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Cycling Society



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Monthly meetings

During the winter months, all our monthly meetings will all be on the third Thursday of the month at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells*. The next quarterly meeting is the AGM and it will be at Combs *Gardeners Arms* on 2nd March. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

Money

If you've paid to have your copy of the Dagworth Wheeler delivered, have a look at the envelope it came in — What do you mean, you've thrown it away? Go and fish it out of the bin — Now, there, just under the address, is a date. If that date is 31 Dec 2005, you'll need to pay another guinea to be sure of receiving next year's issues.

New Year

The plan for our ride on New Year's Day is the same as usual: meet at Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11-ish and ride to the *Limeburners*. The route passes through what is either a short water lane or a long ford at Offton. But before that...

Three Wheels

The East section of the Tricycle Association has a lunchtime meeting at Bildeston *Kings Head* on

18th December. It is quite possible that there will be a group cycling thence from Stowmarket railway station.

Recovery

... Mick Madgett is organising a ride on Tuesday 27th December. Described in *News & Views* as the "Xmas Recovery Run" and in *The Twisted Spoke* as the "In-Law Escape Ride", this starts from Mick's shop in Diss at 10:30am. If the

route is similar to last year then riding from Stowmarket to Diss, joining in the ride to the lunchtime pub stop and then, somewhat later, riding home from the pub makes a pleasant round trip.

Endurance

The latest edition of *The Twisted Spoke* tells us that Cally's "Lowenbach" ride will be on 9th July. Those of you who've been paying attention will have noticed that this is the same weekend as the Dunwich Dynamo. However, do not despair, the start of the Lowenbach is a mere stone's throw from Dunwich so it's going to be possible to ride the Dynamo, have breakfast in Dunwich and cycle to Walpole in plenty of time for the ride. And of course, while riding the Dynamo you can drop the sentence "I've got to take it easy, I'm riding in a time trial as soon as I finish this ride" into conversations.

Officers

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

As for the Lowenbach itself, this year it will start and finish from a tent within the Heveningham Hall Country Fair which, fortuitously, is timed to take place the very same day. It's a 12-mile there-and-back speed judging event, "there" being the Low House in Laxfield. In order to record a time, you should take part on a pre-1950 machine. (There will now be a short pause while prospective Dynamo riders ponder the full implications of that statement.)

More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at *The Scole Inn* on the last Monday of each month. They gather there between 7:00 and 7:30 after which they pedal off for a mere five mile saunter to a more suitable pub. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

Go West

On 6th January, the Cambridge section of the V-CC has a "Good Resolutions Ride" to Moulton. Our Bury St Edmunds correspondent writes: "I'm going to do what I did last time, ie: ride from Bury, meet up for a lunchtime drinkie then ride back home. It's a particularly pleasant ride from Bury to Moulton over the lumpy bits at



Gazely, Higham and Barrow. Why don't you and the rest of the DDGCS join me? It could be train or motor assisted and as it's only ten miles we wouldn't have to start too early."

Trudge

The Flat Section's next Suffolk Trudge is on April 2nd from the usual place: Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. Again, Cally is the man to contact if you need to know more.

Snow

If those people at the Met Office are to be trusted, then it looks as if we could be getting some proper snow this year. If there is a suitable quantity of snow on the ground one weekend, then we'll have a cycle ride through it. Here's the plan: If you get up on a Sunday to find the ground outside is covered in a deep coating of snow, telephone Andrew on Stowmarket 673943 to find out where and when the ride will be. Alternatively, you could 'phone him now and ask to be added to the list* of people he will call up when the ride takes place

Sporting

Those of you who are of a more energetic bent may be interested to know that the Diss & District CC's "Pre-1980 Sec" 25-mile time trial takes place on Sunday 26th March. Mick Madgett is the man to contact if you want to take part. Telephone him on 01379 650419.

G&T

On the same day as Mick's 25, our own, our very own, Ian Maddams is organising his third Gin and Toffee ride on behalf of the Cambridg (*sic*) Section of the V-CC. It leaves from Elsenham Railway Station car park at 10:30 and heads for Thaxtead. You may procure all the gory details by telephoning Ian on 01799 626084

* Yes, there is a list to be added to. One D&DGCS member, unable to contain his excitement at the forecast of snow in late November, has already registered.

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Programme Summary

December

- Sunday 11th Christmas lunch at Stowupland *Crown*
- Thursday 15th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Sunday 18th Tricycle Association lunchtime meeting at Bildeston *Kings Head*
- Tuesday 27th V-CC Flat Section ride from Madgett's Cycles, Diss at 10:30am

January

- Sunday 1st New Year's Day Ride from Stowmarket to Offton
- Sunday 8th Ride from Bury St Edmunds to meet the V-CC Cambridge Section at Moulton
- Thursday 19th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Monday 30th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

February

- Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Monday 27th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

March

- Thursday 2nd AGM: 8:30pm, Combs *Gardeners Arms*
- Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Sunday 16th Diss & District CC Pre-1980 spec 25
- Sunday 16th V-CC Cambridge Section Gin and Toffee Ride III
- Monday 27th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

April

- Sunday 2nd Suffolk Trudge - 14th Edition. V-CC Flat Section. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.
- Friday 14th to Monday 17th Easter Weekend, which may or may not contain a trip to the seaside, a Bogg Race and a Rusty Nuts Jumble
- Thursday 20th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, at a venue we haven't decided upon yet.
- Monday 24th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

Further Ahead

- Sunday 25th June Eleventh anniversary of the eighth anniversary of the second anniversary of the D&DGCS
- Saturday 8th July Fourteenth Dunwich Dynamo
- Sunday 9th July V-CC Flat Section "The Low and Back" speed judging