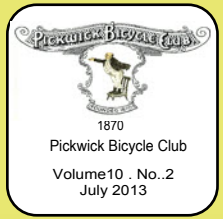


# PICKWICK BICYCLE CLUB

THE WORLD'S OLDEST CYCLING CLUB  
AND OLDEST DICKENSIAN SOCIETY EXTANT

Established 1870



## MAGAZINE AND NEWSLETTER

EDITOR: JOE THE FAT BOY



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## Editorial

I missed the President's Luncheon in May, in fact, I was devastated to have missed the first one in 37 years as Joe The Fat Boy, and a few years before that, but I was well and truly incapacitated. I tried, I even bought a rail ticket and went to Baillie Mac's house to travel with him. But, I didn't, and it certainly wasn't apathy on my part to miss the event

Now that can't be said of many of our members, for there does seem to be a certain level of apathy about. And it isn't just the one event – what happened at the other events? Where have all the keen members gone? Long time passing. Where have all the flowers gone, long time ago?

What happened to those who missed the Beaulieu Rallye? The unusually poor turnout for our long established Golf Day and Baillie Mac Something's Charity Bike Ride all suffered from the same lack of support. Read the Golf Day Report – a truly sad day, and the weather wasn't so bad, and the cost was reasonable.

The financial state of the nation will no doubt have some influence but, really, can't those of you who skip a meeting or two for

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## The Captain's Orders:

At the last luncheon we were greatly surprised  
Our original member actually ridden arrived  
Passing through our tables by a member bold  
All the way from Southampton we were told

It also went to Beaulieu a demo with others  
seen  
To impress the crowds with other veterans  
keen  
Demonstrating lengths to which members  
devote  
To increase the public interest and the club  
promote

Soon at Hampton Court the club is to re-appear  
Promoting cycling interest there for another year  
We hope our members will rally to this cause  
And rush to support this event without pause

At these events and others begs a constant request  
You and your guests appear appropriately dressed  
As with all club events remember our code  
Display good manners and clad a la mode



The Captain  
(Dismal Jemmy).

## From Your President

Sorry - he is on his way to  
confer with the Secretary  
and it is not known if they  
have taken their secretaries,  
or indeed, their notes with them.

He was last seen in conversation  
with a roulier.  
(Ed.)



## STOP PRESS

Hampton Court Ride is on Thursday 3rd. October, not as in March issue.

Meet at 10 am for 10.30 am sharp depart.

Enter as soon as possible, using the form accompanying this issue.



## *Secretarial Report from Sgt. Buzfuz*



As I write this mid year report, I am hopeful that there are signs that the weather will improve and that members who wish to ride can look forward to better conditions over the next few months. I was disappointed to miss the golf/cycle day but understand that those who did attend found it enjoyable but it would be nice to see more members playing golf, cycling and attending this lunch. I understand the number of members playing golf were down and perhaps members would like to let either myself or David Lincoln, (Smithers) the golf organiser know if there are difficulties with the arrangements including venue, start time, dates etc.

By the time this magazine is received Benson will have been held and I would have hoped to have seen several members at that function. The cycle ride at the beginning of October is another opportunity for members to meet and cycle together and I look forward to a good turnout on that date.

The May function appears to have gone very well but again numbers were not as high as could be hoped. A few days before the event numbers were well down and I am extremely grateful for those members who were able to attract more guests and ultimately we achieved an acceptable number but not the numbers that would be wished for. I would ask for early replies to the December function and that members please note the priority date and also the cut-off dates for ticket applications. Not only is it time consuming to have to ask members to assist with further guests but it is extremely difficult for Mrs Bardell to have to alter table sittings to accommodate the additional guests. She does a splendid job and copes admirably well in difficult circumstances.

I am aware that your President and Deputy President are considering smaller social gatherings later in the year, possibly including a Dickens Museum visit, visits to hostelrys frequented by Mr Pickwick on his travels and also a possible London walk of Dicken's haunts. Details will be sent out when available. On the subject of club contact, I do have a relatively comprehensive list of emails. There are still some members who have not provided email addresses. It is appreciated that not all members have an email but if you have not received emails from me in the past and have an email address I would be very pleased to receive details. Not only does this save the club postage costs but it means members can be advised on a regular basis of events, changes to circumstances at short notice etc. The club may rest assured that full compliance with data protection is adhered to and the full email list is only available to club officers and will only be used for club circulars.

How many members have looked at the club website ([pickwickbc.org.uk](http://pickwickbc.org.uk)). There is a members only section on that website and password details are available. If you do not know the password please send me or Stephen Bullen ([steve@stephenbullen.com](mailto:steve@stephenbullen.com)) requesting details of the password.

I do hope that you enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible either at Benson or on the cycle day and more particularly on some of the social events that our officers are planning for the Autumn.

## **A copy of “The History of the Pickwick Bicycle Club” is available through the Petersfield Bookshop:-**

This is a copy of the early history of the club published in 1905 compiled by the honourable Mr Crushton.

This book was the copy owned by Harry Duesbury and is signed on the end paper with his own name and also his club sobriquet, *Jingles*. He was a member of the club from around the late 1870s, was a one time Secretary and Vice President.

He was mentioned and pictured in the book itself.

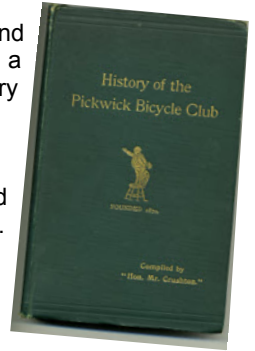
The book has green cloth gilt titles and is in very good condition as advised by the bookshop but with a little warping to the boards at the bottom corner.

The shop also had for sale copies of club memorabilia which the club have purchased.

The book is available at a cost of £450, following the purchase of club memorabilia. Interested members should contact the bookshop directly .

Address: 16a Chapel Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3DS

Email:<petersfieldbookshop@talk21.com> Tel: 01730 263438



## **Update on the Club Blazers and Waistcoats**

The new club blazers and waistcoats were delivered on time for the President's Luncheon. Significant colour and presence was added to the event when a number of members wore them for the occasion.

A special mention must go to Samuel Pickwick who was resplendent in all three items: club blazer, waistcoat and bow tie!

The original material has now been used, having supplied 24 blazers and 18 waistcoats. I would like to thank the membership for their support and also the members who put up the money in the first instance to allow us to pursue the idea at a reasonable cost.

For the future, members will be able to order club blazers and waistcoats which will have to be batched into minimum order numbers of 6-12 garments. The price going forward for the blazer is £235 and waistcoats will be £100.

Please use the original ordering details and/or contact me: Samkin; Peter Legg:



### **Editorial Continued**

perhaps no special reason, give some thought to the numbers who are patiently awaiting election to our club. Waiting up to eight years for that day when they too, like so many, can entertain their own friends, family and colleagues in our wonderfully unique way.

Lower attendance may also have an effect on the ticket prices, and we wouldn't want that, would we? Would make things worse, especially for those retired old 'uns among us.

With Mr.Pickwick's excursion across the Channel, the Benson Rally, The Hampton Court Revival Ride and the Garden Party yet to come, let's see if there is a Revival of the great Pickwickian Spirit that some of us really do cherish.



## CYCLING CHAMPION ALSO CHAMP AT ANNUAL GOLF DAY

The Annual Pickwick Bicycle Club Golf Day was once again held at the delightful Harpenden Common Golf Club, complete with its plush new clubhouse, on 13th June 2013.

A total of seventeen Pickwickians attended and, together with guests, thirty-four sat down to a luncheon of Tomato and Pesto soup, Cajun prawns, Lamb Shank and Apple Tart prepared by chef Martin and his staff who did an excellent job providing food for us all, including the two members who hadn't booked!



There were thirteen golfers of whom five were members and one retired member. Five cyclists, but only two Pickwickians, took part in the ride, arranged by Mr Justice Stareleigh, around the lanes of Harpenden.

The course, as ever, was in excellent condition, as were some Pickwickians, and generally the standard of golf was improved this year.

The winner of the prestigious Namby Cup, for the best member's Stableford score, was George the Father (Chris Wreghitt) who has been the five times National Cyclo-Cross Champion. It would appear he can turn his hand to golf as well.

The 'Nearest The Pin' was won by Samkin for landing his ball no less than five Pickwickian paces from the pin and Brian Airdrie (guest of Mr Wicks) became the holder of the Crandyke Cup for achieving the best guest score.

I am pleased to announce that Baillie Mac Something still has a firm grip on Jinkins Balls (the only trophy which can be awarded in sequential years) for having the worst member's score of the day.

The Blink Bowl for cycling was awarded to Mr Justice Starleigh for services to cycling at Harpenden Common G.C. and for being a jolly good chap!

My sincere thanks goes to Peter Magnus who excelled himself this year with the menu card. It featured the many faces of Mr Pickwick, from his own collection of memorabilia and was a work of art. Hang onto your menu, if you have one, as I am sure they will become collector's items

The collection raised £184.33 for charity.

I look forward to next year's Golf day when, hopefully, we shall have a few more members and guests attending.

Smithers  
Hon. Golf Sec.

The Menu members photographs were actually mine and Peter Magnus failed in his duty to ask permission to use them. He has since been sentenced to spend one year in the Fleet Prison where he will repent.

Joe The Fat boy.



## The President's Luncheon. Thursday 9th May 2013.

There isn't a great deal I am able to report about the recent President's Luncheon for, as I said in the Editorial, I missed it, for the first time in more than 37 years, and few have come back with much to say other than, it was most enjoyable and the speaker was superb!

One can glean from the menu that the trumpeters were once more from the Life Guards and so their faces were seen, rather than last December's Coldstreamers hiding behind their Bearskins! They did, of course, herald the entrance of the President, easily recognisable in his chain of office (or you can use your bar-code scanner on this jacket to find his name) accompanied by his body guard in the shape of Geoff Miller, former



England cricketer and current selector, he, later, to propose The Immortal Memory and the Pickwick Bicycle Club. (Which, by all accounts, he did with considerable aplomb (?) and amid guffaws of laughter).

Actually, there were gasps of surprise at the start of the proceedings when the 'Original Member' arrived, not wheeling in his high-wheeled mount as usual, but actually mounted on it and negotiating, with great skill, the pathway between the tables! Absolutely amazing and the invitation to join the gathering was well and truly deserved.

It appears that there were only 350 members and guests present at the Luncheon, - oh, so few!

A suitable and well prepared range of dishes were served, some special toasts were made and drunk. Chelsea Pensioners wheeled in the Punch (I am told). Your Secretary, Past President Serjeant Buzfuz, welcomed the new members, inviting them to stand, one at a time, to learn of their election and the sobriquet by which they are to be known in future and the place they first appear in *The Papers*. And, of course, to receive certain items of membership. They were: Mr Blasher (*Steven Bannington*), Thomas Burton (*Jim Straw*) and George The Embarrassed Gentleman (*David Phizacklea*)

At some point in the proceedings awards were made to the winners of this magazine's Caption Competition - will you try this month's caption comp.?

Members and guests settled down to the words of Mr.Watty who introduced some of the notable guests attending the lunch.

As the oldest cycling club in the World, Mr.Watty said , we are delighted to have amongst us today some cycling legends:

We welcome **Steve Hefferman**, guest of Mr Warren, who is a past Commonwealth Games Champion and Bronze medallist in the World Elite Pursuit race.

Welcome to **Gordon Richardson**, guest of Alfred Jingle, a Scottish junior and senior road race champion in the late 1950's and 60's.

Welcome also to **Maurice Burton**, guest of Mr Warren. Maurice was British junior sprint champion 1973, British Senior 20km Champion in 1974, British Team Commonwealth Games 1974 and British 4km Team pursuit Champion 1975. He is the proud father of 18year old Germain, who is fast following in his father's footsteps



Until today we had hoped to welcome **Vin Denson**, guest of Bill the Turnkey. Unfortunately he has had a fall and is unable to be with us but is here in spirit! It is still appropriate to acknowledge Vin's achievement in becoming the first Briton to win a stage of the Giro d'Italia, which he achieved in 1966. He recalls how Italian fans often made pretence of helping push foreigners up hills, while pulling at their brakes to slow them down! Vin was a Tour de France rider in the 1960's, and was the right hand man and team companion of Tommy Simpson when he sadly lost his life on Mont Ventoux in 1967. Vin, we respect your achievements, hope that you will be here next time and I ask his table to stand to accept the best wishes of the Pickwick Bicycle Club...

We are honoured to have 2 Dicken's descendants here today, and particularly welcome **Gerald Dickens**, guest of Boz (Ian Dickens). Gerald is a renowned actor, particularly for his one man shows based on the novels of his Great Great Grandfather, Charles Dickens. Members who wish to brush up on the Pickwick Papers, so relevant to this Club, may wish to acquire his unabridged audiobooks of the Pickwick Papers. Gerald, you are very welcome,

We welcome **Raffaele Mercurio**, guest of Baillie MacSomething. As you can guess from his name, Raffaele is an Italian cycle lover, but importantly owner of the 'Plough on the Hill' in Amersham. This is an Italian Gastro Pub and the start and finish venue for this year's Pickwick Bicycle Club Charity Ride on 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 10am start! Raffaele, welcome today, and we look forward to the return fixture next month!

We are pleased to welcome **Colonel Simon Bate, OBE** who is a guest of the Club as Adjutant of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Few British Institutions can boast three centuries of unbroken service and none is closer to the heart of the Nation than 'the men in scarlet', the Chelsea Pensioners. Their home, the Royal Hospital Chelsea, was founded in 1682 by King Charles the Second, to provide soldiers with a fitting home in their retirement. The Royal Hospital is proud to continue to serve its original purpose into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Colonel Bate, we welcome you and your fellow Pensioners here today.



Finally we welcome our guest speaker Geoff Miller, former Derbyshire, Essex and England cricketer. As a right-arm off-break bowler he took over 1000 first class wickets and held over 300 catches as well as scoring over 14,000 runs. Apart from cricket, his greatest attribute was to keep his team mates amused with his dry northern humour to maintain a light hearted perspective when the game got too serious – we look forward to hearing your stories later.

And finally could I ask all members of the Pickwick Bicycle Club to stand and raise a glass – the toast is... 'Our Guests'.

From what has been reported to me, the guest speaker, Geoffrey Miller, was particularly funny, a fact that has caused me to sink even deeper into the depths of anguish at having missed him – although, due to the unique Connaught acoustics, I seldom hear, or even understand what they say !

As ever, with a response by the President and a word or two from the Captain, the meeting ended with the joyful singing of Auld Lang Syne.



Frank Simmery and Guest

PS. The collection raised  
£ (Unknown at press time).



Two Happy members  
watered, fed and ready for the off.

Would anyone know who left his machine by the Connaught's garden gate and forgot to collect it for the journey home after lunch?



# Members' Letters and Comments

This is the place where members may express their views and comments on matters concerning the club and its activities. All letters are welcome and your input is confidently awaited!

Write to:  
Stan Rose  
'Mere'  
Chartridge  
Bucks. HP5 2TF

Editor's Note: Pickwickians - I can't find your letters:  please write - I am lonely!

Or e-mail stan@stanrosefamily.com



Dear members,

I write on behalf of the National Cycle Collection in Llandrindod Wells, Mid Wales.

The museum has the largest display of bicycles and cycling memorabilia in the UK, including several original Pickwick Bicycle Club badges which your club has borrowed to make copies. Hope you liked them!

The charity struggles financially with a low volume of visitors and several grant applications last year were turned down largely due to funders being oversubscribed with applications.

We do hire out some bicycles, charge for outreach school visits and occasionally sell bicycles.

Taking bicycles to shows and events helps us to get some publicity and sometimes we get a payment to help offset costs.

Is there any way please that members can help us financially to try to secure the future of the museum?

I know you all appreciate older bicycles and I would warmly welcome any member who wishes to see the museum, whether or not they wish to offer a donation.

I can be contacted at the museum on 01597 825531/ home 01938 552817 , if you wish to know more.

Thank you very much for your time.

All my best wishes to the club in 2013  
Yours truly Freda Davies  
Job share curator/ trustee/ volunteer

The National Cycle Collection,  
The Automobile Palace, Temple Street,  
Llandrindod Wells, Powys. LD1 5DL

Tel. 01597 825531  
Web site: [www.cyclemuseum.org.uk](http://www.cyclemuseum.org.uk)  
E-mail: [cyclemuseum@idnet.com](mailto:cyclemuseum@idnet.com)

National Cycle Museum Trust  
Registered Charity No.5112



## Charles Dickens Statue Fund

Patrons: Mark Dickens, President of the International Dickens Fellowship

Cllr Frank Jonas, Lord Mayor of Portsmouth

Email: [info@kingsdale-consultancy.com](mailto:info@kingsdale-consultancy.com) Tel: 07745 111940

c/o Professor A.J. Pointon, SEES, University of Portsmouth, PO1 3QL

Dear Sir,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in acknowledging and extending the thanks of the Charles Dickens Statue Committee and the Portsmouth Branches of the Dickens Fellowship for the generous donation of £1,671.23 from the Pickwick Cycling Club to the Charles Dickens Statue Fund.

In spite of various problems, we are at the point where, as soon as we receive the go ahead from the Portsmouth City Council, the statue – already moulded and in the foundry – can be put for casting. We will then be immediately able to notify an unveiling date.

Yours in all Fellowship  
Professor A J (Tony) Pointon  
Treasurer.

**Mr Pickwick goes to Beaulieu** Report by Mr Watty.

Our President Mr Samuel Pickwick has determined that our Club, the oldest cycling club in the World, should return to its roots and organise more outings in the splendid English countryside astride bicycles of whatever sort!

And so, a spring event was announced, and a gathering of Pickwickians made their way to Beaulieu Museum to ride and display their vintage machines. Thankfully, it was a rare dry day and with support from the Solent Veteran Bicycle and Tricycle Club, we put on a fine display, much to the appreciation of the public visitors. There were:

- An 1870 Velocipede
- Two fine original Ordinaries
- Three superb Tri-cycles
- An 1893 Humber Safety
- An 1899 Path Racer
- And various other more modern machines



We adjourned for lunch with a ride to Bucklers Hard, which was challenging for the older bikes and riders! Bucklers Hard was the birthplace of many of the fleet of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, and the Georgian

atmosphere and excellent food were enjoyed by all!

On returning to Beaulieu we had the opportunity to visit the Museum, particularly the wonderful display of James Bond cars.

And so, with a smile on our faces, we bade farewell and departed but with a clear determination to meet again somewhere some when for a repeat outing of Pickwickians and their bicycles...



## RESEARCHING YOUR ANCESTORS, OR, WHO WERE YOUR EARLY NAMESAKES?

This series is compiled and produced by  
Past President Joseph Smiggers, Esq. P.V.P.M.P.C., (Steve Bullen),



The Pickwick Bicycle Club has been in continuous existence since its formation in 1870, and the soubriquets of its members have been faithfully passed down from generation to generation. If you would like to receive 1 of your soubriquet

please contact Joseph Smiggers at [steve@stephenbullen.com](mailto:steve@stephenbullen.com) and you will have this information by return.

### **Bilson – According to Cedric Dickens, this character did not exist. Bilson & Slum was the firm where Tom Smart was a Bagman:**

*“Well, upon that understanding I'll tell you,” replied the traveller. ‘Did you ever hear of the great commercial house of Bilson & Slum? But it doesn't matter though, whether you did or not, because they retired from business long since.’”*

C Adams	pre 1881	
Col H.F. Kemball TD DL	1920 to 1969	
Richard C Bladon	1970 to 1995	
David Henstone	2000 to 2004	
Arthur Wilkinson	2007 to present	Has worked in cycle industry since 1951. Owns company assembling bikes since 1974.



### **Mr Crawley – the youngest guest at the ball:**

*“Now, Jane,” said Mrs. Colonel Wugsby, turning to one of the girls, ‘what is it?’ ‘I came to ask, ma, whether I might dance with the youngest Mr. Crawley,’ whispered the prettier and younger of the two. ‘Good God, Jane, how can you think of such things?’ replied the mamma indignantly. ‘Haven't you repeatedly heard that his father has eight hundred a year, which dies with him? I am ashamed of you. Not on any account.’”*

Major Charles Edgar Liles	1913 to 1935	
Francis Warner	1942 to 1959	Treasurer 1957 to 1966.
A John James	1969 to 1992	President 1981.
David Dodd	1993 to present	



### **Fogg – Mrs Bardell's attorney:**

*“Freeman's Court, Cornhill, August 28th, 1827. Bardell against Pickwick. Sir, Having been instructed by Mrs. Martha Bardell to commence an action against you for a breach of promise of marriage, for which the plaintiff lays her damages at fifteen hundred pounds, we beg to inform you that a writ has been issued against you in this suit in the Court of Common Pleas; and request to know, by return of post, the name of your attorney in London, who will accept service thereof. We are, Sir, Your obedient servants, Dodson & Fogg.”*

A. Hauxwell	1874 to 1879	Committee
T. Shaw	1881 to 1901	



William R. Clarke	1909 to 1918	Committee
A.S. Stewart	1937 to 1940	
F.L. Cyprien	1941 to 1957	
M.F. Brandon	1962 to 1970	
F. Bliss	1971 to 1973	
Brian Chapman	1973 to present	



**Soloman Lucas – Jew in the High Street. Costumier, Eatanswill:**

*"In character!' 'As Minerva. But I forgot--it's a fancy-dress DEJEUNE.' 'Dear me,' said Mr. Pickwick, glancing at his own figure--'I can't possibly--' 'Can't, sir; can't!' exclaimed Mr. Leo Hunter. 'Solomon Lucas, the Jew in the High Street, has thousands of fancy- dresses. Consider, Sir, how many appropriate characters are open for your selection. Plato, Zeno, Epicurus, Pythagoras--all founders of clubs.'"*

Wm. S. Argent	1920 to 1928	
A.W. Stone	1936 to 1939	
Stanhope Shelton	1941 to 1944	
Leslie Grose	1948 to 1958	Hon. Auditor 1957
A.H. Ashmore	1958 to 1976	
R.C. Vander	1976 to 1991	
Alan J. Wellan	1991 to present	

Photo taken on mobile phone but did not transfer. Forgiven this time, but never again.

Quality is rarely good enough for our use!



Mr Justice Stareleigh posted this image - he was driving the school bus when saw the Barber Shop and popped inside for a quick shave!

# Recipes *from the past....*

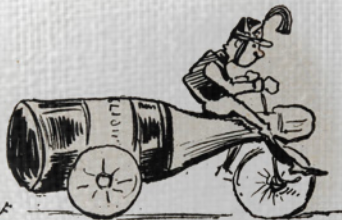


Here is a copy of the Menu for the Annual Dinner of 1884.

Appears to be somewhat substantial-typical of the menus of those early days.

The dinner was held in the famous London Tavern, Fenchurch Street.

The London Tavern, at the corner of Fenchurch St. and Mark Lane, occupies the site of the 'King's Head,' at which Queen Elizabeth dined on her release from the Tower in 1554.



Past President Joseph Smiggers establishes a new series of grass track meetings on a new super track he has set up in Honeybourne.

The resulting enthusiasm was a tonic for all to experience. Great things will result...

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

What tremendous fun! A glorious day for H-BUG's first grass-track event which was a new experience for all riders. After setting personal bests (PBs) on bikes ranging from BMX to mountain bikes, everyone was seeded so that they could race against somebody with a similar PB.

This was a great opportunity to be competitive, and to watch the racing techniques of others.

We look forward to more grass-track meetings during the summer, and we will try to experience each of the different Olympic track events.

After the presentation ceremony the Pickwick Bicycle Club medals were worn with great pride.



### **H-BUG (Honeybourne Bicycle Users Group)**

*"To organise fun family rides,  
and to support aspiring champions"*

**Everybody is welcome!**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Dear Mr Pickwick and fellow members of The Pickwick Bicycle Club,**

**We would like to thank you all for your immense generosity in presenting your wonderful PBC medals for presentation at our inaugural grass-track cycling event.**

**With so many young cyclists being introduced to the concepts of personal bests (PBs) and pursuit riding, we feel honoured to have been recognised by the Pickwick Bicycle Club for our efforts to make cycling a normal thing to do in our community. Our strategy is to support and encourage cycling from playground to podium, and we are extremely proud to have received the support of the oldest cycling club in the world.**

**Many thanks to you all.**

**Yours sincerely**

**All of us.**

## July 2013 Caption Competition



This months picture features  
Mr Phunky  
Looking for a wineglass !

There is a prize for the best  
caption entered by a member.

Entries are limited to two  
alternative captions per member  
and should be submitted in  
writing to the Editor  
(address in Handbook),  
or by e-mail (preferred) to:  
<stan@stanrosefamily.com>

Entries close on 15th September.



## March 2013 Caption Competition

The Winner is:

Nathaniel Winkle (*aka* Peter Judd)  
With the following Caption:

"I thought It Was Wind"



# ITEMS FOR SALE

## Silk Ties

A beautifully made all silk tie in the Club colours is now available.

Priced at £15.00 each, to include VAT and postage and packing,

Also available, in the same club colours are bow ties, hat bands, Badges Sobriquet badges, membership certs. etc.

Order from the Secretary :Sgt.BuzFuz

## CLUB JERSEYS

Have you ordered your club jersey?

There are still some of these excellent yellow garments available.

They are really good value at

**£37 each plus £2.50 Post where appropriate.**

*Most sizes stocked*

To order: Contact the **BULLMAN**.  
(Address in Handbook).



The jersey for sale not the contents - on second thoughts though!!

# CUFF LINKS

Would you like another pair of the Bicentenary cuff links?

Why not treat yourself to a spare pair for those special occasions?

We have a limited number of pairs available on a first come, first served basis.

Priced at £12.50 pair to include post and packing, they may be ordered by sending a cheque, made out to The Pickwick Bicycle Club, to the Secretary, Sergeant BuzFuz.



## SAMUEL PICKWICK:

### BRASS STATUETTE

Based on an original Dickensian picture - probably by Phiz - originally cast by (the late) Mr.Jinks - Ed. Taylor. Now reproduced from the original moulds by Taylors Foundries Ltd.



The magnificent Solid Brass doorstops, cast from a mould of Samuel Pickwick. Measuring 36 cm high. and weighing 3.75 Kg., they are still available to purchase.

To buy one of these desirable items, which are very decorative even if you don't have any doors to prop open, please contact

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Tel: 01440 702870

Last year we celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, and of course, we know how the club was founded and named after the Papers' The following account of his death however, appeared together with an obit.

### The Death of Charles Dickens – 9 June 1870

Posted on June 7th, 2013 by The British Newspaper Archive

#### DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DICKENS.

The author whose name was a household word: the genial humorist who gave us Mr. Pickwick and Mr. Micawber, and a whole gallery of such familiar personages; the writer who has done more than any other to lessen the width and the depth of that gulf of mutual ignorance, and, on one side at least, of un-Christian indifference which prevailed thirty years ago, is no more.

Mr. Dickens died at ten minutes past six o'clock on Thursday evening. On Wednesday he was seized with an apoplectic attack, and never after recovered consciousness. It appears that on the latter day he had just sat down to dinner with his sister-in-law, Miss Hogarth, who, observing an unusual appearance in his face, became alarmed, and said she feared he was ill, proposing in the same breath to telegraph for medical assistance. Mr. Dickens replied "No, no, no; I have got the toothache, and shall be better presently." He then asked that the window might be shut; and almost immediately he lapsed into unconsciousness, from which state he never recovered till the moment of his death. Meanwhile, Mr. Frank Beard, of 44, Welbeck-street, Mr. Dickens's regular medical adviser, was telegraphed for, and arrived at Gad's-hill, in the course of Wednesday evening. He saw at once that the case was hopeless; but, for his own satisfaction as well as for that of the relatives, he summoned the assistance of Dr. Russell Reynolds, who could only concur in Mr. Beard's belief that nothing less than a miracle could save the life of their patient. For the last two or three days Mr. Dickens, although not apparently out of his usual health and spirits, had complained of a difficulty in doing his work, saying that it did not come spontaneously to him, as it used to come. Mr. Charles Dickens the younger was telegraphed for on Wednesday evening, but the message did not reach London till Thursday morning. He started instantly for his father's residence, and was present at the death-bed, with two of his sisters, Miss Hogarth, and the medical attendants. It is a significant fact that when, last year, Mr. Dickens was suddenly seized with illness at Preston, his doctor warned him not to read, at the peril of his life, and brought him almost by force to town.

The *Times* says:—Mr. Dickens was a man of an eminently kindly nature, and full of sympathy for all around him. This, without being paraded, makes itself manifest in his works, and we have no doubt whatever that much of the active benevolence of the present day, the interest in humble persons and humble things, and the desire to seek out and relieve every form of misery is due to the influence of his works. We feel that we have lost one of the foremost Englishmen of the age. There are clever writers enough, but no one who will take the place, literary and social, that belonged to him. It was but the other day that at the Royal Academy banquet he made the best speech of the evening, in matter, language, and manner. His powers as an actor are well known, though of late years they have been only exhibited in the narrower field of public readings. He was made to be popular, and, even irrespective of his literary genius, was an able and strong-minded man, who would have succeeded in almost any profession to which he devoted himself. We can but condole with the public on his sudden and premature loss.

Charles John Huffam Dickens (aka 'Boz') died at Gad's Hill Place in Higham, Kent, on June 1870, aged 58.

To mark the day, we thought we'd wear a red geranium (his favourite flower) and post this warm newspaper tribute to the passing of 'Boz'.



From time o time we come across a mention of a member whose achievements beyond the club have been noted elsewhere. Here below is such a note regarding the appointment by the Minister of Power of Past President *Mr H Walker* (1938)

[Men in the News | 17th March 1950 | The Commercial Motor Archive](#)

**G. H. B. WILSON, C.B.E.**, managing director of Raleigh Industries, Ltd., has been elected president of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund.

THE LONDON GAZETTE, 2ND FEBRUARY 1960

MINISTRY OF POWER

Thames House South,  
Millbank, London S.W.1.  
27th January 1960.

29th January 1960.

The Minister of Power, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by the Electricity Acts, 1947 and 1957, and the Regulations made thereunder has reappointed the following as part-time members of

Electricity Boards constituted under the said Acts:

Mr. W. H. Lawson, C.B.E., B.A., F.C.A.—

*Southern.*

*Lt.-Col. E. L. Luce, D.S.O., T.D., J.P.—Southern.*

Mr. G. H. B. Wilson, C.B.E., M.C., A.F.C., J.P.—

*East Midlands,*

*Mr. R. E. Crowe.—Yorkshire.*

*Mr. E. J. Smith.—North Western.'*

## Important Announcements:

- 1). Have you indicated how you wish to receive the club magazine: either @ by e-mail or (b) the usual hard copy in the post. If you haven't, please advise the editor, giving your sobriquet and your preference. Send to : "Stan Rose" <stan@stanrosefamily.com>
  
- 2). Are you planning to join others in the annual Hampton Court Revival Ride in the Surrey Lanes? If so, early indication to Pruffle will be appreciated. Don't forget that the event is to run later this year than usual, on 2nd. October. Details as on the flyer and contact, with payment please, as indicated on the form.

# From the Archives

Here are a couple of scans from old postcards, very kindly sent by a non-member, Dr.M.Brooks, of Israel, who is the founder of the Hackney Society. (A historical society).



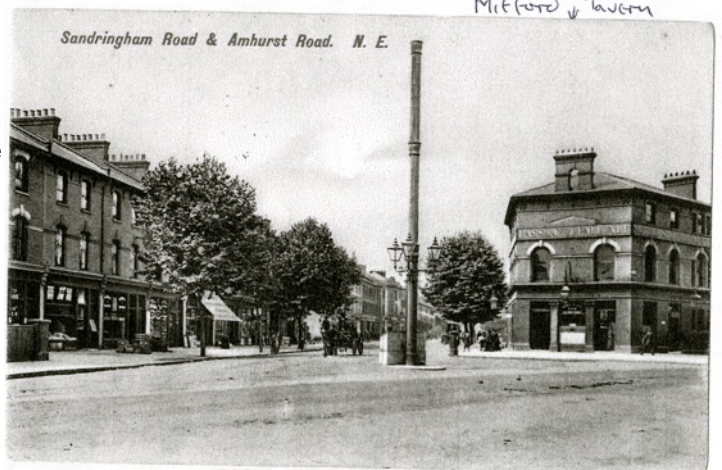
The Downs Hotel about 1890

The Downs Hotel is, of course, the site of the founding of our great club in 1870.

Although now redeveloped, It is understood that the fascia is still recognisable.

The Mitford Tavern was the club Headquarters in and beyond 1872. The building is no longer there, having been replaced by flats.

Plans are in hand to visit these old sites of the early H.Q.s of the club later this year to obtain photos of the current buildings for our archives.



Sandringham Road & Amburst Road. N. E.

Mitford Tavern

Posted "from Paddington to south Kensington" 13/2 1913