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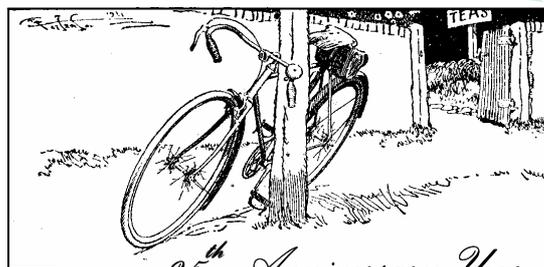
The Dagworth

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

**Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling
Circle**



7:30 after which they pedal off for a mere five-mile saunter to a more suitable pub - usually *Rushall Half Moon* or *Hoxne Swan*. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

Festivities

On Friday 23rd April, we will cycle to the "East Anglian" Beer Festival (which, as we all know, is really the Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival). We'll start from Stowmarket Market Place at 10:00am.

A week later, there are beer festival at Edwardstone *White Horse* and Botesdale *Greybound*. Decisions, decisions...

OK ... let's go to Edwardstone *Dark Ale Days* on Friday and, if we feel up to it, Botesdale on Saturday.

Meetings

After the clocks change, we start moving our monthly meetings around the countryside. On April 15th we'll go to Naughton *Wheelhouse* and on May 22nd we meet at Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds* – yes, May 22nd is a Saturday and that's not a mistake. The cyclemotor club (you may remember that we used to have joint meetings with them back in the days when the *Railway Tavern* was open) will be there, so we've decided to go on the same night.

After that, the next monthly meeting, on June 17th, sticks with tradition and will be at Earl Soham *Victoria*. June's quarterly meeting will be at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells* on Thursday 3rd. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

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

Officers

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

Vintage

...and the day after that is the Ipswich to Felixstowe Road Run. Walton *Half Moon* at noon is a good time and place to watch it.

A Trudge

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, the Flat Section of the V-CC will repeat last year's (and the year before's) Seaside Special. It will be quite a ride: about 30 gentle miles with Ice Cream. Meet at Marlinspike Hall, Walpole for 10:30 and lunch can be enjoyed on Southwold Pier without even booking. There will be a cycle rummage sale before the off.

Easter

It would be very surprising if there were no D&DGCS members to be seen at The Race of the Bogg Men in Great Finborough on Easter Monday. Quite how it's all going to work is a bit of a mystery as the *Chestnut Horse* is somewhat essential to the proceedings ... but it's closed. However, we have it on the highest authority (well, perhaps second highest) that the Bogg Race will take place despite this.

Snow

It snowed! Moreover, for the first time in several years, we had a Snow Ride.



Cheap Beer

Brettenham Village Hall has a bar open on the first Friday evening of each month and we ride over there. The first Friday in April is Good Friday, which might cause a change in the schedule...

Further ahead, the first Friday in July opening clashes with Stowmarket Beer Festival, so we will give Brettenham a miss that day.

Julibee

This is our 25th anniversary year and the next newsletter will be number 100. We ought to make it something a bit special, I suppose ... but then, we don't always do what we ought to.

Willowy

Walsham-le-Willows Beer Festival might be on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend – it was for several years. However, because it had rained for the last two or three years and, consequently, hardly anyone turned up, there wasn't one last year. And, of course, that brought the sun out. Our cunning plan is to ride there on Sunday: 30th May, whether there's a festival or not. If there is, we'll stay. If there isn't, we'll have a drink in the *Blue Boar*, then ride on to Hoxne *Swan*. And after that – who knows?

Bygones

Horham Bygones Rally is on Saturday 12th June and will, of course, be attended by members of the Chickering Cycling Circle.

Trundle, trundle, trundle...

There will be a V-CC West Suffolk Trundle is on 11th July.

Our informant tells us that the plan will be to gather at David Bradbury's home: Cherrygate House, Hopton (TL994790) from 10:30am for signing on and some elevenses before an 11:00am departure. We're not sure where the lunch stop will be – but last time the Trundle began in Hopton, lunch was at *The Angel*, Larling.

Any queries should be addressed to Ted Ashton on 01284 754993, or David Bradbury on 01953 681470 and David can be e-mailed at info@westsuffolktrundle.org.uk

AGM

The AGM was a week late this year – but at least it happened, unlike last year. As usual, the only change in the list of officers is that it's Carl's turn to be Vice-President.

Also as usual, we decided that we ought to do something with the money in the cub funds.

What usually happens is that we have an idea for something to do and then never get around to actually doing it. This year, our idea is to get some 25th Anniversary commemorative sweatshirts. Would you like one? If you think you would, then let Andrew know by whatever means you prefer. This is to see if it's worthwhile going ahead. If nobody wants one, then we won't feel guilty about doing nothing. On the other hand, if people do

want them, maybe we'll actually do it. We'll subsidise them to keep the price down, probably to £5 each. Let Andrew know by Easter if you're interested. You won't be committing to buy one but, if you don't reply by Easter, then you won't get one.

Programme Summary

March 2010

- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*
Monday 29th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

April 2010

- Friday 2nd Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*
Sunday 4th V-CC Suffolk Trudge from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole
Monday 5th Ride to Great Finborough for The Race of the Boggmen
Thursday 15th Monthly meeting at Naughton *Wheelhouse*
Friday 23rd Ride to Bury St Edmunds for the beer festival
Monday 26th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*
Friday 30th Ride to Edwardstone *Dark Ale Days*

May 2010

- Saturday 1st Ride to Botesdale *Greyhound*
Sunday 2nd Meet at Walton *Half Moon* to watch the Felixstowe run
Friday 7th Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*
Saturday 22nd Monthly meeting at Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds*
Sunday 30th Ride to Walsham-le-Willows ... and maybe Hoxne
Monday 31st V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

June 2010

- Thursday 3rd Quarterly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*
Friday 4th Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*
Thursday 17th Monthly meeting at Earl Soham *Victoria*
Monday 28th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

July 2010

- Friday 2nd Visiting Stowmarket Beer Festival
Sunday 11th V-CC West Suffolk Trundle from Hopton