

# Norwich Cycling Campaign

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## Editor's Column



### First the bad news.

Andy Mitchell, our hardworking chairman and Bikeworks mechanic and partner Pam Frost (my co-editor) have departed for Ireland where Andy has a new job. It was Pam's wizardry on the computer that achieved what one member described as a seamless transition from John King's excellent newsletters to our first edition in March. We all wish Andy and Pam good luck in Galway and thank them both for the excellent work that they have done for the campaign.

**Now the good news.** Fiona Dowson has volunteered to take over from Pam and will, I am sure, soon master the Page-Plus software to publish this special bike-week edition of the newsletter. John King has kindly offered his help despite his heavy workload, so all being well the three of us will bring about another seamless transition!

*Mike Savage*

# National Bike Week



## Special Edition !

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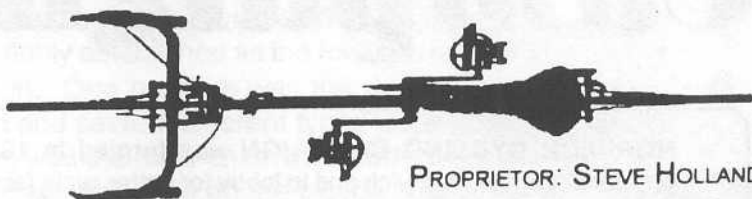


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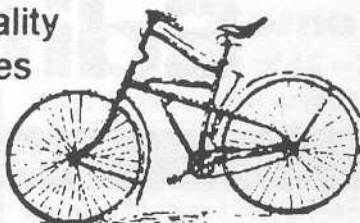
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## CO-ORDINATORS COLUMN

It seems like a lot has happened with the Campaign since I last wrote this column. Probably the most important development is the imminent departure of our Chairman, Andy to a new job in the green and pleasant land of Ireland, and we wish him and Pam the very best of luck over there.

Fortunately for us we have had a volunteer to take over as Chairman, a long standing member of the Campaign, Phyll Hardie. By the time you read this, she will have taken up her duties and I'm sure she will appreciate all your support. This also leaves us with a change of faces for BIKEWORKS on Saturdays at the Greenhouse. Nigel Howard will be taking over the organisation of this, assisted by Mark and Christian on occasions. If you have some mechanical knowledge and are able to help on a Saturday give Nigel a call, he will be very grateful!

Earlier in the year it became apparent that Christian Riches was unable to function as Membership Secretary, due to

pressures of work, so for the time being I have been fulfilling that role. My apologies to any of you who have experienced delays or errors in processing your renewals, this has been due to having to learn the computer system, and catching up with things not done since Hans left in December 1997. Hopefully the list will be all correct for the June mailing, but please contact me if your details need changing.

We still need to recruit more members, so with your newsletter you will find a new membership leaflet - not for yourself - please give it to a cycling friend, and collect any extra leaflets from the office to give away to any potential members - we have lots!

A select band of stalwarts heard Walter Nash give a very interesting history of the CTC at our March meeting. Please come along to the next one in June when we will have Tim Mellors of Norwich City Council talking to us. Don't forget all members are



welcome to the monthly meetings - see back page for details. There are loads of interesting events planned for National Bike Week in this issue, so please support them as I know the individuals concerned have put a lot of effort into organising them.

Further changes for the Campaign include the fact that our desk at The Greenhouse will be relocated upstairs by the end of June, to make way for the refurbishment of the shop, and eventually the Café. Very exciting times for all the people there and if you haven't visited yet, take the chance during National Bike Week. It is likely we will have to sell, or store, some furniture after then so if you are interested in buying a bookcase or filing cabinet please contact me.

*Richard Bearman*

### Cycling in Hanoi

Norwich Cycling Campaign member Virginia Greasley is currently teaching in Vietnam. Other members may be interested in a couple of extracts from her most recent letter:

*"... The Vietnamese are extremely hospitable and I am constantly being taken out to places of interest. The students are stimulating and, like my colleagues, have a wonderful*

*sense of humour. I'd forgotten how much the Vietnamese love laughing and teasing..."*

*"... I cycle everywhere and have just realised why I love it so much. It is such a personal and intimate activity. Hanoi has broad avenues, but it does not have motorways cutting up the city and there are few cars. There are hundreds of thousands of pedal and motor bikes and one thus feels the kind of link with fellow travellers that one would not*

*experience cocooned in an air conditioned car. I have a lot of contact with others because I'm conspicuous with my cycle helmet, my grey hair and my Western build. Vietnamese cyclists look at the multitude of activities taking place on the pavement, from haircutting and bike repairs to selling of all kinds."*

Sounds idyllic, doesn't it. Just a taste of what we've lost to our Western civilized society.

*Phyll Hardie*

