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Cycling Society



Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

QUARTERLY

In another triumph of organisation, for which the D&DGCS is justly renowned, the quarterly meeting completely failed to happen. The usual reason for such a failure would be because no one turned up. This time, bizarrely, at least two society members went to the meeting. For reasons that neither can adequately explain, they failed to find each other. The autumn programme was, therefore, determined at September's monthly meeting.

MEETINGS

The next monthly meeting, on October 20th, reverts to the winter format and will be at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells*. Our destination will be the same on 17th November, 15th December and 19th January. December's quarterly meeting will be at Battsford *Punch Bowl* on Thursday 1st. Oh dear, a quarterly meeting on the first day of the month – it won't be until Friday that most of our members think "Oh, is it December already?" 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 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*. There is a move afoot to incorporate Earl Soham *Victoria* into this schedule, which would probably mean having a different meeting place too on those occasions. Regular attendees and subscribers to *The Twisted Spoke* will find out if this happens. Otherwise, making a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 is a good idea to check that you're heading for the right pub.

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

We have a tradition of riding out on All Hallows' Eve. This year, it's a Monday: the last Monday of the month. If your method of reading this newsletter is to start at the beginning, carry on until you get to the end, and then stop, you will have noticed that there is also a V-CC Flat Section meeting that evening. The dilemma of which ride to go on is easily solved: we'll go wherever they're going.

A TRUDGE

On Sunday October 16th, the Flat Section of the V-CC will be trudging for the 25th time. Meet at Marlinspike Hall, Walpole. There's a cycle rummage sale before the ride sets off at 11:00, heading for *The Low House* at Laxfield to arrive at 1:30 or

Officers

President Keith Farrow

Vice-President Vacant sinecure

Foreman Ken Bond

Treasurer Richard Hall

Social Secretary Andrew Pattle

Recorder Jonathan Walker

thereabouts. Lunch should be pre-booked by calling Bob at the pub on 01986 798395.

CHRISTMAS...

...is coming and that means two things: the D&DGCS Christmas lunch and the V-CC Flat Section Boxing Day Ride. The first of these leads its own independent existence; I can hazard a guess that, if it happens, it will be on a Sunday in December ...

I'm also guessing that the Boxing Day Ride will be on Boxing Day and that, being the last Monday in December, it will replace the normal Flat Section monthly meeting. Meet at Mick Madgett's shop in Diss from 10:00am.

JUMBLE

Whittlesey (or Whittlesea) Cycle Jumble is at Whittlesea (or Whittlesey) on Saturday 8th October. It's at St Andrews Hall from 1:00pm until 4:00pm and the entry fee is a mere half sovereign. If you

buy something really lovely, you could ride it on the Trudge the following week. We usually go by train as this allows us to combine the jumble with some visits to Whittlesey's (or Whittlesea's) fine selection of pubs.

SNOW

Here's the annual warning that, in the unlikely event of there being a suitable quantity of snow on the ground one weekend, we'll have a cycle ride through it. If you get up on a Sunday to find the world has turned white, telephone Andrew on Stowmarket 673943 to find out where and when the ride will be.

INN

Brettenham *Village Inn* is open on the first Friday of each month. We're often there (if it's not raining too much ... or we're not doing something else) and our timekeeping is similar to our other evening meetings.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

September 2011

Monday 26th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

October 2011

Friday 7th Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*

Saturday 8th Cycle jumble at Whittlesey

Sunday 16th V-CC Suffolk Trudge from Walpole

Thursday 20th Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*

Monday 31st Hallowe'en Ride: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

Monday 31st V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

November 2010

Friday 4th Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*

Thursday 17th Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*

Monday 28th V-CC Flat Section monthly meeting: 7:30pm at *The Scole Inn*

December 2010

Thursday 1st Quarterly meeting at Batisford *Punchbowl*

Friday 2nd Ride to Brettenham *Village Inn*

Thursday 15th Monthly meeting at Rattlesden *Five Bells*

Monday 26th V-CC Flat Section Boxing Day Ride