



Not The Spoken Word

Bi-monthly newsletter of The Western Australian Historical Cycle Club Inc.

All things English

I noted with interest the article on Penny Farthing restoration in an earlier edition. I have only had the opportunity to visit the club once since joining, due to my other passion of flying taking all the spare time I have at the moment.

We recently returned from 5 weeks in Europe. My penny farthing has been repainted in what I believe to be the original colour. Whilst in the UK I visited my sister who is a saddle maker and repairer. She informs me that the yellow the bike is painted is the standard colour that cart chassis were painted. She was good enough to stitch me up a saddle that I have to glue on the felt padding when I have time. The crank is a loose fit on the axle so I will be making a couple of new ones, together with pedal spindles so that I can bring it back to the style where the pedal can be repositioned along the crank. I may make some duplicates if anybody needs some in the future.

I also visited my friend Roger who is in the UK looking after his ageing Father. He has a couple of old bikes, one being a Claud Butler. My first two racing bikes were Claud Butlers and as with the tandem they all handled like dogs.

The other getting round town bike has an interesting, but disassembled bell (see photo below). Roger appears to have all the parts for it but we could not figure out how to assemble them. Has anybody got any ideas? I told him that somebody in the club would know, so don't let me down!

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*pictures, top to bottom;
James's penny,
Claud Butler,
Unknown town bike with rod brakes.
Left; the mystery bell.*

Club Calendar

Retro Bike Show - July 15th 8:30am

North Peth Town Hall

Tour de Ruste - July 16th 10am

Members only, check invite for schedule and addresses

Meeting - July 17th 7:30pm

Ardross Clubroom.

Display - Nannup Flower Festival August 18/19/20th

Meeting - August 21th 7:30pm

Collecting bikes and the internet - Ardross Clubroom.

Meeting - September 18th 7:30pm

Ardross Clubroom.

Sun 24 Sep 2017 10:00am

Ride - Whiteman Park

Revolutions Transport Museum, Whiteman.

Wed 11 Oct 2017 06:30am (unconfirmed)

Display - Ride2Work Day

Elizabeth Quay, Perth

Meeting - October 16th 7:30pm

Ardross Clubroom.

Display - Have A Go Day Nov 1st

Burswood Park

Meeting - November 20th 7:30pm

Ardross Clubroom. Last meeting for 2017.

For Sale

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Contributions Welcome

You newsletter is only as good as the contributions made by club members and interested members of the public.

If you have a story write it up and either email or post it somewhere - a bike restoration or a bike part restoration make for interesting reading. Really, even cleaning or just looking at a part of a part will do.

Divert us with your party piece on the threat posed by metric ball bearings.

Did you see a bike on your last trip overseas / the shops / your garage - let's hear about it!

Knitting Pattern