



The Dagworth

Wheeler



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



Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

Monthly meetings

On 15th June, we're off to Earl Soham *Victoria*. Then we'll go to Worlingworth *Swan* on 20th July, Bradfield St George *Fox and Hounds* on 17th August and Naughton *'Wheeler's'* on 21st September. The next quarterly meeting will be back at Rattlesden *Five Bells* on 1st June. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

Carnival

No one knows what the theme of Stowmarket Carnival is this year. However, I'm sure that Stowmarket Carnival Committee won't be able to keep it secret forever. When we find out what it is, the D&DGCS Carnival Theme Sub-committee will leap into action and think up something to do. Then we'll try to tell you what it is. The date is almost as big a secret as the theme but, using our amazing powers of deduction, we can confidently predict that Carnival Day will be Saturday 15th July. As usual, we'll meet up at the Royal William from 11:00am onwards. That should give enough time for a drink, last minute repairs and a few photographs before we have to make our way to Combs Ford in time for the judging. And what time is the judging? Well guessed, no one knows that either.

Drink!

The predicted beer festival dates in the last issue of *The Dagworth Wheeler* turned out to be correct. But not the bit about Woolpit Street Fair - the fair was cancelled.

Anyway, there are two more festivals to note: Stowmarket at the end of June and Ipswich in the penultimate week of September. In the evening of Friday, 30th June we will be found at the Stowmarket festival. This is at the Museum of East Anglian Life.

September is a long way off so there's no need for a hasty decision... but I bet it'll be Friday again.

Endurance

As has been mentioned several times before, Dunwich Dynamo is on 8th and 9th July. The start is at London Fields, which is handily close to Liverpool Street Station. There is a bare minimum of organisation. Someone will be selling route sheets from about 8:00pm onwards and people will start cycling towards Dunwich when they feel like it. There is a stop around the halfway mark where food and drink is available. Traditionally, this is at Waldingfield but last year it was at Monks Eleigh. Thence it's non-stop to Dunwich where cooked breakfasts will be served in the café. A mere 116 miles in all.

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When I did it last year, several D&DGCS members promised that, if I managed it, they would take part in this year's ride. We'll see if they remain true to their word...

Lowdown

Cally's "Lowenbach" ride has been cancelled. As reported in issue 15 of the Twisted Spoke: "The by-now legendary 'Lowenbach' Speed Judging Contest was planned to have a second gasp on July 2nd. It would have started from within the Heveningham Hall Country Fair (3 miles south of Halesworth, Suffolk). However, Heveningham has instigated a strict, draconian "no-riff-raff" ruling which counts us out". However, do not despair, there's a replacement event...

Spoke and Steam

...is its name and it's on Sunday 27th August. This is how it works: groups of riders will assemble at various points in East Anglia and they will head toward the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford for an afternoon of beer drinking and train spotting. The Middy has a Rail'n'Ale Event on this day, and it's a Steam Day too.

There will be a D&DGCS starting point in Stowmarket, picking up at Stowupland *en route*. The Cambridge Section of the V-CC has a starting point in Elmswell. Other likely starting points are Walpole (V-CC Flat Section A team), Horham (Chickering Cycling Circle) and Diss (V-CC Flat Section B team, Choppy Warburton Fan Club and Diss & District CC). Some members of the Tricycle Association East have also expressed an interest - but they'd probably forgotten that it's the weekend of Mildenhall Rally.

If any of the groups are sufficiently organised to book in advance (unlikely, I know) it should be possible to arrange 'party rate' admission to the Middy.

More details and suggestions for starting points can be had from Ian Maddams on 01799 525084 or Pete Stanners on 01359 241904.

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 less hostile inn. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

Anniversary

As reported in the last issue: "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".

And the verdict of June's Quarterly Meeting? "OK, Wetherden it is."

11:30 from Unity Road, Stowmarket should be early enough to potter to Wetherden. The plan is to aim for that big bit of grass near the church, on the road to Haughley.

Bygones

Horham Bygones Rally is on Saturday 10th June. The Chickering Cycling Circle will be there.

Bicycle Industrie

Those of you who have seen Cally's letter in *News and Views* about the little-known Belgian company of Bicycle Industrie: Touring, Sporting et Associative may be interested to know of a local connection. The original company name was Bicycle Industrie de Tournai SA (where SA stands for Société Anonyme, ie: a limited company). The

later name was adopted with the rise of *cyclotourisme* after World War One.

Being known as Bicycle Industrie, the company naturally called its high-wheeler "Le Grand-BI" and a surviving example of this model survives locally: in Ipswich Transport Museum.



Note how, unusually for an Ordinary, the backbone does not follow the line of the wheel, giving a rather ungainly appearance - almost as if the wheel and backbone were from different machines.

Programme Summary

June

Saturday 10 th	Horham Bygones
Thursday 15 th	Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, at Earl Soham <i>Victoria</i>
Sunday 18 th	Twenty-first anniversary picnic at Wetherden
Monday 26 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>
Friday 30 th	Stowmarket Beer Festival

July

Saturday 8 th	Fourteenth Dunwich Dynamo
Saturday 15 th	Stowmarket Carnival
Thursday 20 th	Monthly meeting at Worlingworth <i>Swan</i>
Monday 31 st	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>

August

Thursday 17 th	Monthly meeting at Bradfield St George <i>Fox & Hounds</i>
Saturday 26 th	Mildenhall Rally
Sunday 27 th	Spoke & Steam ride to the Middy at Brockford
Monday 28 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>

September

Thursday 7 th	Quarterly meeting at Rattlesden <i>Five Bells</i>
Thursday 21 st	Monthly meeting at Naughton <i>Wheelwrights Arms/Wheelers Arms/Wheelhouse</i>
Monday 25 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>