

Flat Section

West Suffolk Trundle

12th July

Now established as an annual event the West Suffolk Trundle organised by Ted Ashton and David Bradbury neatly fills the high summer gap between Cally's Trudges which open and close the season.

This year's ride started from the familiar Great Ashfield village hall, preceded by an energetic and enthusiastic beverage, biscuit and cake demolition exercise; as a varied fleet of bicycles and two tricycles assembled outside together with the inevitable horse-trading of bits and bikes which accompanies so many East Anglian events.

Ted informed us that the route was a re-run of a previous tour, on the basis that a number of people had got lost on the earlier occasion and we'd keep practising until we all got it right! Both the outward leg to the lunch stop at the splendid Flying Fortress pub/restaurant on the outskirts of Bury St Edmunds and the return offered a choice of route and distance to suit various rider and machine combinations.

A glance at the entry list will reveal that machines outnumber riders by a considerable margin – another Suffolk ritual. Carl Harper even managed to be involved with three during the day. Starting with a postman's cycle this had become one of the two Eddy Merckx sports machines by lunchtime and later in the afternoon Carl demonstrated the 'cycle with two machines' technique. More of this later.

We welcomed new girl Lynn Bickle who claimed not to have cycled for 28 years yet had no difficulty powering the other Eddy Merckx machine, an elegant ladies lightweight model (Edith Merckx?) of 1970s origin, saved from the jaws of a skip by Inigo. Nowadays 'pink painted bicycle' conjures up an image of that awful (and awfully familiar) Barbie-girl bright neon shade. Lynn's bicycle, however, shows that at least one person retained a sense of style in the oft-sad seventies as the machine is painted a delicate oyster-pearl pink with polished chrome mudguards and even sported a period square plastic Ever Ready lamp on the front fork. A splendid time-warp find.

Being 'garage sale day' for the residents of Thurston village on the way home, the sight of various unwanted cycles on driveways tempted many and a few succumbed. Problem: having purchased two cycles how do you get them home, in addition the one you're riding? Answer: Ian and Carl each ride one machine and lead the other with the left hand. This explains the appearance of the 1959 Raleigh Trent (duo-tone plus rust) and the 1981 BSA Victoria (sickly seventies nicotine brown!) – both ladies models – in the entry list.

Renovation for the two lady customers has now begun. Pete Stanners purchased a quantity of Pyrex and kitchen equipment at another vendor, which added to the luggage distribution logistics whilst offering little practical cycling benefits.

The afternoon concluded with a final onslaught on the tea and bun stock at the village hall amidst much cycling banter and leg-pulling. Long may it continue!

Ian Maddams & Pete Stanners (on behalf of Ted & David)

Andrew Pattle	1950	James Superlux
Carl Harper	1940s	Coop Fed PO &
	1980s	Eddy Merckx
Ted Ashton	1940	BSA Roadster
Lorna Wray	1955	Rotrax Ladies
Phil Wray	1949	Rudge Aero Clubman
Brian Barnes	1932	Selbach
Michael Tebbutt	1955	Youngs
Andrea Tebbutt	1936	Dawes Cyclo Sport (ladies)
Sarah Carter	1995	Dawes Ladies
Gordon Carter	1995	Dawes
Richard Mawer	1930s	Raleigh Sports
Connie Tapper	1987	Mercian
John Tapper	1998	Mercian
Bill Ives	c1935	Freddie Folds Tricycle
Peter Stanners	1980s	Dutch Gazelle &
	1980	Falcon
Inigo Stanners	1970s	Sun Squadro
Lynn Bickle	1980s	Eddy Merckx
Jan Roberts	1983	Roberts Trike
John Arundel	1911	Dursley Pedersen
Richard Arundel	1909	Dursley Pedersen
Edna Robinette	1970	Mistral
John Robinette	1970	Raleigh Merlin
Clive Woodard	1950	New Hudson
Ian Maddams	1953	Rudge Pathfinder
Les Berry	2004	Giant
David Bradbury	1987	Dawes Super Galaxy
John Lewis	???	Tempest GT
Trish Auchincloss	2007	Trek
Ian Maddams	1970s	Vindoc Vogue &
	1980s	BSA Victoria
Carl Harper	1950s	Raleigh Trent

Kent Section Marsh Meander

26th July

Yet again another dry day as we set off to meet up on Hythe seafront, for a ride around the marshes. We arrived in plenty of time for a hot drink and biscuits and a chat before setting off. Steve Levy met us as we cycled through the town, after having ridden over from Herne Bay. The sun had come out and it started to warm up although the wind was a bit blustery at times. We had to stop and wait at one stage for George to catch up after his chain came off, a welcome breather for a few minutes. We had to pass the church at St Mary in the Marsh where Edith Nesbit was buried who was the author of *The Railway Children*, so out came the cameras for a photo shoot. The pub stop was soon in sight where we all had a few refreshing drinks and refuelled the boilers before heading back. The ride back was shorter so it wasn't long before some of us were sampling the local ice cream before departing for home. Another good flat easy ride. Thanks to Chris and Deirdre for organising the ride.

Pat Piggott

Vic Potter	1898	Singer Safety
Dave Piggott	1926	Golden Sunbeam
Steve Levy	1938	RRA
Paul Brindley	1938	F Hopper
Pat Piggott	1939	Sunbeam
Dave Jarvis	1949	Gillott
Jane Jarvis	1950	Ephgrave Mk1
JD Asaro	1950	Humber Sports
Deirdre Harrington	c1951	Barker
Chris Harrington	1952	Stuart
Sandra Jeffrey	1952	Peugeot
Michael Poupard	1953	Allin
Mike Knowles	1961	Rudge Superb
Robin Jeffrey	1980	RRA
Tony Child	1980	Raleigh Tourer
George Hall	1984	Raleigh Sports
Michele Poupard	1986	Hercules
Matt & Aiden Jeffrey	1980s	Pelini Tandem



Group line up on Kent's Marsh Meander