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Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

AGM

All the same old officers were re-elected at the AGM because:

- None of them resigned.
- No one else could be bothered to stand for the posts.

Of course, there was the usual exception to this: the Vice-President. With no one at the AGM who was eligible for the post, the "election" has been deferred until some one suitable turns up at a society event. The other officers are advised to keep tape measures handy, just in case.

What else happens at the AGM? Well, Richard tells us how much money we've got — a copy of the accounts might be found nailed to the back of this newsletter — and we decide upon the next quarter's activities. And here they are: all your old favourites...

Monthly meetings

March's monthly meeting will be at Haughley Railway Tavern at 8:30pm on the third Thursday of that month. From April we will start wandering about again.

April will be the *Tour de Rattlesden* visiting all the pubs in that village... alright then, **both** the pubs in that village. We'll start with the Brewer's Arms.

In May we'll go to Forward Green *Shepherd and Dog* and in June it will be Earl Soham *Victoria*.

All these rides are on the third Thursday of the month, aiming to get to the appropriate pub at 8:30pm.

Seaside

As usual, we'll have a stroll around Southwold on Good

Friday. We usually gather near the *Harbour Inn* at 11-ish. This year includes an official visit to the society's plaque on Southwold Pier to check that it's nicely polished and that the slots in the screw-heads are all neatly in line.

Bogg

On Easter Monday, it's the Race of the Boggmen at Great Finborough. The plan for this event is to turn up at the *Chestnut Horse* and mingle with the crowds at any time from lunchtime onwards... and then to mysteriously vanish just before the Bogg Race teams are recruited. This year's race is the 25th since its "revival", so it's a bit of a special occasion.

Officers

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

More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at the *Scole Inn* on the last Monday of each month. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 or send an e-mail to Matthew at holder.family@tesco.net if you want to know more.

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The Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival is at the end of April, so we'll ride across on Friday 25th. Start from Unity Road, Stowmarket at 10:30am.

Another Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is on 5th June at Haughley *Railway Tavern* (assuming it's still open). Half past eight should be roughly when it starts.

Veteran-Cycle Club

Reg has a full programme of rides throughout the year. On 16th March he is leading the V-CC to Hadleigh, which is within in range for us to ride across and meet up. Mind you, there are quite a few pubs in Hadleigh so it could take a while to find him... unless the *White Hart* is the first one we try.

Show off

We have been invited to the History Fair at the Museum of East Anglian Life on 12th & 13th July. We've decided to put on a display with the theme of "Trikes & Trade Bikes". The cunning theory behind this plan is that every society member has a trade bike or several, so we should get a good display. Then the trikes, because they take up a lot of room, will make it look even more impressive.

Thunderbirds are go...

...for Stowmarket Carnival unless anyone comes up with a better theme. Carnival Day is 19th July... or is it the week after? I'm sure we'll find out in time.

Future

Here are a couple of things to think about. It was suggested at the AGM that we should hold a bring & buy sale of some sort so we can all get rid of those heaps of useless spares we've collected — and buy a different heap of useless spare to take their place. Last year, we never got around to organising a pétanque match, so perhaps we should plan it a bit earlier this year. If you have any ideas about when, where, how or why we should organise either of these, come along to the next quarterly meeting.



When you've ridden away with the honours you'll be glad you used a Benelux Mark 7 gear, it is all British and incorporates the main features of the Mark 12 which is so highly successful in open competitions—available in 3, 4 or 5 speeds.

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Programme Summary

March

- Sunday 16th **V-CC North Essex Section** ride to Hadleigh *White Hart*. Meet at Sainsbury, Tollgate, Colchester at 10:30 for 11:00 start. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Thursday 20th **Monthly meeting. 8:30pm at Haughley Railway Tavern.**
- Sunday 30th **V-CC North Essex Section** ride to Earls Colne *Lion*. Meet at Manningtree Station at 10:30 for 11:00 start. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Monday 31st **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm** at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net

April

- Sunday 6th **V-CC Suffolk Trudge** from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664
- Thursday 17th **Monthly meeting. 8:30pm at Rattlesden Brewers Ams.**
- Friday 18th **Stroll around Southwold**
- Monday 21st Race of the Boggmen, Great Finborough
- Friday 25th **Ride to Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival**
- Sunday 27th **V-CC North Essex Section: Kevin's Ride.** Please 'phone Kevin Sheahan, 01621 856563 for details.
- Monday 28th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm** at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net

May

- Thursday 15th **Monthly meeting. 8:30pm at Forward Green Shepherd & Dog.**
- Sunday 18th **V-CC North Essex Section** ride to Harwich. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Sunday 25th **Ride to Bildeston Beer Festival (probably)**
- Monday 26th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm** at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net

June

- Thursday 5th **Quarterly meeting. 8:30pm at Haughley Railway Tavern.**
- Thursday 19th **Monthly meeting. 8:30pm at Earl Soham Victoria.**
- Sunday 29th **V-CC North Essex Section** ride Finchingfield. Please 'phone if riding: Reg Horsnell, 01621 817916.
- Monday 30th **V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm** at the *Scole Inn*, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664 or Matthew Holder at holder.family@tesco.net