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Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

## Meetings

There are only two more monthly meetings before they go out of fashion. They are on March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Haughley *Railway Tavern*. The ensuing void will be filled by *Ride to the Pub Nights*. (These are really just the same as monthly meetings but have been cunningly disguised by moving them to different venues.)

Gislingham *Six Bells* is the target for May 17<sup>th</sup>. On the almost-but-not-quite-longest-day of the year - June 21<sup>st</sup> - we'll go to Earl Soham *Victoria*.

If you're riding from Stowmarket, the starting point for the May ride will be near the mini-roundabout at the junction of Newton Road and Stowupland Road. In June, it will be Reeds Way, Stowupland. Around 7-ish in both cases, perhaps a bit earlier, perhaps not. It's probably a good idea to phone Andrew (673943) or Richard (612940) to check.

If you're riding from somewhere else, aim to arrive at the appropriate pub at sort of, vaguely, round about 8:00pm to 8:30pm.

We'll be back at the *Tavern* for the next quarterly meeting, which is on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

You've noticed that this is a week earlier than usual, haven't you? It has been brought forward by a week because we thought that Richard might get a bit lonely sitting in the pub all by himself on the usual date.

The quarterly meeting will be where we plan all those exciting summer events - and finally make up our minds about what we're going to use all that cardboard for on Carnival Day.

## Trudge

As it's easier to let someone else do the **organising** than doing it ourselves, we'll wander along to Cally's Trudge Fourth on 8<sup>th</sup> April. This starts from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole and Cally has promised us a trip to the seaside this time.

## Easter

Easter brings the usual events: strolling around Southwold on Good Friday and the Race of the Bogg Men on Easter Monday.

The Southwold trip starts with crabbing outside the Harbour Inn at 11-ish and the usual format continues with a drink in the Harbour Inn, lunch at the fish & chip shop, ambling around the town with a visit to the sweet shop, something semi-energetic on Gun Hill and afternoon tea.

With all this activity, there's no time for any actual cycling, so no bikes are needed for this one.

Great Finborough hosts the Bogg Race on the afternoon of Easter Monday.

It is usually preceded by egg & spoon races and the egg-throwing

## Officers

President	Keith Farrow
Vice-President	Vacant post
Foreman	Ken Bond
Treasurer	Richard Hall
Social Secretary	Andrew Pattle
Recorder	Jonathan Walker

competition.

The result of our usual precision planning is... that we just cycle up there and gather in the *Chestnut Horse* sometime between lunchtime and mid-afternoon.

## Beer

There are a couple of Beer Festivals that we can ride to. The plan for the Bury St Edmunds is to go on Friday 27th April. If it has stopped raining by then, we can cycle across - leaving from Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10:00am. If we are very lucky, we might be shown the inside of Bill's shed.

Bildeston Beer Festival is held over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. In case there's no beer left by Monday, we'll go on Sunday May 27th. Leave from Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10:30am.

## AGM

No devastating changes were made at the AGM. We are without a Vice-president again -

like last year, there was no one eligible for the post at the AGM. And, again like last year, we'll appoint the first eligible person who turns up at a subsequent event.

## Snow Ride

We came close, but not quite close enough, to having a snow ride this year. There was snow on the ground for our last ride of the 20<sup>th</sup> century - but not much - although we did find a couple of roads that were completely covered. And we were snowed on going to the AGM. But that's it; hardly impressive, is it?

## Carnival

Have you had any more ideas? The theme is about advertisements and the ideas we have come up with so far are: Homepride flour graders, Robertson's Gollies or Cadbury's Smash aliens. The final decision will be made at the June quarterly meeting (that's the one in May).

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## Programme Summary

### March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting at Haughley *Railway Tavern* 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC

### April

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Cally's Trudge from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. 01986 784664

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Stroll around Southwold, *Harbour Inn* from 11:00am

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Great Finborough Race of the Bogg Men

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Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Quarterly planning meeting at Haughley *Railway Tavern*, 8:30pm to 11:00pm.

### June

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