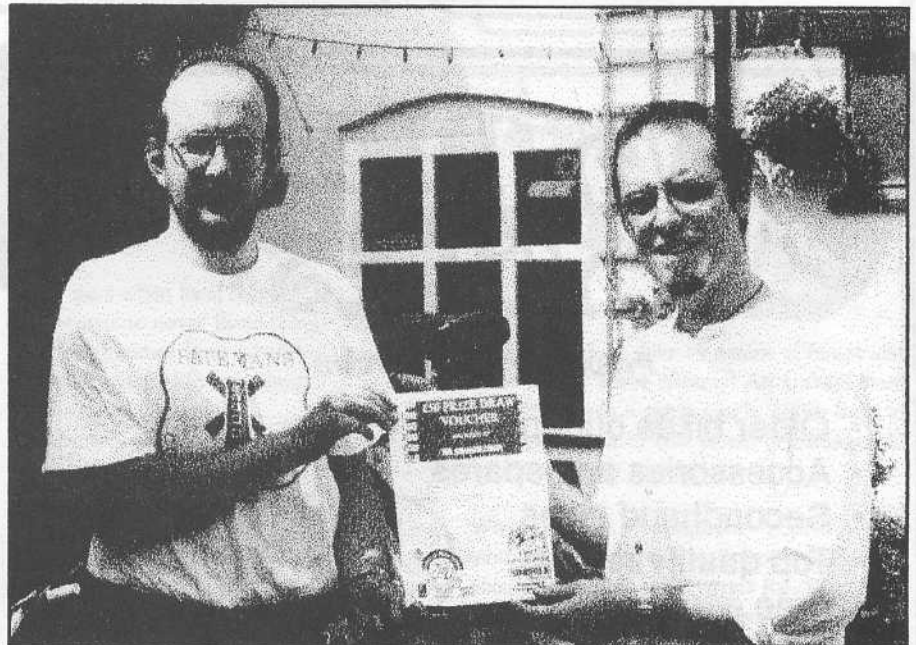
Thanks to the splendid contribution of so many of you, the last twelve Newsletters have been a pleasure to produce. I am very grateful to all of you for your information and help over the last couple of years.

But now the time has come for me to vacate the Editor's chair. Increased demands on my time and additional commitments mean that I shall no longer be able to produce the Newsletter, much as I would like to.

So could YOU do the job, maybe? Would you like to? I would be able to give you much help and guidance before I leave the scene completely. See the back page for contact numbers – 'It Could Be You'!

RIDE TO WORK, COLLECT £50!

It might sound like an instruction from the game of Monopoly but cycling to his place of work was all that Graham Frior had to do to win the prize of £50. 'Bike to Work Day' was an event during this year's National Bike Week that encouraged commuters to leave their cars at home and use a bike instead. Lucky winner Graham (on the right) is seen here receiving his prize from Cycling Campaign Chairman Andy Mitchell.



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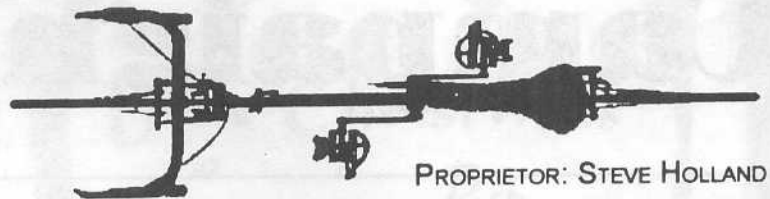
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About to happen ..



MAKE A NOTE OF THESE CAMPAIGN MEETINGS!

17 December
21 January
18 February



Yes, it will be happening again, it's the Annual General Meeting and our own Matthew Williams will be talking about the Norwich Cycle Forum and its role and relationship with both the City and County councils. There will of course be the usual AGM type business, including election of the Campaign officers (and Newsletter Editor) and the social bit after completion of business.

The venue is (again) the cellar bar of the St Andrew's Tavern, 17th December (Weds.), 7:30pm. (Relatively) secure cycle parking is available in the courtyard at the back.

WANTED !

One Newsletter Editor
(or even more!)

If you would like to know more about this enjoyable and highly unpaid (or should it be 'highly enjoyable but unpaid') position, then please ring one of the contact numbers on the back page. Or come to the AGM to offer your services. You'd make lots of new friends and a big impression on the cycling scene. The office computer and lots of help will be available.

SEE BACK PAGE NOW

HURRY, HURRY,
Pre-Christmas



CURRY !

HALL ROAD RAILWAY PATH Light at the end of the tunnel



Just over a year ago the Cycling Campaign delegated me as their representative to the Hall Road Railway Path Working Party. As I live near the path, and as no one else would take on the job, I accepted the honour and have dutifully attended most of the meetings since then.

Until recently most of the time at these meetings has been taken up with discussing persistent problems such as litter, fly tipping, rats, and the odd bit of vandalism. Local trades people say burglars use the path as an escape route, perhaps a few bobbies back on bikes would sort that out! In fact the path is in regular use by cyclists and pedestrians both as a route to the city and for recreational purposes.

A great deal of time at the meetings has also been spent discussing finance. Gone are the

heady days when local councils just made out fat cheques to cover these things. Nowadays the money comes from wherever one can get it, which makes life complicated.

The primary source is still the same of course - Joe Public. I must confess I have been known to nod off during some of these sessions which is embarrassing as I sometimes snore. At last however the professionals seem to have pulled the rabbit out of the hat and provisional promises of dosh are forthcoming.

One big advantage of old railway tracks as far as the cyclist is concerned is that they are virtually level. To achieve this they were constructed either on embankments or in cuttings and this creates a problem with access. Naturally the more access points the better and the path must be accessible to all kinds of cyclists, wheelchairs prams etc This

of course will be done by means of ramps and these do not come cheaply! An embankment 6m high needs a ramp nearly 100m long to give a gradient of 6% which is manageable by virtually any cyclist.

When the track is completed - hopefully next year - it will provide excellent traffic free access from Hall Rd, Barrett Rd (Ring Rd), and Sandy Lane, and will also link up with a cycle network to the south of the city. It will also form a much needed linear park with a wide variety of trees, flowers and wildlife.

If you would like more information on the path, please don't hesitate to contact me through the Cycle Campaign office.

Mike Savage.

