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Shock horror!

A break from tradition: there is no All Hallows' Eve ride this year. This is because Andrew can't come out to play on Tuesdays. To make up for it we'll have a Guy Fawkes Night ride instead. Gather at Stowmarket market place in time to set off at

6pm in the gathering gloom. We will make for Thurston Fox and Hounds and then work our way back to Stowmarket, pub by pub. Which means Tostock Gardener's Arms, Woolpit Bull, and then, who knows?



Meetings

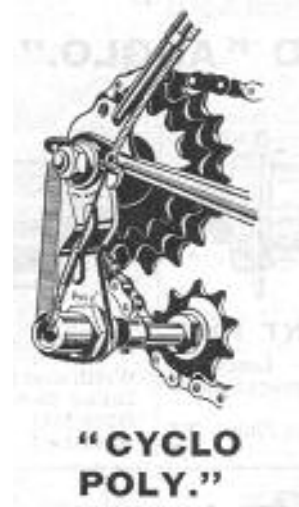
The September monthly meeting is the last of the peripatetic summer series and will be at Stonham Aspull Ten Bells. From October we're back at Haughley Railway Tavern on the third Thursday of each month. With the monthly meetings back at Haughley, we'll start moving the quarterly meetings around again, just to keep thing that little bit confusing. December's meeting will be at Cotton Trowel and Hammer.

How can you tell

if she's made of wood?

Build a bridge out of her. September 24th is the date of the Cracotte Challenge and this year's challenge is to build a bridge from cracottes ... plus some other materials ... sellotape, for instance. Stop! Don't rush off and start sticking cracottes together now. The challenge is to build the bridge on the day using just the materials provided. The

bridge that carries the greatest weight before crumbling to dust will be adjudged the winner. You may bring your own sellotape (British Standard 3/4" wide) and scissors to avoid every one having to fight over the same reel of tape. The contest starts at 10:30 at 7 Unity Road and continues until the pubs open.



Conkers

As usual, our annual Conkers match will be at October's monthly meeting.

Snow

Should it happen to snow this winter (which for our purposes is defined as the months of December, January and February) we will attempt to ride through it. If it

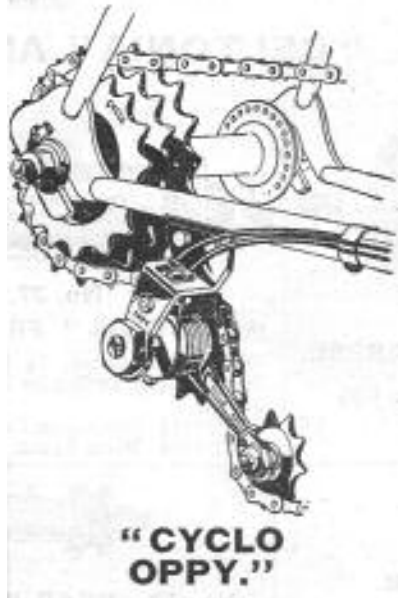
Officers

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

happens, this will be a weekend ride. As usual, Andrew is the co-ordinator for this and, if the weather looks suitable, he will contact anyone who he thinks might be interested. So, to be moderately sure that you're on Andrew's list, tell him you want to join in.

Cally's Trudge

Cally is organising another Suffolk Trudge for the V-CC on 8th October. It will be a 30-mile circular ride with an alternative 10-mile route for the young or inebriated. The ride will start from Marlinspike Hall in Walpole and an historic pub will end it all. For more information, ring Cally on 01986 784664.



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Carnival

Readers who have been fretting over our failure to win anything at last year's Stowmarket Carnival will be reassured to learn that, this year, we returned to our winning ways and gained first prize in the Small Vehicles category, so all's right with the world.

Boules

Eight Society members made it to the annual pétanque match on August Bank Holiday. To avoid it taking all day, we combined into four teams of two and ran it as a knockout competition. Graham and Chris Pattle were the

winning team. As the Stowmarket contingent wended its way homeward it was engulfed by an unseasonable quantity of weather: thunder, lightning, torrential rain and hail, immediately followed by brilliant sunshine. The sight of the sun brightly illuminating white cottages against a background of a rainbow on a dark blue—almost purple—sky, almost compensated for getting very wet ... very, very wet ... very, very wet indeed.

And now...

Juan arrive du Mexique à la frontière séparant le Mexique des États-Unis en bicyclette. Il a un gros sac sur ses épaules.

Le douanier l'arrête et lui demande: "Qu'est-ce que tu as dans ton sac?" Juan répond: "Du sable."

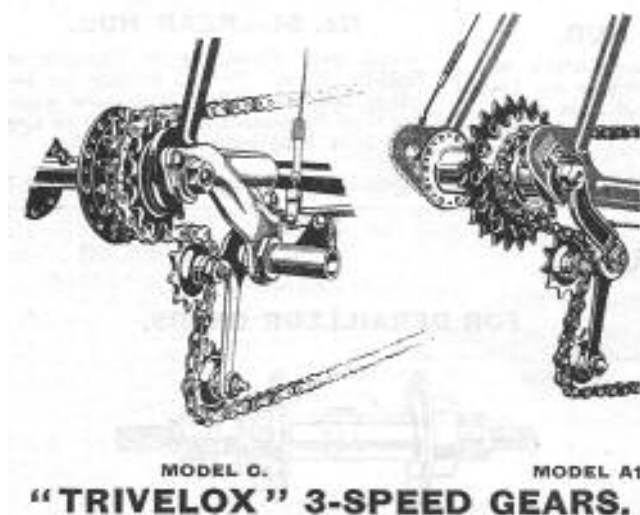
Le douanier incrédule lui dit: "On va voir ça... Descends du vélo."

Le douanier ouvre alors le sac et répand le sable qu'il contient sur le sol. Il fouille dedans sans rien y trouver.

- "C'est bon." lui dit-il.

Juan ramasse le sable du mieux qu'il peut et repart sur sa bicyclette.

Une semaine plus tard, la même chose se produit. Le douanier demande à Juan: "Qu'est-ce que tu as dans ton sac cette fois?" Juan répond: "Du sable."



Le douanier qui n'est toujours pas convaincu décide de détenir Juan pour la nuit et d'envoyer un échantillon du sable pour analyse. Le lendemain, les résultats révèlent qu'il s'agit bien de sable. Il laisse donc Juan repartir sur son vélo. Le petit manège se poursuit chaque deux

ou trois jours pendant les quelques années qui suivent.

Chaque fois, le douanier fouille le sac de sable. Il envoie régulièrement des échantillons pour analyses de toutes sortes mais toujours sans rien trouver d'autre que du sable. Finalement,

quelques années plus tard, Juan arrête de traverser la frontière en bicyclette avec son sac de sable.

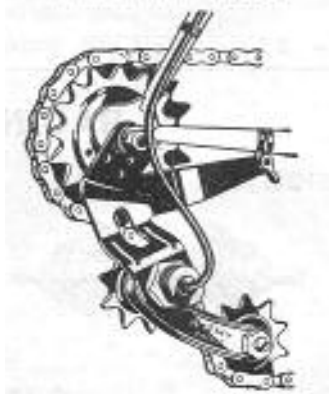
Un beau jour, lorsqu'il est à sa retraite, le douanier est en vacances au Mexique et rencontre Juan dans un petit ba sur la plage.

- Hé, je te reconnais, toi! Tu n'est pas le gars qui traversait la frontière en bicyclette avec un sac de sable? Juan reconnaît le douanier et lui répond: "Oui, c'est moi."

- Qu'est-ce que tu deviens? lui demande le douanier.

- Je me suis acheté ce petit ba et je vis tranquillement, répond Juan.

"THE WITMY."



Le douanier se décide finalement à lui demander: "Écoute, je suis à la retraite et je n'ai plus aucun pouvoir. Je voudrais bien savoir une chose.

Je n'ai jamais arrêté de penser à ça depuis que je t'ai vu la première fois. Juste entre toi et moi, tu faisais de la contrebande..."

Juan esquisse un petit sourire et répond: "Oui, et c'est comme ça que je me suis acheté ce bar."

Le douanier s'approche un peu et demande à voix plus basse: "Et qu'est-ce que tu passais frauduleusement aux douanes?"

Juan répond: "Des bicyclettes!"

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Programme Summary

September

- Sunday 17th Veteran-Cycle Club ride from from Great Notley to Thaxted. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916
- Thursday 21st **Ride to Stonham Aspal 'Ten Bells' for the monthly meeting, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Sunday 24th **Cracotte Challenge, 10:30am at 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket**
- Sunday 24th Veteran-Cycle Club Essex/Suffolk border ride. Jon Malseed, 01206 323334

October

- Sunday 8th Veteran-Cycle Club 3rd Suffolk Trudge, Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. 01986 784664
- Sunday 15th Veteran-Cycle Club ride from from Colchester Hythe to St Osyth. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916
- Thursday 19th **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**

November

- Sunday 5th **Guy Fawkes Night Ride from Stowmarket market place at 6pm.**
- Thursday 16th **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**

December

- Thursday 7th **Quarterly meeting at Cotton 'Trowel & Hammer' to decide upon the next three months' events. 8:30pm to 11:00pm.**
- Sunday 17th Christmas Lunch – Provisional date
- Thursday 21st **Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Unknown Ride in the snow. 01449 673943

