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Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

Low House

The ride to Laxfield on 1st July produced a good turn out—perhaps we should go there more often. Just to prove that we really went, here is a sketch of Andrew's bike at the Low House.



Boules

Eight competitors formed up into four teams of two for our annual pétanque competition at the *Falcon* in Bury St Edmunds. Graham and Jane Pattle were the winners and will receive the Society's Pétanque Trophy just as soon as 1999's winners get around to giving it back.

Meetings

The last wandering evening meeting is on Thursday 20th September at the *Highwayman*, Creeting. Aim to get there at sort of 8:30ish. There will probably be a convoy leaving from Richard's house in Stowupland; call Andrew (01449 673943) or Richard (01449 612940) if you want to join it.

In the following months, the meetings revert to the winter format: 8:30pm at the *Railway Tavern*, Haughley on the third Thursday of every month. Those Thursdays are: 18th October, 15th November and 20th December. The October meeting will, as usual, also be the venue for the annual conkers match.

And the next quarterly meeting? That will be at *Combs Gardeners Arms* on 6th December

Cracotte

This year's Challenge is to build a structure from cracottes - tallest one wins - that's it - simple, isn't it? There is a catch - you're not allowed to use anything else at all, so you won't be able to stick them together - you're not even allowed to butter them. Everyone will have the same number of cracottes to use in their building. I don't know what that number will be; we'll take the number of cracottes we've got, divide that by the number of people taking part and eat the remainder.

This will all take place on 30th September at 7, Unity Road at about 11 o'clock—giving a whole hour's construction time before the pubs open.

Evening Out

We decided that we deserved an evening out on the 1st November—it's a not quite All Hallow's Eve ride. A substantial proportion of those at the quarterly meeting couldn't attend on Hallowe'en so we thought the next day would be near enough. Meet in Unity Road, Stowmarket for a ride to Buxhall *Crown* and Woolpit *Bull*.

Rebels

The Roydon Rebels (a chapter of the National Autocycle and Cyclemotor Club) have

a ride on 16th September from... Roydon. They will be stopping at Gislingham *Six Bells* so we have decided to have a ride across to intercept them at that point. Meet at Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am. Andrew is planning to use his paraffin-powered contraption so bring a gas mask and be prepared for a slow ride.

Trudge

Cally has arranged another trudge, the fifth, for 14th October. As always, it starts from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. This time it's "a 25-mile jaunt ending for lunch at a 13th Century coaching inn". That's all I know at the moment. If you've been to one of Cally's rides before, I expect he'll be sending you an invitation. Full details will be available on the D&DGCS Wibble Wobbly Web site when I get them.

Snow

As winter creeps nearer (or are we creeping nearer to it?), it's time to remind you that

in the unlikely event of it snowing during a December, January or February weekend, we will go out for a ride. Call Andrew (01449 673943) when it happens to find out where and when we will meet.

Officers

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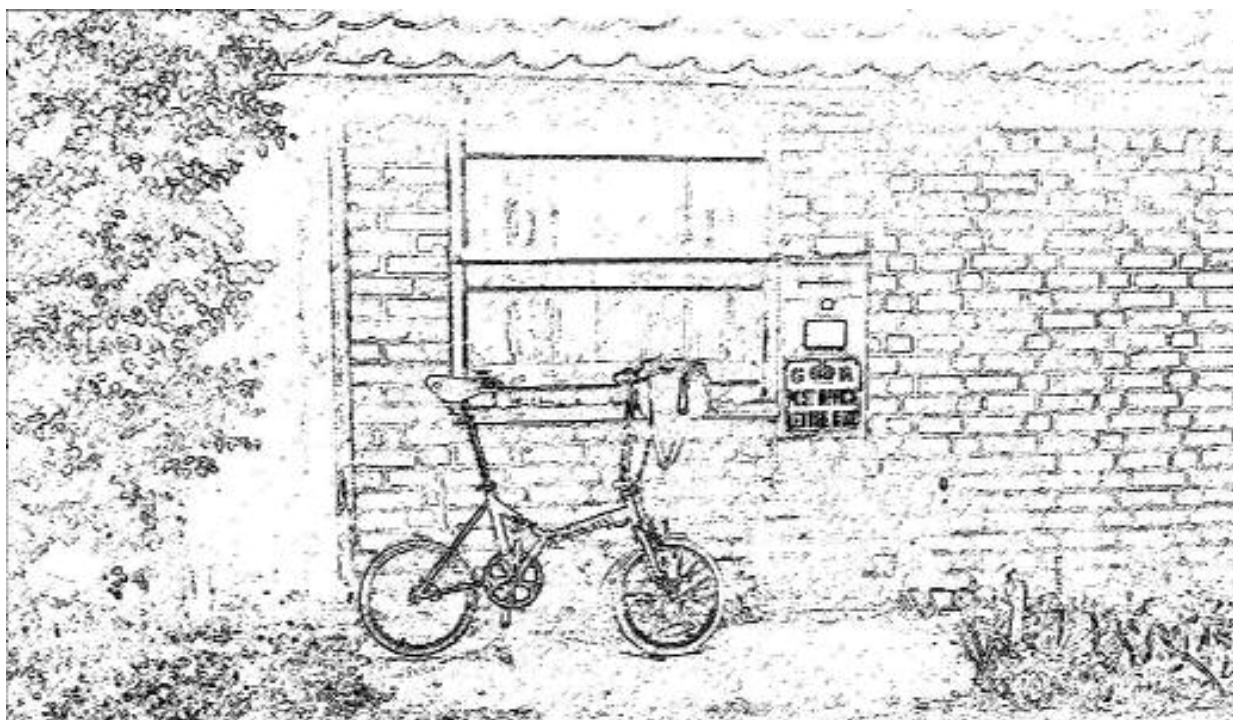
Christmas Lunch

At the quarterly meeting we decided that it would be a good idea to have a Christmas lunch, 16th December would be a good day to have it and that none us wanted to organise it. So we're all

going to look pointedly in the general direction of Thurston and see if anyone takes the hint.

Veteran-Cycle Club

The V-CC has several local rides in the next few months. As well as Cally's trudge, John Malseed is organising a Suffolk-Essex Border Ride on 23rd September; there's a Norfolk Ramble on 16th September and Reg Horsnell has rides on 30th September and 28th October. John's ride is a 40-miler starting from Holly Tree House, Dedham at 11 o'clock. The Norfolk Ramble leaves old Reepham Station at 10:30am for a 25-mile ride (but there is a longer route for the enthusiastic). Reg is going from Great Notley *Tesco* to Andrews Airfield and Beazley End in September, and from Coggeshall Dutch Nursery to Gosfield in October.



Programme Summary

September

- Thursday 6th Quarterly meeting at Haughley Railway Tavern
- Sunday 16th Intercept the Roydon Rebels at Gislingham Six Bells—from Stowmarket Market Place at 11:00am
- Sunday 16th V-CC Norfolk Ramble from Old Reepham Station. Ring Sue Maufe on 01603 872737
- Thursday 20th Ride to Creting *Highwayman*. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC
- Sunday 23rd V-CC Suffolk/Essex Border Ride from Dedham. John Malseed, 01206 323334
- Sunday 30th Cracotte Challenge at 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket - 11:00am
- Sunday 30th V-CC: Reg's Ride from Gt Notley to Beazley End, 01621 817916

October

- Sunday 14th Cally's Fifth Trudge, 01986 784664
- Thursday 18th Monthly Meeting and Conkers Match, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Sunday 26th V-CC: Reg's Ride from Coggeshall to Gosfield, 01621 817916

November

- Thursday 1st 'A Bit Late For Hallowe'en' Ride, 7:30pm from Unity Road, Stowmarket to Buxhall and Woolpit
- Thursday 15th Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*

December

- Thursday 6th Quarterly Meeting, 8:30pm at Combs *Gardener's Arms*
- Sunday 16th Christmas Lunch (Provisional Date)
- Thursday 20th Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Unknown Ride in the Snow

