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Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

Victoria

On 21st June we'll be off to Earl Soham *Victoria* for our Third Thursday evening meeting; the *Victoria* has been our June destination for several years. We've had a special request from Bill to make the *Tostock Gardener's Arms* our destination in July so we'll go to *Woolpit* instead. No, we wouldn't do that to Bill, we are going to *Tostock* really. Then it's the *Fox & Hounds* at Bradfield St George on 15th August. The next quarterly meeting will be on 6th September at *Rattlesden Five Bells*. And then, at last, we can go to *Offton Limeburners* on 20th September. This should be third time lucky. The *Limeburners* was closed several months ago, when the road outside turned into a Big Hole. Reports of the *Limeburners'* re-opening have proven premature and we've twice had to change rides to another destination. But it's definitely open now. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

Vice

No one present at the AGM was eligible for Vice-President so we were going to sort that out at the next event. Of course, no one remembered, so I've unilaterally decided that Bill will hold this

sinecure. No one's going to object to that... are they?

The Vice President's only duty is to collect our prize at Stowmarket Carnival, and we're not entered in the Carnival this year. Perhaps you can come up with some suggestions for other things you'd like to see the VP doing.

More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at *The Scole Inn* on the last Monday of each month. They gather there between 7:00 and 7:30 after which they pedal off for a mere five mile saunter to a more suitable pub - usually *Rushall Half Moon* or

Hoxne Swan. Make a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 if you want to know more.

There are plans afoot to meet near Woodbridge and ride to Ramsholt for a bit of a change one month... August I think it was. Anyway, Cally will know.

Trundle, trundle, trundle...

The V-CC's West Suffolk Trundle is on 8th July.

Officers

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

Gather at Great Ashfield Village Hall (grid ref TL998672) from 10:00am for signing on and some elevenses before an 11:00am departure.

All are welcome whether members of V-CC or not and however old or young you and your cycle are. We encourage you to bring your oldest steed.

The lunch stop will be at *The Flying Fortress*, Mount Road, Bury St Edmunds (grid ref TL884647). Please pre-book lunch - telephone 01284 787665: Keith and Rosemary are looking forward to welcoming us and will, if numbers admit, provide us with a separate room, or we can eat outside.

The morning and afternoon routes will each range between 8 and 14 miles, or longer, as you choose.

Route maps will be provided at the start and the routes should cause no problems for any age or sort of rider or cycle.

Any queries should be addressed to Ted Ashton on 01284 754993, or David Bradbury on 01953 681470 and David can be e-mailed at info@westsuffolktrundle.org.uk

The weather is likely to be excellent and the company will certainly be beyond reproach!

Spoke and Steam...

...is on Sunday 26th August. Just like last year, this is how it works: groups of riders will assemble at various points in East Anglia and they will head toward the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford for an afternoon of beer drinking and train spotting. The Middy has a Rail'n'Ale Event on this day, and it's a Steam Day too.

There will be a D&DGCS starting point in Stowmarket, picking up at Stowupland *en route*. The Cambridge Section of the V-CC has a starting point in Elmswell. The V-CC Flat Section A team will start from Walpole, Chickering Cycling Circle from Horham. Diss is the starting point for the V-CC Flat Section B team, Choppy Warburton Fan Club and Diss & District CC. Those lovely people at the Middy let us all in for nothing last year.

More details and suggestions for starting points can be had from Ian Maddams on 01799 525084 or Pete Stanners on 01359 241904.

Bank Holiday

Working backwards through the August Bank Holiday weekend, we already know about Ramsholt on Monday, Spoke and Steam on Sunday, so that leaves Saturday. It's the weekend of Mildenhall Rally and the jumble is on Saturday...

Beer

There are two more festivals to note: Stowmarket at the end of June and Ipswich in the penultimate week of September. In the evening of Friday, 29th June we will be found at the Stowmarket festival. This is at the Museum of East Anglian Life.

September is a long way off so there's no need for a hasty decision... but I bet it'll be Friday again.

Horham

Dave Whatling has invited us all over to Horham one evening. We'll be going on Thursday 5th July and the format is just like any Thursday evening ride. Aim to get to Horham at 8:30-ish. The Community Centre will be open and there should be loads of Chickering Cycling Circle members propping the bar up when we arrive.

Trade

Sunday 5th August is 'Village Trades' day at the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway - an ideal opportunity for showing off your favourite carrier cycle.

Endurance

Is anyone thinking of doing the Dunwich Dynamo this year? It's on 28th and 29th July. The start is at London Fields, which is handily close to Liverpool Street Station. There is a bare minimum of organisation. Someone will be selling route sheets from about 8:00pm onwards and people will start cycling towards Dunwich when they feel like it. There is a stop around the halfway mark where food and drink is available. Usually, this is at Waldingfield. Thence it's non-stop to Dunwich where cooked breakfasts will be served in the café. A mere 116 miles in all. It's traditional to say "Never again" after completing the ride, but, by the time a year has passed...

Programme Summary

June

- Thursday 7th Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
Thursday 21st Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Earl Soham *Victoria*
Monday 25th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*
Friday 29th Stowmarket Beer Festival

July

- Thursday 5th Extra meeting: 8:30pm, Horham Community Centre
Sunday 8th V-CC West Suffolk Trundle: 10:00am at Great Ashfield Village Hall
Thursday 19th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Tostock *Gardeners Arms*
Saturday 28th Fifteenth Dunwich Dynamo
Monday 30th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

August

- Sunday 5th Village Trades Day at the Middy at Brockford
Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds*
Saturday 25th Mildenhall Rally Jumble
Sunday 26th Spoke & Steam ride to the Middy at Brockford
Monday 27th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting somewhere around Woodbridge

September

- Thursday 5th Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
Thursday 19th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Offton *Limeburners*
Monday 24th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

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