



The Dagworth

Wheeler



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



Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

AGM

All the usual things happened at the AGM: the officers were re-elected, the treasurer told us how much money we have, etc. However, the treasurer also suggested that we might spend some of the money we have sitting in the bank account. The most popular idea seems to be to have some sort of D&DGCS clothing made... though it could take ages before we can decide what colour it should be.

Easter

We haven't really organised anything for Easter this year but it would be very surprising if there were no D&DGCS members to be seen at The Race of the Bogg Men in Finborough on Easter Monday.

Monthly meetings

During the winter months, all our monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells*... but Spring is here now, so we're off around the countryside again. However, let's not be too hasty; we'll stay at Rattlesden for the meeting on March 16th. On 29th April we'll venture further afield and head for the *Blue Boar* at Walsham-le-Willows. On 18th May, you'll find us at Thornham *Four Horseshoes of the Apocalypse* and on 15th June, we're off to Earl Soham *Victoria*. The next quarterly meeting is the AGM and it will be back at Rattlesden *Five Bells* on 1st

June. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

Snow

Another year passes without a Snow Ride taking place, although there has been some snow but it was inconsiderate enough to fall on days when we weren't available to ride through it. That's except for those of us who went on Mick Madgett's "In-Law Escape Ride" on 27th December - and those who set out to take part but who decided that riding all the way to Diss in a blizzard wasn't entirely sensible, and turned back. The less than entirely sensible among us were thwarted in our crafty plan to ride to the lunchtime stop and then sneak home the short way because Mick had cunningly chosen a pub to

the North of Diss - so there was no shorter way home than the proper route.

Drink!

There are some beer festivals in the offing. However, I'm not sure of the dates, so this is mostly guesswork.

The Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival (it's not really called that now, they changed its name to ... something else ...) is usually at the end of April and we usually cycle across there on the Friday. Last year we went there on Friday April 29th, so,

Officers

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

Friday 28th April seems the most likely date. Leave from Unity Road, Stowmarket at about 10:00am.

And the next beer festival is (probably): Walsham-le-Willows on the Bank Holiday Weekend at the end of May. Usually, Bildeston Beer Festival is the same weekend but, last year, we plumped for the one at Walsham and, as we all thought it was rather lovely, that's where we'll go again. Sunday 28th May is our chosen day and, just like for Bury, we'll leave from Unity Road, Stowmarket at about 10:00am.

Woolpit Street Fair is on the following day and it seems like a good idea to go there too, if only to watch our treasurer Morris dancing with a raging hangover.

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.

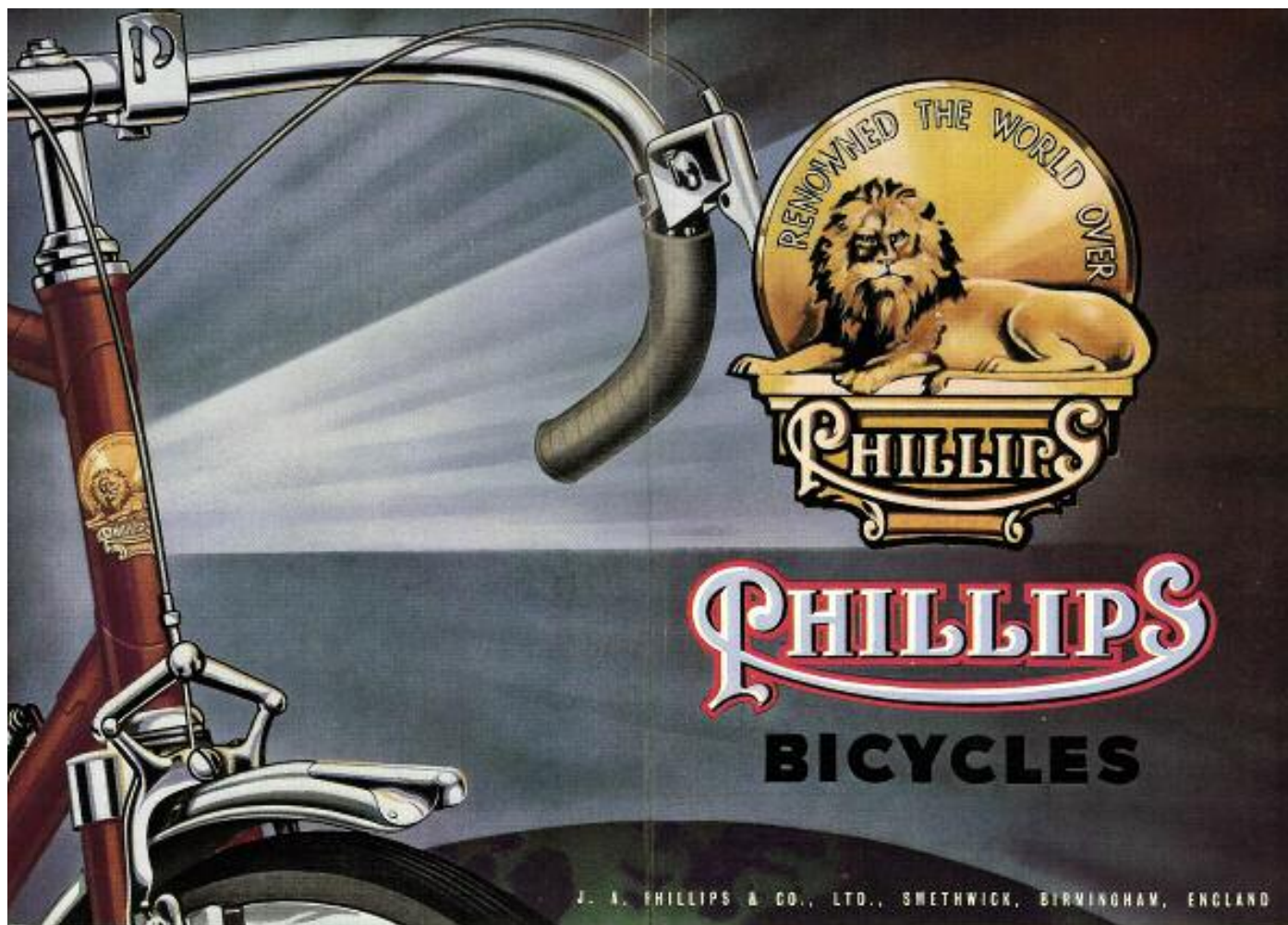
As for the Lowenbach itself, this year it will start and finish from a tent within the Heveningham Hall Country Fair which, fortuitously, is timed to take place the very same day. It's a 12-mile there-and-back speed judging event, "there" being the Low House in Laxfield. In order to record a time, you 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.)

Money

It's time to cough up some cash. This is the last copy of the *Dagworth Wheeler* that will be posted to you if you haven't paid your guinea yet - and only two of you have so far this year.

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.

Trudge

The Flat Section's next Suffolk Trudge is on April 2nd from the usual place: Marlingspike Hall, Walpole. Again, Cally is the man to contact if you need to know more. The ride is about 30 miles long and the lunch stop is at the Cratfield *Poacher*.

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. Our friends in the Tricycle Association will be taking part and, afterwards, will be retiring to the *Cross Keys* at Redgrave for lunch.

Anniversary

This is the Society's 21st Anniversary Year and, on 18th June we have a ride to celebrate this. No details are fixed yet, but the general idea is to ride somewhere for a lavish picnic - preferably somewhere where there's a pub nearby. Since several society members are likely to be travelling with grossly overloaded trade bikes, a short ride would be a good idea. We can sort out the final arrangements at June's quarterly meeting - but Wetherden looks like a place that meets the criteria.

G&T

On the same day as Mick's 25, the one and only Ian Maddams is organising his third Gin and Toffee ride on behalf of the Cambridge Section of the V-CC. It leaves from Elsenham Railway Station car park at 10:30 and heads for Thaxtead. You may obtain all the gory details by telephoning Ian on 01799 525084 (which isn't quite the same number as in the previous copy of the *Dagworth Wheeler*).



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Programme Summary

March

- Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Sunday 26th Diss & District CC Pre-1980 spec 25; TA East meeting at Redgrave *Cross Keys*
- Sunday 26th 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 Bogg Race and a Rusty Nuts Jumble
- Thursday 20th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, at Walsham-le-Willows *Blue Boar*
- Monday 24th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*
- Friday 28th Ride to Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival. Leave Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10:00am.

May

- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, at Thornham *Four Horseshoes*
- Sunday 28th Ride to Walsham-le-Willows beer festival. Leave Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10:30am.
- Monday 29th Woolpit Street Fair
- Monday 29th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

June

- Thursday 1st Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, at Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Thursday 15th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, at Earl Soham *Victoria*
- Sunday 18th Twenty-first anniversary picnic
- Monday 26th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

July

- Saturday 8th Fourteenth Dunwich Dynamo
- Sunday 9th V-CC Flat Section "The Low and Back" speed judging
- Thursday 20th Monthly meeting