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As National Cycle to School Week draws to a close this week, the summer of 2005 promises to be a memorable one for cycling in Keighley! After the successful pre-launch meeting of the CyKle initiative last November, the launch proper will take place at *sportKarnival* at Oakbank on Sunday 19th June. As reported in last week's Keighley News, the event will be preceded by a "Race the Train" Ride, open to all, from Keighley to Oxenhope that morning.

The *sportKarnival* event, part of the Keighley Festival and now an official National Bike Week Event, will combine a wide range of display and participation events for cyclists old and new, young and not so young, competitive and not so. Combined with activities surrounding the Keighley SKate initiative, it promises to be a great day out.

In the week prior to *sportKarnival*, plans are also being drawn up for the Bike2Work Event, also as part of National Cycling Week. This will involve a mass ride to work for riders from Keighley and Bradford.

Many local riders will be competing in National events in Yorkshire throughout the summer and will dream of being in the legendary Tour de France trying to stop the incredible Lance Armstrong from winning his seventh consecutive event this July. In September, many Tour riders will be coming to Keighley in the annual Tour of Britain, and a great Keighley welcome is planned on Thursday 1st September as the riders come through en route from Leeds to Sheffield.

It is hoped that on the following Sunday 4th September a mini "Etape du Tour" event will be held following the route from Victoria Park to the top of Cock Hill above Oxenhope. This is a Tour of Britain "King of the Mountains" Stage, and the opportunity will be there to compare yourself against the best!

The CyKle initiative, part of the Keighley Integrated (Ki) project involving Walkways, AKtiveHoppa and SKate, aims to develop cycling infrastructure and routes in and around Keighley, notably the proposed Keighley to Oxenhope Cycleway.

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