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Christmas

The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be on December 17th at Stowupland *Crown*. You should already know this because JW has sent messages by various routes to all the usual suspects.

Before then we have a pre-Christmas ride on Friday 15th. This starts at Keith's house (in Cross Street, Elmswell) at 8:00pm but Stowmarketites will be riding *en masse* to the start, starting from Unity Road at 7-ish. The plan is to end up at Stowmarket *Royal William* at the end of the evening, calling at one or two (or three or four...) other pubs on the way.

New thingy

We always have a ride on New Year's Day so why should 2001 be any different? Well, it is different because it's not only the start of a new year, but also a ~~new~~ century and a new thingy ... minnellium ... Nevertheless, we'll be doing the same as every other year. Offton *Limeburners* (which, of course, is in Willisham) has been selected as our target. Richard has suggested calling in at Naughton *Wheel[house/er's Arms]* too but that will probably depend on how much weather there is on the day. Meet at Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11:00am. Oh, all right then, we will do something to mark the change of century. The '20th Century Limited' will be our last ride of the old month, year, decade,

century, millennium, anything else you can think of... It will be a lunchtime and afternoon ride, leaving the evening free for getting stupifyingly drunk, terrifying the neighbours with size 20 rockets, or whatever else you have planned for midnight. We'll leave from Stowmarket market place at 11:00am and head for Bradfield *Fox and Hounds*.

Monthly meetings...

...will be held monthly.

You must all know the rules by now: third Thursday, *Railway Tavern*, half past eight or thereabouts.

AGM

The 2001 AGM and annual dinner will be on 1st March. We had lots of suggestions for places to go put forward at December's meeting, but no one volunteering to actually organise the event at any of them. Just as closing time was almost upon us, Richard cracked and agreed to do it. He selected Cotton *Trowel and Hammer* as the venue. Attached to this newsletter somewhere you should find a sample menu. This is not necessarily what

will be available on the day, but should give a good idea of the range of food available and the price you can expect to pay. If you are going to be there, please tell Richard by the beginning of February - you can telephone him on Stowmarket 612940.

Officers

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

Snow Ride

If it gets cold enough for all this rain to change to snow, we will be having a ride. As usual, Andrew is the co-ordinator for this and, if the weather looks suitable, he will contact anyone who he thinks might be interested. So, to be moderately sure that you're on Andrew's list, tell him you want to join in.

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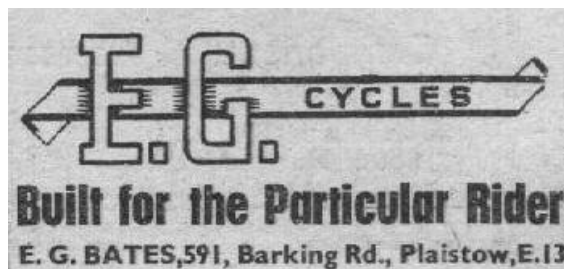
Carnival

We've got a trophy! Stowmarket Carnival Committee has provided new trophies for the procession prizes, so the name of the D&DGCS is now emblazoned on a brand new shiny shield! Along with the trophy came the news of next year's theme. I can't remember the exact wording, but it's to do with advertisements. We have had a few ideas about what we can do: going as Homepride flour graders, or Robertson's Gollies being a couple. However, the favourite so far is to go as the Cadbury's Smash aliens. It will be lots of fortnights before we make the final decision, so let us know if you have any other ideas.

Conkers

We woz robbed.

Bridge



September 24th was the date of the Cracotte Challenge and this year's challenge was to build a bridge from cracottes. To test them we had a bucket: the idea was to suspend the bucket from the bridge, then slowly fill it with water to see how much it would take before the bridge gave way. In the end, the judging proved to be a lot simpler because only one of the bridges was strong enough to support the empty bucket! Jane's was that bridge, so she in this year's holder of the Eugene Clacker Trophy

Cally's Trudge

Several of us took part in Cally's Suffolk Trudge on 8th October. The lunchtime stop was at St Peter's Brewery ... so many beers, so little time to try them all. There will almost certainly be another Trudge in April.

Mince Pies

Our friends in the National Autocycle and Cyclemotor Club have a 'Mince Pie' Run on 7th January. Last year we successfully gate-crashed this with a selection of tricyclists. Anyone who fancies a repeat performance should get to the Orwell Yacht Club, Wherstead Road, Ipswich by 11:00am and be prepared for a ride to Shotley.

New Year,

New Century,
New Millennium,
New subscriptions,
That'll be a guinea, please.

Programme Summary

December

- Thursday 7th Quarterly meeting at Cotton 'Trowel & Hammer' to decide upon the next three months' events. 8:30pm to 11:00pm.
- Friday 15th Pre-Christmas ride from Unity Road, Stowmarket at 7:00pm or Cross Street, Elmswell at 8:00pm, ending up at Stowmarket *Royal William*
- Sunday 17th Christmas meal at Stowupland *Crown*.
- Thursday 21st Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.
- Unknown Ride in the snow. 01449 673943

January

- Monday 1st New Year's/Century's/Millennium's Day ride from Unity Road, Stowmarket to Offton (OK then, Willisham) *Limeburners*.
- Sunday 7th NACC 'Mince Pie' Run from Orwell Yacht Club to Shotley
- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.
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February

- Thursday 15th Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC.
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March

- Thursday 1st Annual Dinner and AGM at Cotton *Trowell & Hammer*, 8:00pm for 8:30pm.
- Thursday 18th Monthly meeting at Haughley 'Railway Tavern' 8:30pm to 11:00pm. In conjunction with the Suffolk Section of the NACC

