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The Newsletter of the Dagworth & District Gentlemen's Cycling Society  
Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

## Vice President

**There is no Vice President!** Although the rules are quite specific and comprehensive about how the Vice President is appointed, there is one eventuality that they do not cater for: that none of those present at the AGM is eligible to preside over vice. And this is precisely what happened at this year's AGM. The decision made at the meeting was that the appointment would be made at the next Society event where eligible members are present.

## Snow

**This year's cunning plan** was to extend the range of dates for the snow ride into December. And this year's cunning plan was thwarted by the complete absence of snow.

## Meetings

**It worked last year, so we'll do it again this year.** From May, the monthly meetings will start to wander around a bit—both in venue and date. Most of them will be on the third Thursday; the exceptions are June and August. The chosen venues are:

18th May	Debenham 'Angel'
22nd June	Earl Soham 'Victoria'
20th July	TBA
10th August	TBA

The dates for July and August have been fixed unusually far in advance so that we can synchronise calendars with the NACC.

According to my diary, there's a full moon for the May ride, which should make navigation easier. The June ride is on almost-but-not-quite-the-longest-day, so a longer ride seemed in order.

Since we are wandering about for the monthly meetings, June's quarterly meeting will be back at Houghley 'Railway Tavern' so we still manage to

show ourselves at 'HQ' occasionally. The June quarterly meeting has been moved to the second Thursday because the Social Secretary is swanning off to France on the proper date.

## Tradition

**The ordinances of tradition dictate that some events must appear in the Society's calendar:** the stroll around Southwold on Good Friday and the Race of the Bogg Men on Easter Monday are two such. As usual, turn up around elevenish with your crab line outside Southwold 'Harbour Inn' for the former event; make your way to Great Finborough 'Chestnut Horse' from lunchtime onwards for the latter.

## Beer

**The Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival** runs from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February at Bury's Corn Exchange. We shall be going across on the Friday: the plan is to cycle there but, if the weather is really bad we can take the coward's way out and go by bus or train. Leave from 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10am to arrive long enough after the festival's 11am opening time to avoid seeming to be too keen.

## More Beer

**Last year, the Easter celebrations at Great Finborough** also included a small beer festival (that's a small festival of beer, not a festival of small beer). Should the same thing happen this year, it would be nice to cycle over there. To this end, a ride will start from 7 Unity, Stowmarket on Easter Sunday. Should there, perchance, not be a festival at Finborough, we can always go somewhere else instead.

## Yet More Beer

**The secretary's aforementioned sojourn in France** precludes his attendance at Bildeston Beer Festival so Richard will be masterminding this ride. Telephone

Richard on Stowmarket (01449) 612940 to arrange a mutual starting point, or make your own way to Bildeston 'King's Head'. Sunday 28th May is the date for this one.

## Gatecrashing

**Ipswich Transport Museum's** annual Ipswich to Felixstowe Run is on 7th May. Andrew & Jane should be taking the dreaded James double-ladies' tandem. Does anyone else want to join in? Telephone Andrew on Stowmarket (01449) 673943 if you do.

**Cally Calloman is organising another Suffolk Trudge** on 2nd April. This ride is close to Chickering Cycling Circle territory, so we'll expect a big turnout from them! Starting point is Marlinspike Hall in Walpole and it is planned that the ride will include bits of disused airfield. Call Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

**Reg Horsnell arranges V-CC rides** every month in Essex. They are all in the list of events, Some of the more northerly ones look tempting and, now Richard has his own 'classic lightweight', he too is considering going to one of these. The Dedham to Hadleigh one in particular has attracted our attention.

## Subscribe

**This newsletter is free to anyone who can be bothered to come and collect it.** On the other hand, you can have a whole year's worth of newsletters delivered to your door for the amazing low annual subscription of one guinea.

## Carnival

**Stowmarket Carnival Committee has come up with a snappy title for this year's theme:** "Into The Future 2000—Celebration's [*sic*] Around The World". So, now all you have to do is think about what we can do in this year's Carnival Procession. Come to the next quarterly meeting and share your stunning ideas with the rest of us. You have, of course, remembered that this meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> June—a week later than normal—haven't you? Stowmarket Carnival Day is 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## Label your bike

**Last year we produced a special D&DGCS calendar** and several society members have said what a shame it was that we couldn't have one every year. Never mind, to help you all overcome your bitter disappointment, there is a free gift with this newsletter: a reproduction label for a Hercules bicycle

(V-CC members: please don't concern yourselves about this). Sticklers for authenticity should note that it should be attached to the bike with red string.



## The case of the missing...

### Part II

**When I turned the lights back on**, the trophy had reappeared, so, true to my word, I will say no more about it.

## Money

A copy of the Society's annual accounts is also included with this newsletter so that you can all see how rich we are.

# Programme Summary

## March

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> **Monthly meeting at Haughley *Railway Tavern*, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Tesco cafeteria, Great Notley to Little Dunmow. Meet at 10:30, lunch somewhere in Little Dunmow, tea back at Tesco. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

## April

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club *Suffolk Trudge*: a 30 mile ride from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole—the ride will take in at least two runways on old airfields. Cally, 01986 784664
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club *North Essex Cyclejumble* at Earles Colne Village Hall. Derek Worsley, 01787 222285
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> **Ride to Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival. Depart from 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10am.**
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Holly Tree House, Crown Street, Dedham to the *White Horse*, Stone Street, Hadleigh. Meet at 10:15. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> **API cycle jumble at Thornwood Village Hall, Thornwood, Epping. Sandra Palmer, 01245 362405**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> **Monthly meeting at Haughley *Railway Tavern*, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> **Good Friday stroll around Southwold**  
**Meet outside the Harbour Inn at elevenish; don't forget your crab line.**
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday ride**  
**Meet at 11am at 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket for a ride that might end up in Great Finborough**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> **The Race of the Boggmen**  
**Meet at Great Finborough *Chestnut Horse* at lunchtime or during the afternoon.**

## May

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> **Gatecrash the Felixstowe Run.**  
**Gather in front of Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich before 11am.**
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> **Ride under a full moon to the monthly meeting at Debenham *Angel*, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Great Waltham to the Clatterford Ends. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> **Ride to Bildeston Beer Festival,**  
**Richard Hall, 01449 612940**

## June

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> **Quarterly meeting at Haughley *Railway Tavern* from 8:30pm to 11:00pm. Decide upon the programme for the next three months.**
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club *Cambridge 50*. Tom Culver, 0171 701 4097
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Not-quite-the-longest-day ride to the monthly meeting at Earl Soham *Victoria*, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Mistley Workshop to Harwich Fort. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

## July

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Stowmarket Carnival
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Maldon to Dengie *White Horse*. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> **Ride to the monthly meeting, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**

## August

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> **Ride to the monthly meeting, 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.**
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Manningtree station to Shotley Point. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

## September

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Great Notley to Thaxted. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916

## October

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Veteran-Cycle Club ride from Colchester Hythe to St Osyth. Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916