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Cycling Society



Incorporating news from UHU and the Chickering Cycling Circle

## UHU

Rather than the traditional obituary, we thought we'd mark the passing of our Foreman, Ken Bond, with a mention of UHU: the Unusual Hub Users. Ken was the supreme dictator and only permanent member of UHU; others would be admitted to membership if they turned up at a ride U-ing a suitably U H. Variable speed hub gears are the H's involved. Some Hs are obviously U: a Humber-Cordner or a Griffin Two-Speed Frinstance; some Hs are obviously non-U: an AW or a K. Others are more debateable and the dividing line can be quite fine: a KB being non-U but a Perry U. The most important rule of UHU was that, when parked, gear controls must be left in the slack-wire position – a rule that Ken would rigorously enforce.

## AGM

Some people can't be trusted. Leave them alone for an evening and they run amok, flaunting rules, breaking traditions, electing cats to the vice-presidency...

There were two vacancies to be filled at the AGM: foreman and vice-president. Our new Foreman is Peter Hankin and our new Vice President is ... Olive.

The rest of the AGM went as usual with a

bit of discussion about what we could do with our money and no actual decisions being made. Our money stands at £470.42, which is a whole 21p more than last year. The treasurer assures us that that 21p was interest but how you earn interest on money kept in a shoe box is a mystery to me.

## MEETINGS

As usual for the winter months, our March monthly meeting is at HQ: Rattlesden *Five Bells*. Then, from April, we start our summer wanderings. On April 19<sup>th</sup> we'll go to Felsham *Six Bells* and, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds*. No decision was made about June's meeting but we all know it'll be at Earl Soham Victoria, because it always is.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Rattlesden *Five Bells*

At all these evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

## MORE MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at on the last Monday of each month. In March they will gather at *The Scole Inn* between 7:00 and 7:30 after which they'll pedal off for a

### Officers

President Keith Farrow

Vice-President Olive Josephs

Foreman Peter Hankin

Treasurer Richard Hall

Social Secretary Andrew Pattle

Recorder Jonathan Walker

mere five-mile saunter to Rushall *Half Moon*. This plan will be repeated in April, except for Hoxne *Swan* being the ultimate destination. And May? If I understand the plans aright, they'll meet at Earl Soham *Victoria* and then ... stay there. Making a 'phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 to check that you're heading for the right pub is a really good idea.

## BEER FESTIVAL

The 21<sup>st</sup> Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival runs from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, then Stowmarket Beer Festival is from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We'll be cycling to the Bury Festival on Friday – leaving from Unity Road at 10:00 am. Our visit to the Stowmarket Festival will be on Friday evening

## SNOW

This year we had the perfect Sunday for a snow ride and how many of you called in to find out where to meet? None at all, that's how many.

There was a slight complication in that the one perfect Sunday had been pre-booked for something else: the Tricycle Association East's annual luncheon. A significant proportion of D&DGCS members also belong to the TA and most of those rode to the lunch so we did have our snow ride after all ... sort of.

## INN

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

## RACING

Mick Madgett's 25-mile time trial for pre-1980 specification bikes is on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Since D&DGCS members wouldn't want to exert the unseemly amounts of effort involved in racing, it's just as well that it's too late to enter now.

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## PROGRAMME SUMMARY

### March 2012

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting at Rattlesden <i>Five Bells</i>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Diss CC Medium Gear and Pre-1980s Spec 25 mile TT.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TA East lunch meeting at Redgrave <i>Cross Keys</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	V-CC Flat Section meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i> and ride to Rushall <i>Half Moon</i>

### April 2012

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	V-CC Suffolk Trudge No 26 from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting at Felsham <i>Six Bells</i>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ride to Bury Beer Festival
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	V-CC Flat Section meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i> and ride to Hoxne <i>Swan</i>

### May 2012

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting at Bradfield St George <i>Fox &amp; Hounds</i>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	V-CC Flat Section meeting: from 7:30pm at Earl Soham <i>Victoria</i>

### June 2012

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly meeting at Rattlesden <i>Five Bells</i>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly meeting at Earl Soham <i>Victoria</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	V-CC Flat Section meeting: 7:30pm at <i>The Scole Inn</i> and ride to Rushall <i>Half Moon</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Evening meeting at Stowmarket Beer Festival (Museum of East Anglian Life)