



# The Dagworth

# Wheeler

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

Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

## Monthly meetings

We're off to Naughton 'Wheeler's' on 21<sup>st</sup> September and that will be the last of the wandering monthlies for this year. The next monthly meetings will be back at Rattlesden *Five Bells* on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> December. The next quarterly planning meeting will be at Woolpit *Bull* on 7<sup>th</sup> December. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

## Carnival

Well, we eventually found out what the theme of Stowmarket Carnival was and we constructed some rather splendid cardboard Formula One cars around our tricycle and, naturally, we won First Prize for 'Small Vehicles' ... but ...

There were only three of us.

The Carnival Committee has changed the entry form. We now have to sign to say that we have "adequate insurance". Some of us have been cycling in Stowmarket Carnival procession for 30 years, and the D&DGCS itself is in its 21<sup>st</sup> Year. In all that time, no insurance at all has proved perfectly adequate, so we weren't being very dishonest when we signed to form.

However, with fewer than ever participants, and the Carnival Committee trying to shift its responsibilities on to us, may it's time to 'quit while we're ahead'. That'll be something to talk about at the AGM

## Drink!

Ipswich Beer Festival - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - You know it makes sense.

## Endurance

We doubled our attendance on the Dunwich Dynamo this year - yes, there were two of us: Fergus and me.

We kept pace with each other for the whole ride... well, that's not entirely true. It would be more accurate to say I rode at my own pace and Fergus slowed down to stay with me.

## Spoke and Steam

...was the replacement for the cancelled Lowenbach ride.

There were three in the D&DGCS team riding from Stowmarket and Stowupland, one from V-CC Flat Section A-team (Walpole), one from Chickering Cycling Circle (Horham) and lots from the other two contingents: V-CC Cambridge Section (Great Ashfield), V-CC Flat Section B team & Choppy Warburton Fan Club (Diss). It was a splendid day out and everyone who took part wants to do it again next year - so we probably will.

## More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at *The Scone Inn* on the last Monday of each month.

### Officers

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

They gather there between 7:00 and 7:30 after which they pedal off for a mere five-mile saunter to a less hostile inn. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more. Normally, these meetings go ahead come what may - even if it's a Bank Holiday the day after a Flat Section ride. However, the last Monday in December is Christmas Day. I strongly suspect that this will be one time that the meeting does not go ahead.

## Trudge

Cally's Fifteenth Trudge is on 24<sup>th</sup> September. 'Nuff said.

## Jumble

Whittlesey Cycle Jumble is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The plan is to go by train. Last year we missed the train back and were forced to spend a couple of hours in a pub while we waited for the next one. This year, we've decided to forget about missing the train and just go straight to the pub.

## Hallowe'en

The traditional All Hallows' Eve Cycle Ride will go to Combs Gardeners Arms. Meet there at 9:00pm. We'll make the rest up as we go along.

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# Programme Summary

## September

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly meeting at Naughton *Wheelwrights Arms/Wheelers Arms/Wheelhouse*  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> An afternoon at Ipswich Beer Festival  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> V-CC Trudge 15, from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

## October

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Train Trip to Whittlesey for the Cycle Jumble  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> All Hallows' Eve Ride, Combs *Gardeners Arms* at 9:00pm

## November

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

## December

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting at Woolpit *Bull*  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day** and, therefore, probably not a V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting at *The Scole Inn*



A scene from 'Spoke & Steam'