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Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

Meetings

March's monthly meeting will be at Rattlesden *Five Bells* on Thursday 20th. After that the clocks change, and so do we. From April the monthly meetings start roaming around the countryside. On April 17th we'll go to an old favourite: Tostock *Gardeners Arms*, but on May 15th we are going to be more adventurous and try Brent Eleigh *Cock*. The next monthly meeting, on June 19th, reverts to tradition and will be at Earl Soham *Victoria*. June's quarterly meeting will be at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells* on Thursday 5th. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

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.

AGM

There were no stunning changes at the AGM. Somewhat foolishly, John Purser decided to make the AGM the first D&DGCS meeting he came to - this means that he is our new Vice-President. Fortunately for John, the job is a sinecure, so he didn't have too much explaining to do when he got home. The other usual topic of debate was what to do with all the money we've got and the general opinion was that we should have...

A Grand Day Out

Plan A is for a trip to the National Cycle Museum at Llandridod Wells. The sensible way to get there would be to hire a mini-bus, but no one will want to drive, so we're going to see if it's feasible to get there by train. Richard will consult our captive railway guru - and report back at March's monthly meeting.

Snow

It didn't.

Officers

President Keith Farrow

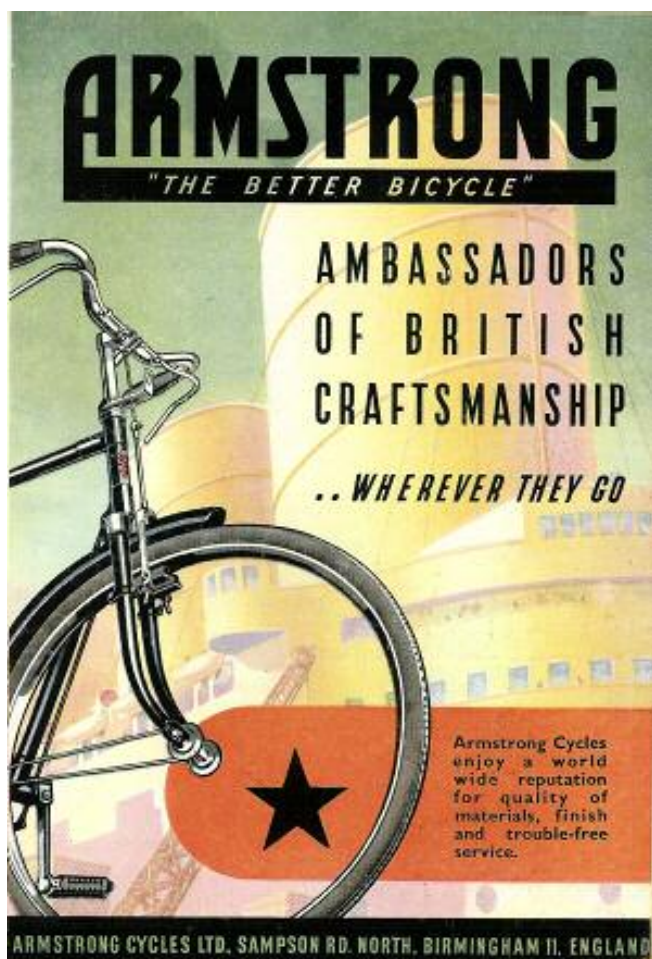
Vice-President John Purser

Foreman Ken Bond

Treasurer Richard Hall

Social Secretary Andrew Pattle

Recorder Jonathan Walker



Extreme Danger

On Friday 25th April we will cycle to the "East Anglian" Beer Festival (which, as we all know, is really the Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival). This year, however, there will be a slight change to the ride: we will dice with death by meticulously following NCN route 51 from Stowmarket to Bury - however tortuous and impractical that may be. We'll start from Stowmarket Market Place at 10:00am.

As we're going to a beer festival, it is probably safe to assume that we will consume a small amount of alcohol. Therefore, we shall not insist on similar foolishness on the return trip.

A Trudge

On the very Sunday the clocks go amiss, Sunday March 30th, the Flat Section of the V-CC will repeat last year's Seaside Special with the same fine weather as they encountered last year on order. It promises to be quite a ride: about 30 gentle miles with Ice Cream. Meet at Marlinspike Hall, Walpole for 10:30 and lunch can be enjoyed on Southwold Pier without even booking. There will be a cycle rummage sale before the off.

Easter

It would be very surprising if there were no D&DGCS members to be seen at The Race of the Bogg Men in Finborough on Easter Monday.

Easter again

The Diss & District 25 on Easter Sunday has rules that encourage the use of older machines. Those of you who are of a more sporting bent will know all about it and may even have entered. Now we enter the realms of guesswork: usually the East Region of the Tricycle Association has a lunchtime meeting after the racing and the most likely venue for this is Redgrave *Cross Keys*. We'll meet at Stowmarket Market Place at 11 o'clock and ride over to meet them. By then, we'll know where (or if) we're going.



G&T

On 27th April, Ian Maddams is organising his fifth Gin and Toffee ride on behalf of the Cambridge Section of the V-CC. It leaves from Elsenham Railway Station car park at 10:30 and heads for Thaxted. You may procure all the gory details by telephoning Ian on 01799 525084. There is a choice of 18 or 27 mile routes.

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Beer

Walsham-le-Willows Beer Festival has now firmly usurped Bildeston from our May schedule. 10:30 is probably quite early enough to be thinking about making a start - from Unity Road, Stowmarket. Last year the beer was excellent and the weather was awful - well, that's better than the other way round.

Bygones

Horham Bygones Rally is on Saturday 7th June and will, of course, be attended by members of the Chickering Cycling Circle. This is the same day that the Flat Section is planning a "rip-roaring 20 miler in the early evening to take in the fine ales of some 5 pubs". It would seem to be not impossible to do both.

Programme Summary

March

Thursday 20 th	Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden <i>Five Bells</i>
Sunday 23 rd	Ride to Redgrave (perhaps) to meet the TA after the Diss & District CC '25'
Monday 24 th	Race of the Bogg Men at Great Finborough
Sunday 30 th	V-CC Flat Section Suffolk Trudge from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole
Monday 31 st	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>

April

Thursday 17 th	Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Tostock <i>Gardeners Arms</i>
Friday 25 th	Ride to Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival
Sunday 27 th	V-CC Cambridge Section Gin and Toffee Ride V
Monday 28 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>

May

Monday 5 th	Ixworth Criterium
Thursday 15 th	Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Brent Eleigh <i>Cock</i>
Sunday 25 th	Ride to Walsham-le-Willows Beer Festival
Monday 26 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>

June

Thursday 5 th	Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden <i>Five Bells</i>
Saturday 7 th	Horham Bygones Rally
Thursday 19 th	Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Earl Soham <i>Victoria</i>
Monday 30 th	V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i>