

WHEELER

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The Newsletter of the Dagworth & District Gentlemen's
 Cycling Society



Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

Carnival

Jubilee - the last 50 years is the overall theme for Stowmarket Carnival this year. As usual, we will be taking part in the procession on Saturday 20th.


We'll meet at the Royal William from 11:00am which ought to - but on past experience probably won't - give us plenty time to get ourselves down the the start before they start judging.

But what will our theme be? We think that

this year is a sort of Jubilee of our own because the Haughley & District GCS first took part in the Carnival in 1977 and, between them, the Haughley and Dagworth clubs have been in every carnival ever since. But, of course, no one has quite got around to checking the veracity of this with the H&D. Anyway, whether it's true or not, we can still celebrate 25 years of Gentlemen Cyclists in the Carnival.

The more astute mathematicians among you will have worked out that this is actually our 26th Stowmarket Carnival... so it is, well done. But it's

NEW TRIUMPH	MAID OF CLUBS JACK OF CLUBS	MODEL 427L—LADY'S MODEL 421—GENT'S
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<p>FRAME 21" and 23", entirely brazed up.</p> <p>WHEELS 26" x 1 1/2" Endrick rims.</p> <p>GEAR Fixed and Free on Gent's, Freewheel on Lady's. Brazed-on pulley boss on Gent's for use with STURMEY-ARCHER gears.</p> <p>HANDLEBAR Latest Continental pattern, adjustable stem. Tan sleeve grips on Lady's, Grey on Gent's. Alternatively, "All-Rounder," Tan rubber grips with finger recesses.</p> <p>PEDALS Lady's, 3/4" Rubber. Gent's, Quill.</p> <p>TYRES DUNLOP SPORTS with "AIR-SEAL" tubes and "EASYPUMP" valves.</p> <p>SADDLE Lady's — Lycett's Tan, with chromium plated undercarriage. Gent's—Best Leather.</p> <p>FINISH Lustre Napoleon Red or Flamboyant Electric Blue on Sprayed rustproof surface. Decorative transfers and lining. Usual bright parts chromium plated.</p> <p>FITTINGS Tan kitbag on Lady's, Black on Gent's, tools, inflator, reflector.</p>	<p>LADY'S MODEL 451L GENT'S MODEL 451</p> <p>Specification as Models 427L and 421, except—</p> <p>FRAME : Lady's 21" only. GEAR : Bonelux 4-speed. Standard to both these models are—</p> <p>White calluloid mudguards, Leather saddle, Black kitbag and Grey sleeve grips.</p> <p>NET CASH PRICE £18 · 18 · 3 TAX PAID</p> <p>EXTRA : STURMEY-ARCHER "Dymalux" Hub lighting. £2 · 16 · 4</p>
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BASIC NET CASH PRICE £16 · 12 · 6 TAX PAID
 EXTRAS : STURMEY-ARCHER 3-speed gear, wide ratio, as illustrated, £2 · 5 · 10
 STURMEY-ARCHER 3-speed gear, wide ratio and STURMEY-ARCHER "Dymalux" Hub lighting. £5 · 2 · 2

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still only 25 years (give or take a day or two) since we started; it's a fence post problem.

Drinking

Bildeston Beer festival has come and gone. I said in the last newsletter that we might organise an impromptu ride when we found out when it was. We might have done - I wasn't in the country that weekend, so how would I know?

Monthly meetings

In April we started wandering around the county on the third Thursday of each month, going to Naughton *Wbeehwright's Arms* on 18th April and Offton/Willisham/wherever *Limeburners* on 16th May. Earl Soham *Victoria* is the target for 20th June, Debenham *Cherry Tree* on 18th July, Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds* on 15th August and Finningham *White Horse* on 19th September. We usually manage to get there by 8:30pm... well, for the meetings so far we've all managed to turn up at precisely 8:30, despite all approaching the pub from different directions... I'm sure this impeccable timekeeping can't last.

More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at the Scole Inn on the last Monday of each month. Checking in the diary reveals these dates: 24th June, 29th July, 26th August and 30th September; but it also shows the fact that 26th August is a Bank Holiday. To check if there really is a meeting that evening, or just to find out more, a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 or an e-mail to Matthew at holder.family@tesco.net could yield the answers.

Another Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be at Haughley *Railway Tavern* on 5th September. Nine o'clock is, unusually, the time to arrive. This is all down to a cunning plan of Richard's: he suggested that it would be a jolly good idea to ride to Buxhall

Crown first, trying to arrive there by 7:45. Then we can ride across to Haughley.

Low House

It wouldn't be summer without making the long trek over to the Low House. We'll meet in Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am on 11th

August, head for Brundish *Crown* where we can pause to regain enough energy for the final assault on Laxfield.

Mildenhall

Mildenhall Rally on the August Bank Holiday weekend seems like one of those events we really ought to go to. All right then, we will. As our

Treasurer, Richard, has been several times, we decided to draw on his expertise for suggestions about when to go. His answers didn't quite reach the degree of precision we expected, so we've ended up with a plan that says try to get there around lunchtime on the Saturday by riding across or maybe getting the train to Bury and then riding. More about the rally can be found at <http://www.mildenhallrally.org.uk/>

Tostock

That leaves one more ride. "Trade bikes to Tostock" sums it up. Start from Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am on Sunday 15th September.

Except...

...there could be another one! After writing that lot, my News and Views arrived and I noticed that Reg is organising a ride to Great Bricett on 18th August. That's so close to our patch that it almost demands that we ride out there too. The V-CC will be lunching at Great Bricett - which must mean the *Red Lion*, because there's nowhere else. I suggest we leave from Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11:30. Although it's only a short way, it might be a good idea to be prepared for a longer ride in case you succumb to persuasion to ride back to Dedham with them.

Programme Summary

June

- Sunday 16th **25th Cambridge 50**, Tom Culver, 0207 701 4097
- Sunday 16th **Suffolk Cycle Show** at Foxhall Stadium, Ipswich, including Suffolk CTC's 100 miles in 10 hours event. Contact Ray Wand on 01473 747621 to take part in the 100-mile ride.
- Thursday 20th** **Monthly meeting at Earl Soham Victoria.**
- Monday 24th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting**, 7:30pm at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net
- Sunday 30th **V-CC: North Essex Section** Ride to Long Melford. Start in Dedham. Lunch at *The Swan*, Long Melford. Please 'phone if attending: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.

July

- Thursday 18th** **Monthly meeting at Debenham Cherry Tree.**
- Saturday 20th** **Stowmarket Carnival. Gather at the Royal William at 11:00am.**
- Sunday 21st **V-CC: North Essex Section** Ride to Great Yeldham. Meet at 10:00am at the Dutch Nursery, Coggeshall. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Monday 29th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting**, 7:30pm at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net

August

- Sunday 11th** **Ride to Brundish and Laxfield. Leave from Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am**
- Thursday 15th** **Monthly meeting at Bradfield St George Fox and Hounds.**
- Sunday 18th **V-CC: North Essex Section** Ride to Great Bricett. Meet at 10:00am at Dedham to move off at 10:30. Lunch at Great Bricett. Tea stop on return. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Saturday 24th** **Ride (or train + ride) to Mildenhall Rally**
- Monday 26th Maybe, possibly, perhaps... **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting**, 7:30pm at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. It's a bank holiday so check with Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net

September

- Sunday 1st **V-CC: North Essex Section** Ride to Shotley Point from Manningtree. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Thursday 5th** **Quarterly meeting at Haughley Railway Tavern from 9:00. Meet at 7:45pm in Buxhall Crown to ride to Haughley.**
- Sunday 15th** **Trade Bikes to Tostock. Depart from Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am.**
- Thursday 19th** **Monthly meeting at Finningham White Horse.**
- Sunday 29th **V-CC: North Essex Section** Ride to Woodham Mortimer. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Monday 30th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting**, 7:30pm at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net