
The Dagworth Wheeler

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Carnival

Well, our presentation of "Romans and Iceni" at Stowmarket Carnival failed to win a prize. However, unlike to other years when we failed to win, this time the reason was that other people were better than us—so that's all right then.

Postponed

The 50ish mile run arranged for August Bank Holiday was postponed and will now take place on 12th September. Depending on
A: how long I take to write this newsletter, and
B: how long it takes to get to you, the run could be
A: any day now,
B: finished, or
C: happening now.

Meetings

Monthly meetings have returned to the winter pattern—not the confusing winter pattern that we had last year, but the good old-fashioned one of meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' on the third Thursday of every month.

October's meeting will also be the annual conkers match.

The Summer plan of riding to various places for the monthly meetings worked well, and we will have to try to remember to do it again next year. The Earl Soham ride featured an encounter with

Rex Garrod's latest robot trundling up the road in Mickfield, a record number of mopedists from the NACC turning up at the meeting, and the pub having none of its own brews available.

We went to the 'Six Bells' at Gislingham twice: the Rickingham ride ended up there too.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Cotton 'Trowel & Hammer'

I've Remembered

The Society's traditional snow ride (which hardly ever happens) is usually scheduled for January or February. In the last couple of years, the only snow worth speaking about has fallen in December.

So, this year's cunning plan is to extend the range of dates for this ride into December - that should ensure that it doesn't snow then either.

Usual rules apply - if there is snow on the ground at a weekend, phone Andrew on Stowmarket 673943 to find out where the ride starts from.

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Scary

All Hallows' Eve cannot be allowed to pass without us having a cycle ride. We will gather at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' at 8:00pm. Thence we will proceed to Haughley 'Kings Arms'. The rest of the evening will be in Stowmarket and our final pub should be the 'Gladstone Arms'. Depending on how long we tarried in Haighley's hostelries, there may be time to fit another pub in, in which case the 'Royal William' must be favourite.

The final port of call should be the 'Bamboo House' Chinese take-away—but since none of us has bothered to check what its opening hours are on a Sunday, there is a risk of it being closed when we get there. That, at least, should give the ride a greater element of danger than the 'scary objects' that participants traditionally bring along on these occasions.

Bringing some sort of eating implement with you could prove to be useful.

Christmas

I expect we will have a Chistmas lunch this year; the date of 12th December looks like being the most likely one.

What would be really, really nice now is for some eager soul to actually do something about organising this lunch. Presumably, we will have the usual game of watching the date get nearer and nearer, waiting to see whose nerve cracks first. Life would seem empty without traditions like this.



League of Anglian Wheelers

The LAW is a loose association of cycling clubs in East Anglia - so loose that some of the clubs don't even realise they are members. The League is for clubs that organise the more leisurely, social types of event, rather than hard-riding, competitive ones. Because we can't all belong to every cycling club in our region, the LAW means that you can occasionally go out with another club. Of course, if you find you are regularly attending another club's events, you are expected to do the decent thing ...

Weeting

The Weeting Wheelers have a ride at 10:30am every Sunday (well, nearly every Sunday). These are mostly road rides but there is an off-road ride each month. The Wheelers also take part in events organised by the Veteran-Cycle Club and by the March Veteran & Vin-

tage Cycle Club. Obviously, if one of these rides is taking place it will affect the Wheelers' normal programme of events so it is always a good idea to check with Gerry first if you are intending to go to a Weeting event.

Elmswell

The Elmswheelians have a number of events planned throughout the year. They usually (but not always) start from Abbots Warren in Church Road.

Ipswich

The Ipswich Family Cycle Club holds a ride on the last Sunday of each month. They usually start from 8 Heath Lane, Ipswich at 11:00am and are about six miles out and six miles back. The pace is slow as children as young as 6 are riding their own bikes. Beginners and solo cyclists are welcome too.

October Ride

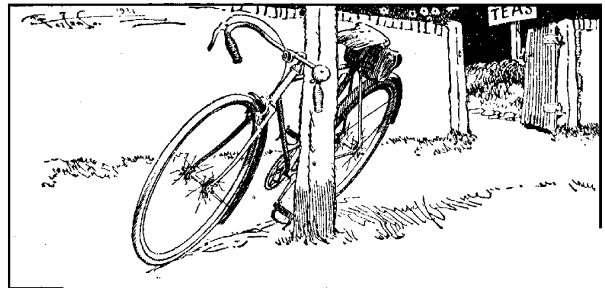
Please Miss! It's not my fault. That Richard Hall did it.

Richard wanted to have a ride to Swilland 'Moon and Mushroom' (or 'Half Moon' for traditionalists). The trouble is, he couldn't be bothered to work out a date for it. He also suggested that it might be an idea to ride in conjunction with what he called "the Mowers lot". So, if the run happens at all, you'll need to ask Richard when it is.

I suggest you phone him (01449 612940) three times a day between now and Christmas—that should ensure that he doesn't do it again. An October Sunday is most likely day (ie: more likely than any other days, but still not very likely at all, really).

Officers

President	Keith Farrow
Vice-President	Janet Walker
Foreman	Ken Bond
Treasurer	Richard Hall
Social Secretary	Andrew Pattle
Recorder	Jonathan Walker



Calendar of Events

September

- Sunday 12th** **North Suffolk 50: depart from Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943**
- Thursday 16th** **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern', 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC**
- Sunday 19th Veteran-Cycle Club Essex/Suffolk border ride, 38 miles, two groups for 'classic' and 'veteran' machines. Starts in Dedham at 11:00am. John Malseed, 01206 323334
- Sunday 26th Ipswich Family Cycling Club ride from 8 Heath Lane, Ipswich at 11:00am to Waldringfield. IFCC rides are about six miles out and six miles back, the pace is slow as children as young as 6 are riding their own bikes. Beginners and solo cyclists welcome. John Tomlinson: john.tomo@btinternet.com

October

- Sunday 3rd Veteran-Cycle Club Inaugural 'Suffolk Trudge'. 15 or 20 mile ride. Cally Calloman, 01986 784664
- Sunday 3rd Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Manningtree Station to Shotley. Meet at 10:00 for

10:30 start. Lunch at Shotley Marina Restaurant. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

Thursday 21st **Monthly meeting and annual Conkers match at Haughley 'Railway Tavern', 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC**

Sunday 31st **All Hallow's Eve ride. Gather at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' around 8:00pm for a ride into Haughley village (King's Arms) and thence to Stowmarket (Gladstone Arms). Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943**

Sunday 31st Ipswich Family Cycling Club ride from 8 Heath Lane, Ipswich at 11:00am to Levington. IFCC rides are about six miles out and six miles back, the pace is slow as children as young as 6 are riding their own bikes. Beginners and solo cyclists welcome. John Tomlinson: john.tomo@btinternet.com

November

Sunday 14th Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Colchester to East Mersea. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

Thursday 18th **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern', 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**

Sunday 28th Ipswich Family Cycling Club ride from 8 Heath Lane, Ipswich at 11:00am to Woodbridge. IFCC rides are about six miles out and six miles back, the pace is slow as children as young as 6 are riding their own bikes. Beginners and solo cyclists welcome. John Tomlinson: john.tomo@btinternet.com

December

Thursday 2nd **Quarterly meeting at Cotton 'Trowel & Hammer', 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943**

Sunday 12th **Christmas Lunch. Details and venue TBA**

Sunday 12th Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Heybridge Mald to Little Tothay. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

Thursday 16th **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern', 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Andrew Pattle: 01449 673943. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**

