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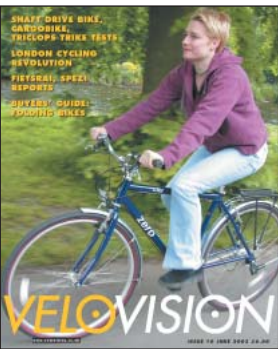
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Opposite: Michael Brandist stretches his legs in front of Leicester's National Space Centre after a ride in the Cargobike. Read Steven Brandist's review on page 32. Photo: Steven Brandist

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THE RIGHT BIKE

Sad news. The bike on which I began my cycling life has finally gone to the great scrapheap in the sky. A cheap, secondhand steel-rimmed 'racer', it did sterling service – at the age of 16 giving me the cycling bug, and even taking me on my first proper cycle tour in Corsica before becoming my student steed in London. Then it was adopted by my younger brother James and for almost a decade it's been his daily city transport – despite my best efforts to get him to buy something better, with brakes that work in the wet.

But a few months ago, with buckled wheels and a utterly shot transmission, it had reached the point where, sentiment aside, a new bike really was called for. So he found a newer, younger model to take him to work and back... and is delighted. I couldn't persuade him to go for hub gears, but at least he has decent brakes and gears that, for now, click not graunch.

The point of this slightly sentimental rambling? That while you can have a great time, catch the cycling bug and be happy for years on any old rust-bucket of a bike, the right machine for the job can make a huge difference to your cycling pleasure and safety. This is especially the case when you start to take on cycling tasks that go a bit beyond the ordinary – for example train travel or child-carrying. We've ideas in this issue for both...and much more besides.

Peter Eland