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The Newsletter of the Dagworth & District Gentlemen's
Cycling Society



Incorporating news from the Chickering Cycling Circle

New HQ

It looked like a foregone conclusion: *The Chestnut Horse* at Great Finborough would be our new HQ following the closure of *Haughley Railway Tavern*. All it needed was for the decision to be ratified by the AGM. So we all turned up at *The Chestnut Horse* for the AGM, only to discover that **they've stopped selling mild!** Of course, we had to choose somewhere else. After a bit of a discussion, we've picked *The Railway Tavern* at Elmswell.

Venue Change

To celebrate the adoption of *Elmswell Railway Tavern* as our new HQ, we'll be going there for our next monthly meeting on 18th March. This was originally planned to be at *Rattlesden Six Bells*; we've moved the *Six Bells* to the meeting on 20th May.

Monthly meetings

That's two of the monthly meetings taken care of. The others will be at *Mendlesham King's Head* on 15th April and *Bradfield St George Fox & Hounds* on 17th June. With all evening meetings, we usually manage 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. 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.

Decisions

Officers

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

The next Quarterly Meeting, when we decide upon our summer programme, will be at the new HQ, *Elmswell Railway Tavern*, on Thursday 3rd June

Easter

As usual, Good Friday is the time for our annual stroll around Southwold - except that this year we are aiming to do a bit less strolling and a bit more riding. Southwold gets a bit full up with motor cars so it makes sense to park somewhere else and cycle into Southwold. OK then, this is the plan: we drive to Dunwich, aiming to get there at half-past-ten-ish. Then we cycle to Southwold Harbour for a spot of crabbing before lunch. Lunch will be taken on the pier and afterwards we can check on the plaque: making sure that it's nicely polished and all the screw slots are in line. Then it's back into town for a visit to the second-hand book shop and a general poke around. Finally, we can return to Dunwich where we will take tea at the café.

Other events taking place over the Easter Weekend are a 'Rusty Nut' jumble at Woolpit on Sunday, and the Race of the Boggmen at Great Finborough on Monday.

Trudge

The Flat Section's tenth Suffolk Trudge is on 4th April. As usual, it starts from Marlinspike Hall and I think this one is the route that goes to Cratfield *Poacher*. If you want more reliable information call Cally on 01986 784664 - or check the [D&DGCS](http://come.to/dagworth/) website at <http://come.to/dagworth/> to see if Cally's sent me the latest "Twisted Spoke".

Further ahead, mark 3rd October in your diary as the date of Trudge 11.

Fools

We all thought it would be a good idea to have a ride on 1st April... but where to? I don't know; it's a mystery. Gather in Unity Road Stowmarket at 7:45pm for a ride to who knows where.

Street Fair

We've been invited to stage a display at Mendlesham Street Fair on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May. We'll have the Society's gazebo there but we need some pretty cycles to stand around it. Unlike the History Fair display we did last year, we've no particular theme for this, just bring interesting cycles. For more details - like what time to turn up - call Andrew on 01449 673943.

Gate Crash

The day before Mendlesham Street Fair is the Annual Ipswich to Felixstowe Road Run. There is no class officially to enter pedal cycles on the run, but it's a good event to gate crash with quite a

carnival atmosphere among the spectators on the route. It's a good idea to ride something that is unusual or to wear period costume so that people think you're part of the event.

Chocks away

Talking of carnival atmospheres...

The theme to Stowmarket Carnival this year is Uniforms - so we've decided to don the uniform of the Royal Flying Corps. This should give us plenty of scope to demonstrate our cardboard engineering skills. Richard has threatened to construct a Zeppelin on his bike so we will have something to shoot at.

Beer

Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival is at the end of April. We plan to be there at lunchtime on St George's Day. Those cycling from Stowmarket should gather in Unity Road around 10am.

There will probably be a beer festival in Bildeston at the end of May. Assuming there is, we'll go on Sunday 30th. Again, meet in Unity Road but round about 11am this time.

A bit further ahead, the Stowmarket Beer Festival runs from 1st to 4th July

Racing

The Diss & District CC has a 25-mile time trial for pre1980 specification machines. It's on Sunday 14th March from Bressingham Village Hall. First man is away at 9:11am.

Annual Dinner

Rattlesden *Brewer's Arms* is the place to be for the Society's annual dinner. This will be at 8:00pm on 15th May. Book your place with Jon by ringing 01359 271609

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Southwold



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Programme Summary

March

- Sunday 14th Diss & District CC “Pre-1980 spec” 25-mile time trial
- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Elmswell *Railway Tavern*.
- Monday 29th 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

- Thursday 1st April Fools Day Mystery Ride.
- Sunday 4th Suffolk Trudge number 10
- Friday 9th Southwold trip
- Sunday 11th ‘Rusty Nut’ at Woolpit from 10:00am
- Monday 12th Race of the Boggmens
- Thursday 15th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Mendlesham *King’s Head*
- Friday 23rd Ride to Bury St Edmunds Beer Festival
- 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.

May

- Sunday 2nd Ipswich to Felixstowe Road Run
- Monday 3rd Display at Mendlesham Street Fair
- Saturday 15th Annual Dinner at Rattlesden *Brewer’s Arms*
- Thursday 20th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Six Bells*
- Sunday 30th Ride to Bildeston Beer Festival
- 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.

June

- Thursday 3rd Quarterly meeting: 8:30pm, Elmswell *Railway Tavern*.
- Thursday 17th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Bradfield St George *Fox & Hounds*
- 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.