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Eighty...

...is the number on the masthead of this copy of the Dagworth Wheeler. So, if we assume that:

- we've kept up a regular supply of four copies every year, and
- we haven't lost count anywhere

then the D&DGCS must be more or less, round about, approximately twenty years old.

Hold on a minute... [sounds of rummaging through piles of old papers] ... yes, it is. Well, old copies of the newsletter don't reveal the exact date that the society started but on 25th June 1995 we celebrated our tenth anniversary (we weren't too sure about the date then either, but we knew that 25th June was the 8th anniversary of the 2nd anniversary).

Now, because I've only realised all this as I started typing the newsletter, that means no one at the last quarterly meeting knew about it, the subject didn't get discussed, and no celebratory event was planned. Never mind, next year will be our 21st anniversary so we can celebrate our "coming of age" instead and pretend that's what we intended to do all along. Another advantage of waiting is that next year, 25th June is a Sunday so we can have an 11th anniversary of the 8th anniversary of the 2nd anniversary event on the correct day ... provided that someone remembers.

However, postponing the celebration does not mean that we have to forego the opportunity to

attribute blame. Twenty years ago, these people started it; it's entirely their fault.

Founder members

Richard Coe, Andrew Denny, Keith Farrow, Trevor Francis, Richard Hall, Andrew Pattle, Jane Pattle, Jonathan Walker.

Monthly meetings

The next monthly meeting is at Earl Soham *Victoria* on 16th June, then we go to Worlingworth *Swan* on 21st July, Forward Green *Shepherd & Dog* (Yes, it's definitely open now) on 18th August and Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds* on 15th September. The next quarterly meeting is on 1st September and that will be back at HQ, Rattlesden *Five Bells*. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.



Forward Green

Carnival

Our carnival theme has been chosen as Railways. This is not the result of a democratic decision at the last quarterly meeting - I was sent a carnival entry form and, unusually, it asked what form of transport we would be depicting, so I had to put something down. Carnival Day is 23rd July.

We are supposed to be at the PPG Car Park by 12:00am for judging, so we'll gather at the Royal William from 11-ish for a group photo and last minute repairs.

Dynamo

The Dunwich Dynamo is a "turn-up-and-go, challenging, slightly-scary, free-entry, overnight, on-road, 120-mile bicycle ride". It starts around 9pm from the *Pub on the Park*, Martello Street, London Fields, Hackney, London E8. It ends at Dunwich. It takes place every year (this year's will be the thirteenth) on the weekend following the full moon in July. If you've got those phases of the moon symbols in your diary, you'll have spotted the catch - it starts in the evening of 23rd July... Stowmarket Carnival Day. Although doing both is not impossible, it is difficult.

However, there is a way. Here's a clue: the route goes through Moreton, Leaden Roding, Great Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Finchingfield, Castle Headingham, Sudbury, Great Waldingfield, **Needham Market**, Framlingham, Rendham, Darsham and Westleton.

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 5 mile saunter to another hostel that has not been so foolish to see fit not to sell Adnams. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

Trudge

The Flat Section's next Trudge is on September 25th from the usual place: Marlinspike

Hall, Walpole. Again, Cally is the man to contact if you need to know more.

Beer Festival

Stowmarket Beer Festival - or the Ninth Festival of Beer and Brewing at the Museum of East Anglian Life to give it its official title - runs from 30th June to 3rd July. We'll be there on the Friday evening.

Trundle

A date has been set for the next West Suffolk Trundle. It's 17th

July. That's all I know at the moment but, if previous Trundles are any guide, it could involve large quantities of cake. For more information, there's the West Suffolk Trundle website or you can telephone Ted Ashton on 01284 754993

Low & Back

In order to help celebrate 50 years of the Veteran-Cycle Club, The Flat Section has decided to organise an event that, if well enjoyed, may be repeated at yearly intervals. After much debate, and in honour of the glorious 'Boot And Back' event in Hertfordshire, it was decided to call this 'The Low And Back' and this grand event is set for Sunday July 10th. The event consists of riding from Marlinspike Hall in Walpole to The Low House in Laxfield, about eight gentle miles up one of Suffolk's most picturesque lanes (The Low Road) unused by car, gently rutted by carriage and peopled by Footpads and Highwaypersons. Your total time will be recorded by an official timekeeper, lunch will be taken on, drink will be quaffed and the return trip will also be timed. Them's whose two times are the closest to each other wins a prize. There may also be a special handicap award made by calculating age of machine and age of rider to allow some lee-way to be juggled. Start time for this will be a 10:00 gather for an 11:00 off at 30-second intervals.

Lunch must be pre-booked with the pub: 01986 798395, picnics are *de rigeur* and can be consumed out front by a babbling brook.

Programme Summary

June

- Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Earl Soham *Victoria*
- Monday 27th V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.

July

- Friday 1st Stowmarket Beer Festival
- Sunday 10th **The Low and Back.** V-CC Flat Section. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.
- Sunday 17th **West Suffolk Trundle.** V-CC Flat Section. Ted Ashton on 01284 754993.
- Thursday 21st Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Worlingworth *Swan*
- Saturday 23rd Stowmarket Carnival. 11am at Stowmarket *Royal William*, 12am at PPG Car Park
- Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th Dunwich Dynamo

August

- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Forward Green *Shepherd & Dog*

September

- Thursday 1st Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Thursday 15th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Bradfield St George *Fox and Hounds*
- Sunday 25th **Suffolk Trudge - Autumn Edition.** V-CC Flat Section. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.

Further Ahead

- Sunday 25th June 2006 Eleventh anniversary of the eighth anniversary of the second anniversary of the D&DGCS



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