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York Rally 2023

The provisional dates for the next York Rally are:

23rd - 25th June 2023

Unfortunately, until York Racecourse have finalised their calendar later this year, this remains subject to final confirmation. Please watch the website: www.yorkrally.org for any updates.

Welcome to the York Rally 2022

We're delighted to welcome you to the 2022 York Rally!

After two years missed due to COVID, the Rally is perhaps more valuable than ever as an opportunity for cycling friends to re-connect, and for new friendships to be made. We very much hope you enjoy this year's event.

Sadly, these two years have also seen the passing of some of our most stalwart volunteers, as you will read on page 20 of this programme. We offer our thanks for their contributions, and condolences to all who knew them.

The Rally relies on its volunteers, and following a call last year, I am pleased to say that we now have several new members on the organising committee. Regular injections of new volunteer talent and energy are essential for the

Rally's long-term success, and more help is always needed, so please do contact us if you think you could help with the organising.

Before signing off, I must draw your attention to a possible closure of the NCN Route 65 cycle path (a.k.a. the Solar System Greenway) between Bishopthorpe and Naburn: see page 14. We are hoping works will be complete and the route will be open, but if not, please be aware that you may need to follow a diversion, which is partly on road.

Finally, thank you again for attending the Rally. Please do take full part and help us make it the best it can be.

We wish you a safe, enjoyable event and happy cycling before, during and after.

Gerry Boswell
Chairman
York Rally Committee



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COVER IMAGE The Retro Ride prepares to depart from the York Rally 2019. Photo: David Kimberley

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Info and what's on: Friday

General Info

RALLY HQ

Visit Rally HQ (see site plan, page 10) to volunteer, with any queries or problems, to buy Rally clothing & badges, and to find out about rides, talks and more. There'll also be an area for children to do colouring-in. Opening hours: Friday: 4 pm to 10 pm. Saturday: 9 am to 6 pm; Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm.

RIDES

All rides are free of charge unless otherwise stated, and you can just turn up to join. Departure points are located along the fencing by the main tarmac road leading into the Rally: see site plan on page 10. Departure points for each ride, and any changes made since this programme went to press, will be displayed in the Rally HQ (where route details can also be found) and on each of the departure boards. Riders must satisfy themselves that they and their machines are capable of the pace, distance and type of the organised rides. The Rally Committee, organisers and ride leaders can not be held responsible for riders who fail to do so.

SHOWERS

Please note **new showers location** inside enclosure fence (see site plan, page 11) and new longer hours: Opening hours: Friday 4 pm to 10 pm, Saturday 6 am to 10 pm, Sunday: 6 am to 10 pm.

CATERING

Opening hours: Friday 4 pm to 9 pm. Saturday: 7 am to 11 pm; Sunday: 7 am to 4 pm.

BAR

We welcome back the Cwrw Iâl Community Brewing Company bar! Opening hours: Friday 4 pm to 11 pm. Saturday: 10.30 am to 11 pm. Sunday: 10.30 am to 4 pm.



AUCTION

The Auction is in the Lounge tent at 3 pm on Saturday, with seller registration from 12 noon and viewing 2 pm. Please note:

- This is a cash only sale: we have no card facilities and cannot accept cheques.
- Any cycling related item is welcome.
- There is a £2 fee per lot entered, payable by the seller in advance. In addition, 10% sellers and 10% buyer's fees will apply. So if hammer price is £100, buyer pays £110 and seller receives £90.
- Payments to sellers will be by PayPal or bank transfer or by cheque posted after the Rally to the address provided by the seller.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED BIKES AND CYCLING KIT!

This year we have once again set aside a table at the Saddlebag Sale where we will sell donated items to raise funds for the Rally. Please leave anything sellable which you can donate at HQ, before 10 am on Sunday. Complete bikes may be sold in the Auction, so please donate by 10 am Saturday. Any unsold items will be offered to local cycling organisations or, if not sellable, disposed of.

LOST PROPERTY

Please hand in any items to Rally HQ.

Friday

4.00 pm

CAMPSITE: Campsite opens!

6.30 pm

CHIPS & PUB RIDE: York Greenways evening pub ride to Deighton (or alternative if Greenway bridge is closed - see page 14) then on to Bishopthorpe for a pint! Leader Peter Huxford, a local Greenways volunteer, says "The route is along the Solar System Greenway and quiet country roads. It's about 8 miles each way. Lights needed!" www.yorkgreenways.org.uk

7.30 pm

NEW FORMAT!

Cycling Quiz: in the bar area. Just turn up! Entries £1 each, max team size six. The quiz starts at 7:30pm.

11.00 p.m. **CAMPSITE:** Quiet please after 11 pm.

Fancy joining a ride?

All rides (except Audax) are free to join - just turn up at the correct start point, which will be listed at Rally HQ. Please just make sure you and your bike are up to the ride: if in doubt, please do ask at HQ!

Eat, drink and support the Rally!

On-site catering, including vegan pizza, is now available from when the Rally's gates open on Friday evening!

There's no need to trek into York for a meal when you arrive on Friday - our caterers will be on site with a range of options, this year including a **vegan menu** from a local wood-fired pizza specialist, Mio Pizza. The bar will also be open, serving locally brewed real ales (and more) from Cwrw Iâl. Plus we'll have our trusty burger van, coffee, ice cream, and this year also a Yorkshire Pud wrap van!



Please do support the Rally's on-site caterers: a percentage of their takings goes towards Rally funds and if they're busy they'll be back next year!

Back for the York Rally 2022

Cycling Quiz

on Friday evening

Come along once you're set up! Now with easier questions and no need to book - just turn up and it's £1 per person entry, up to six per team. The Quiz will be in the bar area from 7:30 pm.



What's on: Saturday

Saturday: Rides

Please note the general information about rides on page 4, and please do check in Rally HQ for any late additions or changes.

- 9.00 am** 'C' RIDE: Tadcaster, 35 miles, medium pace. Estimated return 2 pm. Leader: Lynn Bland
- 9.10 am** 'D' RIDE: Stamford Bridge, 37 miles, medium pace, return ~2 pm. Leader: Bryan Stanton of York Wednesday Wheelers: www.york.org
- 9.20 am** 'EASY' RIDE: Slow/family ride to Riccall, where the Methodist Hall will be open with refreshments. 19 miles, return about 1:30 pm. Self-led (please ask for map at HQ). **NOTE: This ride may need to use the diversion if there is a Greenway closure - see p. 14.**
- 9.40 am** RETRO RIDE: Calling connoisseurs of classic cycles! Our Retro Ride is a 27 mile ride through undulating countryside to Tadcaster and beyond, with a refreshment stop at the midpoint. Estimated return 1:30 pm. Leader: David Kimberley.
- 10.00 am**  **YORK GREENWAYS RIDE:** Super easy 'Eco' family ride to Naburn Bridge. "A traffic free eco ride along the Solar System Greenway with stops to see York's unique iridescent Tansy Beetle habitat, and Urban Buzz's wild flowers. Refreshments at Bishopthorpe Marina. About 5 miles each way." Leader: Peter Huxford. www.yorkgreenways.org.uk
- 11.30 am**  **YORK GREENWAYS RIDE:** A gentle ride on the 'Way of the Roses' to the National Trust's Beningborough Hall, 9 miles each way — largely traffic free but with a couple of miles on road. Lunch there, back about 3.30 pm. Leader: Ken Groom.
- 1.30 pm**  **RSF RIDE:** To Dunnington (and maybe beyond!): about 20 mainly flat-ish miles using cycle tracks, bridleways and quiet lanes. We will have to cross some main roads. Refreshment stop en-route. Expected return 4.30 pm, leader John Hitchen, RSF. **NOTE: This ride may need to use the diversion route if there is a Greenway closure - see page 14.**
- 6.00 pm** 'VV' PUB RIDE: Easy pub ride (under five miles each way, almost traffic free) to the Blacksmith Arms, Naburn or, if the Greenway bridge is closed (see page 14) to an alternative pub, the Ship Inn at Acaster Malbis. You will need lights! Self led - maps at HQ.

Saturday: Activities

- 10.30 am** All activities open:
TRADE SHOW
CLUB DISPLAYS
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
THE SONICS PLAY LIVE
- 12 noon** **AUCTION:** Seller registration open
THE SONICS PLAY LIVE
- 1 & 2 pm** **TALKS:** see opposite
- 2.00 pm** **AUCTION:** Viewing (until 3 pm)
- 3.00 pm** **AUCTION:** Selling starts! Expected to end by 5 pm.
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES close
- 5 to 7 pm** **TALKS:** see opposite
- 6.00 pm** All activities close:
TRADE SHOW
CLUB DISPLAYS
- 7.30 pm** **OPEN MIC NIGHT:** Bring your instrument! Until around 10:30 pm in the main marquee. See right...
- 11.00 p.m.** **CAMP SITE:** Quiet please after 11pm.

Saturday: the Auction Sale

Buy or sell bikes with all the adrenaline of the auction format! Viewing starts at 2 pm Saturday and the sale starts 3 pm. Please see page 4 for further details.

We are saddened that **The York Lions Club**, who assisted with the running of the York Rally Auction for many years, disbanded in 2020 after 62 years of service, in the course of which they raised over £600,000 for local charities. We would like to thank all past members of the York Lions Club for their long history of service and support for the York Rally Auction.

Children's activities

We have extra activities for children this year on both Saturday and Sunday - please see page 9!

Saturday: Talks

Many thanks to our all-volunteer speakers! Talks take place in the main marquee; see site plan on page 11.

1 pm: Cycling Britain on a Twenty Five Quid Bike by Nick Dawes: "Around 15 years ago I cycled LeJog with a pal, as lots of people do, but I was unfit, naively unprepared and riding an 'old school' Raleigh I bought cheaply off a pal. Then I wrote a book about it..."

2 pm: The Unknown Story of Tommy Simpson and the 1958 Cardiff Empire and Commonwealth Games by Stuart Stanton: "In all the work published on Simpson, there has been very little mention of this chapter and only a very few b/w photos ever published. These came from the archive of the late Ron Good and were bequeathed to me prior to his death. The story itself is very relevant with the Birmingham on the horizon."

5 pm: In Search of Lost Lanes by Jack Thurston: Jack turned his lifelong love of exploring the British countryside by bike into a best-selling series of regional guidebooks. Jack's talk will focus on the enduring appeal of quiet country lanes and rural byways and he'll share his tips and tricks on how to design great routes and get the most from your days out exploring by bike. As presenter of the long-running *The Bike Show*, Jack was an early cycling podcaster, and has more recently anchored the *Slow Cycling* documentary series on GCN+.

6 pm: Cycle framebuilding by Richard Hallett Having learned the finer points of custom frame building under the tutelage of legendary British builder Cliff Shrubbs, Richard began building bike frames to put into practice some of the ideas and experience gained over more than two decades spent testing bikes and writing about cycling technology for the UK's leading cycling magazines.

This talk discusses technical aspects of the traditional framebuilding techniques of brazing, fillet-brazing and silver-soldering, exploring the difference between bi-laminate construction and conventional lugs, explaining how brazing makes strong joints and detailing the tube preparation required for a successful outcome.

Beryl Burton on the Greenway!

Anyone joining the 'Easy' ride to Riccall at 9:20am will be in for two special treats.

First, at the Methodist Hall in Riccall the local W.I. is kindly opening with a traditional spread of refreshments to delight any hungry cyclist.

Then on the return trip riders will pause to remember the great racing cyclist Beryl Burton, who opened the Greenway in 1987 as the very first section of the UK's National Cycle Network.

Her daughter Denise (pictured right in the child seat as Beryl rides) will say a few words as a new interpretation board is unveiled alongside the memorial plaque to Beryl which stands alongside the Greenway.

For more information about the Greenway, and the volunteers who maintain it, see: www.yorkgreenways.org.uk



Saturday: Live music

We're delighted to once again welcome **The Sonics Rock and Roll Band** to the Rally! Three keen cyclists, they will play two sets on Saturday morning, from 10:30 am and 12.

On Saturday evening, as last year's band has retired, we're trying something new. It's **Open Mic Night** at the York Rally!

The evening will be conducted by professional host and performer Linda Jennings — a long-time cyclist and triathlete from Bolton.

So please bring your instruments or just your voice to the main marquee from 7:30 pm on Saturday to join in: absolutely all abilities are welcome!

Or just come to listen - and maybe sing along...



OPEN MIC NIGHT

All styles and abilities are welcome, including spoken word.

7.30pm START

Full PA, bass rig and cajon available.

What's on: Sunday

Sunday: Rides

Please note the general information about rides on page four, and please do also check in Rally HQ for any late additions or changes.

8.45 am **RIDE TO NABURN CHURCH:** An all age worship service will take place at St Matthew's, Naburn, at 9:30 AM. The ride to the church will leave from the cycle path across the racetrack from the Knavesmire at 8.45 am sharp - see map on page 10. There will also be a marshalled ride back after the service. **NOTE: This ride may need to use the diversion route if there is a Greenway closure - see page 14.**

10.00 am **RSF RIDE:** The Solar System from the Sun to Pluto - and back - all in an morning! A gentle easy going ride along York's famous Solar System Greenway mainly on cycle tracks and a few quiet lanes. Meet at 10 am - back for lunch! About 9 miles each way. Refreshment stop en-route. Leader John Hitchen, RSF. **NOTE: This ride may need to use the diversion route if there is a Greenway closure - see page 14.**

11.30 pm **NABURN EASY RIDE:** Ride to a Naburn area refreshment stop, ca 4 miles. Details TBC, and route may adapt if bridge closure is in place (see page 14).

12.15 pm **YORK GREENWAYS "COL DE KIMBERLOW" RIDE:** Cross the University Campus on what - in York - passes for a hill. Great views to the North and South. Tea at the York Velodrome. Back along the route of the Derwent Valley Light Railway. Leader: Peter Huxford. www.yorkgreenways.org.uk

Have you bought your badge?

2022 badges are on sale now at Rally HQ, plus badges from previous years.

After the Rally you can order online for postal delivery at: yorkrally.org/merchandise

Sunday: Activities

10.00 am **SADDLEBAG SALE:** Sellers setting up.

10.30 am All activities open:
TRADE SHOW
CLUB DISPLAYS
CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

11.00 am **SADDLEBAG SALE:** Opens to buyers. Entry free with show programme, else £1.

12 - 3 pm **TALKS:** see opposite for details.

3.00 pm **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** close

4.30 pm **TRADE SHOW** closes
CLUB DISPLAYS close

8.00 pm **SURVIVORS' GATHERING:** DIY get-together in the central trade area for anyone still on site. Bring a BBQ if you have one!

11.00 pm **CAMP SITE:** Quiet please after 11 pm. Please depart by 10 am on Monday morning.



Photo: Robert Johnstone

Saddlebag Sale

The York Rally cycle jumble is traditionally known as the Saddlebag Sale. This year there'll be a more COVID-friendly layout.

Sellers set up from 10 AM, buyers enter from 11 AM. Entry is free with this programme, otherwise £1. Donations of items to be sold for Rally funds are welcome: see page 4 for details.

Children's activities

We have extra activities for children this year on both Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am to 3 pm!

Wildlife wonders!



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust



Join the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in Rally HQ!

Owl pellets: discover what owls like to eat by investigating their pellets!

Poo quiz: be a poo detective and work out which poo is which!

iSpy sheet: who lives on the Knavesmire? Take one of our treasure hunt sheets and see if you can find racecourse inhabitants! Bring your treasure hunt sheet back and get a prize!



Treasure hunt!

Seek out the secret stones: they're hidden around the Rally site. You need to collect the letters marked on the stones and decode the word they spell out to win tasty prizes! To start you'll need the treasure map, which you can collect at Rally HQ...



NEW: Pedal Passport

Visit displays around the Rally site to gather stickers and complete your Pedal Passport! Bring the completed Passport back to HQ for prizes...

Do you have any junior activity ideas for next year? We'd love to hear from you - please contact us on juniors@yorkrally.org

Sunday: Talks

Many thanks to our speakers! Talks take place in the main marquee: see site plan, page 11.

12 noon: Inspired Cycle Engineering

The recumbent tricycle specialists from Cornwall offer insights from 20 years in business, and from locations spanning the Invictus Games to the South Pole!

1 pm: Electric Bikes Q&A

Find out all about the latest electric-assist technology with John from the **Electric Transport Shop** in York. A tailwind for your bike!

Church service ride

Once again we have a Sunday church service ride, an easy and almost completely traffic-free 5 miles to St Matthew's in Naburn. **NOTE: This ride may need to use the somewhat less traffic-free diversion route if there is a Greenway closure - see page 14.**

Photo: Dave Dodwell

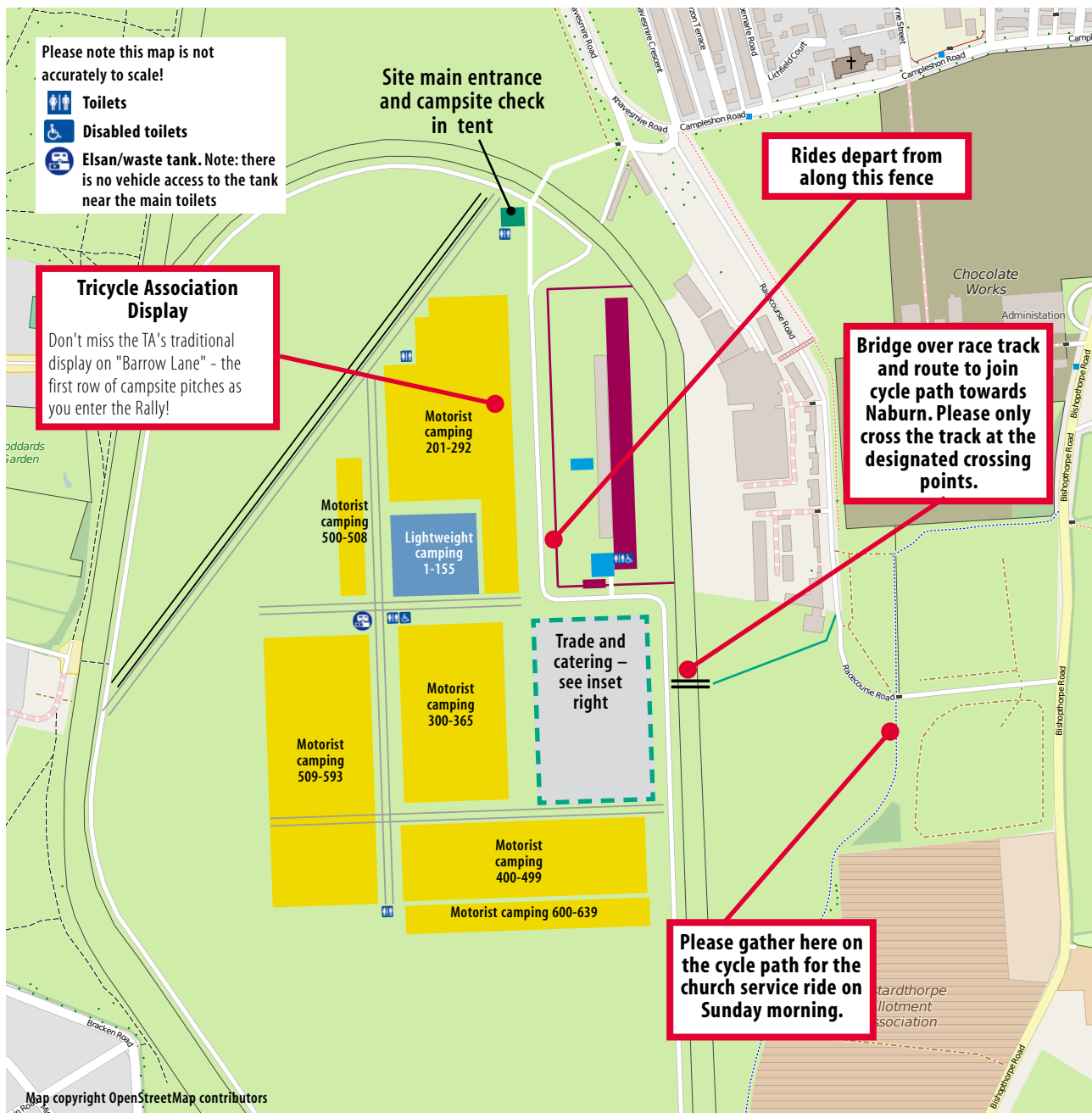


Rough riding with the RSF

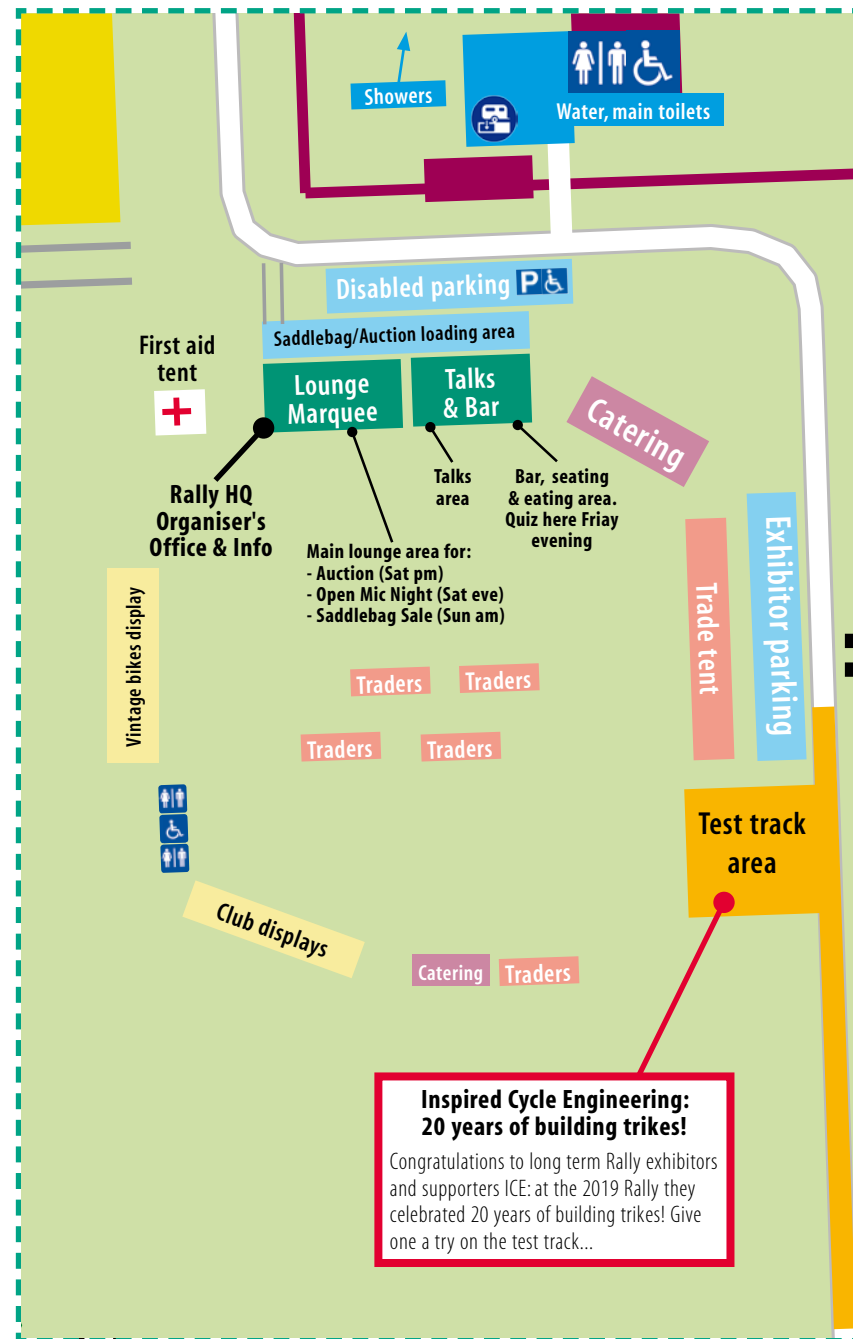
The RSF (Rough Stuff Fellowship) is an off-road cycling club: visit their display or join a ride to find out more. Their rides from the Rally on Saturday and Sunday use cycle tracks, bridleways and quiet lanes. www.rsf.org.uk



2022 York Rally site plan



Please note new showers location for 2022!
They are now within the fenced enclosure.



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York area cycle route diversions - heads up!

Visitors to the York Rally should be aware of works and changes on major cycle routes in and near York.

First, Terry Avenue in York (the riverside path which runs from the Millennium Bridge towards the city centre on the side of the river closest to the Rally site) is closed for long term flood prevention work. This closure will definitely be in place during the Rally. For many destinations in town you can just use the other side of the river, and there are signed diversions too.

Secondly, the route north across Clifton Ings (on the NCN route to Beningborough

Hall) has been diverted to a new path – but it's pretty close to the one one so should not cause significant issues.

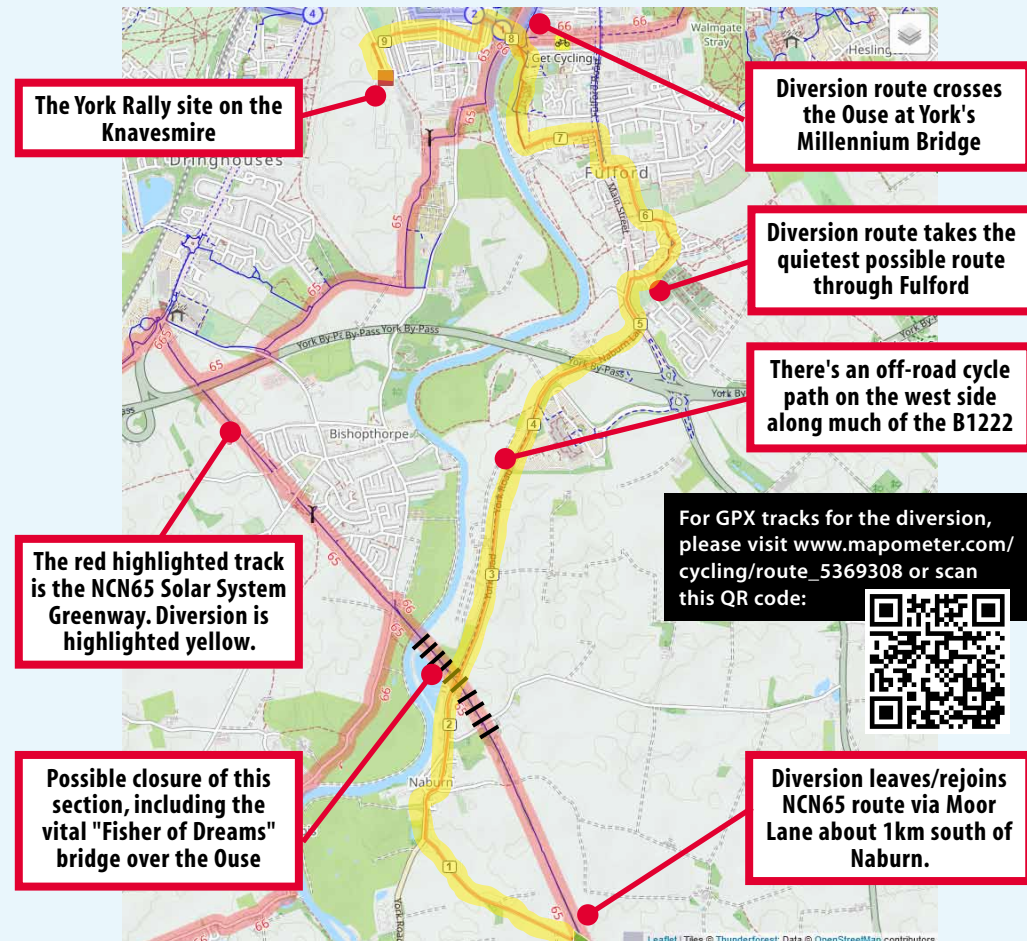
Finally, and most seriously, the Sustrans NCN Route 65 from Selby to York, also known as the Solar System Greenway, (and part of the Trans-Pennine Trail) may be closed at a stretch including the critical river crossing near York, including the "Fisher of Dreams" former swing bridge between Bishopthorpe and Naburn.

We have been in close and friendly contact with Sustrans and they hope, but cannot

guarantee, that works will be complete by the Rally weekend and the path will be open. But we must be aware that it could be shut to all traffic, with heavy machinery on site and no possibility of access even for pedestrians.

If this section is still closed during the Rally, it could disrupt several of our led rides, and of course inconvenience Rally-goers arriving or departing from the Rally by this route.

Our proposed diversion route in case the bridge is closed is detailed below. This will be clearly signposted.



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GREAT YORKSHIRE CYCLE JUMBLE is back



SATURDAY, 17th September 2022 ~
10am to 2pm.

To be held at Shipton Village Hall,
Main Street,
Shipton-by-Beningbrough.
YO30 1AA

(5 miles north of York on the A19)

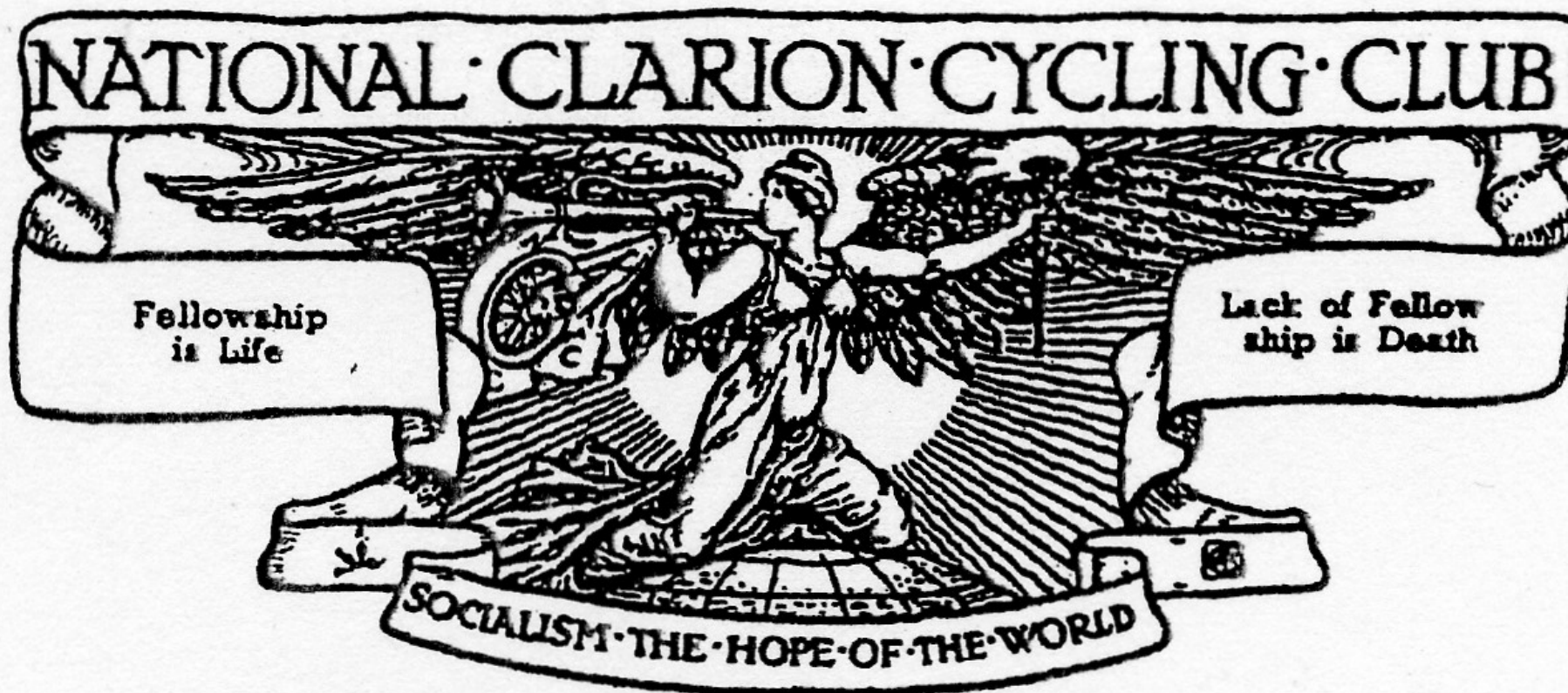
Indoor pitches £10, outdoor pitches £10

NOTE: All sellers need to bring their own tables.

£1 admission, No early birds, No queuing,
Refreshments and large free car park on site.

Contact: Charles Jepson 01254 51302 (just 5 digits)

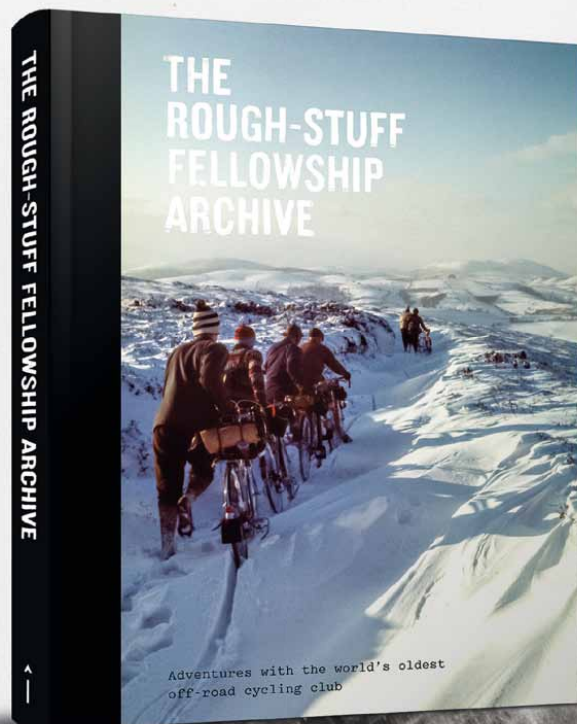
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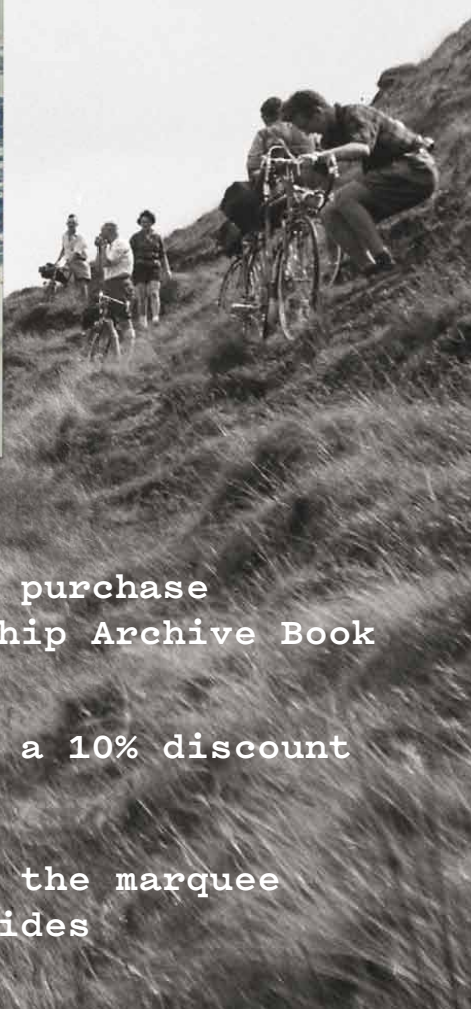
To find out more and to purchase
The Rough-Stuff Fellowship Archive Book
please visit rsf.org.uk

Members are entitled to a 10% discount

Find us at rsf.org.uk

Meet us on the stand in the marquee

Join us on one of our rides



Displays and Exhibitors

Our thanks to the following clubs for supporting the Rally with their displays:

British Human Power Club

Website: www.bhpc.org.uk

Bygone Bykes (Yorkshire) Club

Website: www.bygonebykes.weebly.com

E-mail bbyc1967@btinternet.com

National Association of Veteran Cycle Clubs

Tel 01530 833 521 Website: www.navcc.co.uk

National Clarion Cycling Club 1895

Contact Charles Jepson. Tel 01254 51302 E-mail clarioncc@yahoo.co.uk

Northern Counties Veteran and Classic Cycle Club

E-mail info@ncvccc.co.uk Website www.ncvccc.co.uk

Tricycle Association

Website: www.tricycleassociation.co.uk

Retrobike forum

Website: www.retrobike.co.uk

RSF Off-road cycling club (Rough Stuff Fellowship)

Website: www.rsf.org.uk

All volunteer-run clubs are always welcome to exhibit at the Rally free of charge!

Our thanks to the following companies for supporting the Rally with their displays:

Adapt-E ICETrikes

07836 524170 www.adapt-e.co.uk

Black Bikes

01263 822255 www.black-bikes.co.uk

Cycle Touring Supplies

07954 227309

www.cycletouringsupplies.co.uk

Electric Transport Shop (York)

01904 623515

www.electricbikesales.co.uk

Fibrax Ltd

01978 356 744 www.fibrax.com

Inspired Cycle Engineering

01326 378848 www.icetrikes.co

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www.pimcycles.co.uk

Re-Cycle York

01904 848141

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Ryan Builds Wheels

0117 955 6269

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07451 069760 www.showerspass.co.uk

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IN GRATEFUL MEMORY

Brian Thompson

Brian's involvement in the York Rally started in approximately 1988 when fellow cycling club member Trevor Wheatcroft asked if he could help with pegging out and setting up the campsite. This was often in the rain, but Brian would be out there sporting his work boots, shorts and his bright yellow work-supplied waterproof coat.

He attended every year after until the Rally's cancellation due to Covid in 2020, with just one exception when he had some excuse of being on holiday in the USA to celebrate his & his wife Sandra's silver wedding anniversary, but the family was still represented as his daughter came and camped in her tent.

He helped with the campsite for many years until his health began to limit him a little, but he still helped out by moving stuff in his car round the site and becoming his daughter's (our treasurer's) chauffeur.

He also became our main programme sales person on the entrance gate in the last few years before Covid. He was known for his cheeky remarks including "Buy a programme, see what you missed!" to those leaving the site, and on Sunday just about persuading people to buy a second programme saying "This is the new updated version" when they had already bought one on the Saturday.

Brian lost his wife Sandra unexpectedly and suddenly in 2015 to cancer, but this didn't curb his enthusiasm for the Rally. He would be on site from Wednesday to help where he could with set-up, and otherwise he would often be found enjoying a chat and a coffee with fellow rally-goers and friends.

For many years until he retired from the AA, his caravan would sport an AA "Join here" sign. I don't think he ever did sign up any new members, but he often had to help out rally-goers by jump-starting vehicles where the battery had gone flat, or to get into cars when keys had got locked inside.

Brian died in July 2020 aged 72, after a short illness, leaving behind his two grown up children Karl and Rachel, who are both involved with the Rally.

With thanks to Rachel Thompson for this tribute.



ABOVE: Brian Thompson (seated, centre) relaxes with fellow volunteers at a recent York Rally



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY

Brian and Pauline Witty

Sadly, two years ago, the York Rally lost two of its longest serving volunteers, Brian and Pauline Witty.

They had been supporting the Rally since its early days. Brian used to run the campsite but through his work on the committee also carried out many other tasks over the years. He was also a cycling rights campaigner which involved him with many local groups and forums with meetings up and down the country.

Pauline was famously known for her fat rascals and other sweet delights which she often baked for the volunteers at the Rally

along with serving gallons of tea and coffee.

They both used to camp at the Rally until later years when they stayed at a local B & B. They also took their family to the Rally where they often competed in events, winning the Cycling Family and the Bicycle Belle awards. Brian was awarded the CTC Honour Award for his contribution to cycling.

They both passed away peacefully within 6 months of each other after moving into a care home.

With our thanks to Heather Pedley for this tribute.

The photo shows the Witty family at the York Rally - but can anyone help us identify the year?



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY

Paul Hepworth

Few can have contributed more time and energy in recent decades to the York Rally than Paul Hepworth. Alongside numerous other local volunteering commitments - to CTC North Yorkshire, to the York Cycle Campaign, to Holgate Windmill, to Poppleton Road Memorial Hall and in his indefatigable letter-writing to the York Press as 'Pedalling Paul' - the York Rally was very fortunate to benefit from Paul's dedicated service, and huge organisational prowess. Without Paul's tireless and selfless work, we might not even have a Rally now, such was the workload he undertook, as Chairman of the organising committee and in many other roles. Paul was also instrumental in the creation of the York to Riccall path along the old East Coast Main Line, now known as the Solar System Greenway.

But Paul was never one to seek the limelight, and it's perhaps telling of his modesty that the best photo we have shows him not centre stage, but pictured (left) with his camera, no doubt gathering images to promote the next York Rally, while accompanying the civic party as they watched the Grand Parade leave York Minster in 2007, in a glorious stream of cyclists.

Even after the new team of volunteers revived the Rally in 2015, Paul was hugely generous and helpful with ideas, contacts and assistance wherever he could, and he is much missed.

Paul passed away in March 2020 during a heart operation, leaving behind his wife and two sons.

Local info

Rally contact numbers

York Rally mobile:
07467 321 443
This number will be
manned 24 hours
throughout the Rally.
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enquiries.

First Aid & Emergency:
07596 831 541
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throughout the Rally.

Useful numbers

Emergency: 999
Non-emergency police: 101
NHS advice service: 111
York Hospital: 01904 631313
Samaritans: 08457 90 90 90

Local services

Pharmacies: The one with
longest opening hours is at
Tesco Extra, YO24 1LW: open
Sat: 8am to 9pm. Sun: 10am
to 4pm. See map. Follow the
arrow for another.

Filling gas cylinders: There are several York area Calor Gas stockists
but the closest is probably Morrisons supermarket petrol station on
Foss Islands Road, YO31 7UL. Open 6am-10:30 Fri, Sat; 8am-8pm Sun.

Vets: Tower Vets have a surgery nearby (YO23 1NZ, see map) but it's
only open 8:30-11am on Sat. Other branches in York open until 12

on Saturdays. Closed Sunday. Phone 01904 653961 or see www.towervets.co.uk

Local cycle shops and cafes

Cycle shops: Too many to mention in York but the closest are
probably:

- **Cycle Heaven** on Hospital Fields Road, across the
Millennium Bridge (branches also at the train station and
Bishopthorpe Road). Tel 01904 636 578,
www.cycleheaven.co.uk
- **Get Cycling** are also close by on Hospital Fields Road: Tel
01904 636 812. Specialists in all abilities cycling.
www.getcycling.org.uk

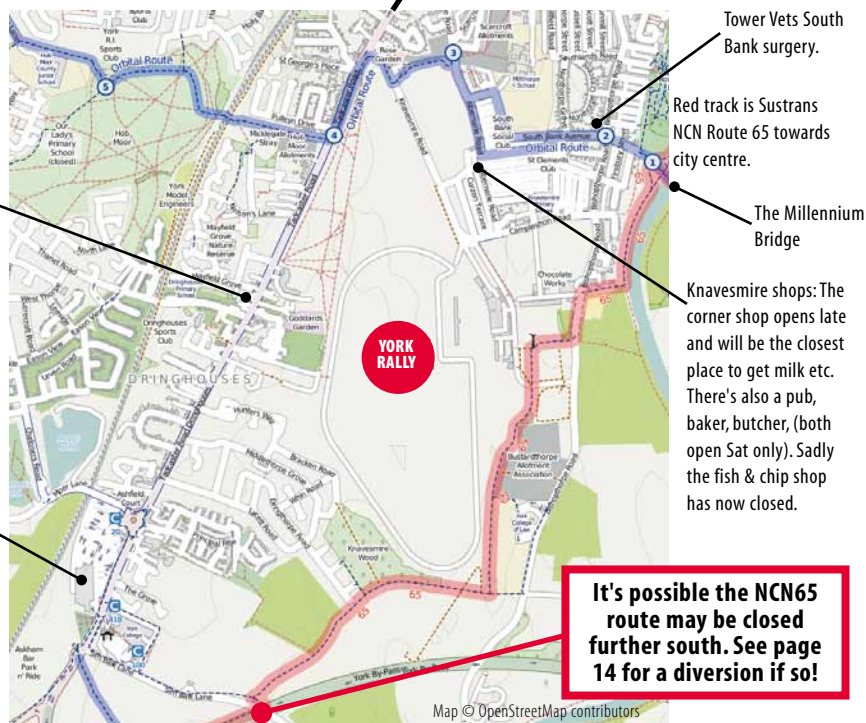
Cycling cafes: After others have sadly closed the main one in
York is now at **Cycle Heaven**, Hospital Fields Road.

Follow Tadcaster Road into town and there's a Sainsbury's local
supermarket on your left just before the cinema, with a cash
point outside. There's also a pharmacy just across the road from
Sainsbury's. The train station is in this direction too.

Blue track is York's
orbital cycle route.

Petrol station and
late opening shop,
Tadcaster Rd. There's
a post office in a shop
just north of it on
Tadcaster Road, and
a good fish and chips
just to the south.

Tesco Extra super-
market with pharmacy,
petrol station and cash
points. By car, approach
from roundabout on
Tadcaster Road. By
bike you can also use
the pedestrian ramp
opposite York College,
making the ride from
the Rally (via Route 65)
entirely off road.



Red track is NCN Route 65 (York Greenway)
towards Naburn and Selby

**It's possible the NCN65
route may be closed
further south. See page
14 for a diversion if so!**



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