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New Year's Day

Here we go again: another year, another chance to reel off the same old events as we had last year, and the year before that, and...

So, what better place to start than New Year's Day? And, just to make the point, we'll cover the same route as we did last year.

We'll meet at 7 Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11:30 (so last night's hangover will have had a chance to abate by then) and head off to Willisham *Limeburners*, which is in Offton as eny fule kno.

Massacre

St Valentine's Day is another chance to revive an old favourite. This year, 14th February is a Thursday and, as D&DGCS members are all allowed out on Thursdays, we can have the ride on the actual day for a change.

We'll meet in Reeds Way, Stowupland at 8:00pm and ride across to Mendlesham. With two pubs in Mendlesham we're spoilt for choice - we've plumped for the *King's Head*.

Monthly meetings

We continue to meet at the *Railway Tavern, Haughley* on the third Thursday of each month. This works out to be these dates: 20th December, 17th January, 21st February, 21st March. We usually manage to get there by 8:30pm... well, some of us do...

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More Monthly Meetings

The Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meets at the *Scole Inn* on the last Monday of each month. So another quick raffle through the diary provides these dates: 31st December, 28th January, 25th February, 25th March.

"Aha!" you exclaim, "31st December - that's New Year's Eve". Well spotted. Will the V-CC cyclists be allowed to go out and enjoy themselves on New Year's Eve? I don't know - perhaps a phone call to Cally on 01986 784664 or an e-mail to Matthew ♦hodder.family@tesco.net♦ would be a wise precaution.

Another Meeting

It's the AGM. Let's have it at HQ this year. Over the last few years, we have fallen out of the habit of combining it with an annual dinner. So let's gently slide the idea back in

the bottom of the deck and see if anyone notices.

If you want to eat, try to arrive at Haughley *Railway Tavern* by 7:30pm. Then we can start thinking about doing all the meeting bits at 8:30ish.

Essex

Those hardy chaps in the V-CC's North-East Essex Section are having monthly rides throughout the winter. December's ride coincides with our Christmas Luncheon but some of the others could be tempting. Particularly January's - this starts at Manningtree Station Café and, therefore, opens up the possibility of using the train to get there. The ride is to Tattingstone *White Horse* and is on Sunday 20th January

February's ride is on the 17th and goes from Mistley Workshops café to Flatford. March 10th sees a ride from Coggeshall Dutch Nursery to the Notleys: both Black & White.

If you need to know more, Reg Horsnell is your man, telephone 01621 817916.

Christmas

The Christmas Lunch is on Sunday 16th December at Combs Ford *Magpie*. Jon Walker's got it all organised and you should all have chosen your meals by now. If Jon hasn't been in touch with you - well it's too late to do anything about it now. I suggest you moan at him incessantly, then he'll be sure to either:

- 1) remember you next year, or
- 2) throw up his hands in horror and refuse to organise it ever again.

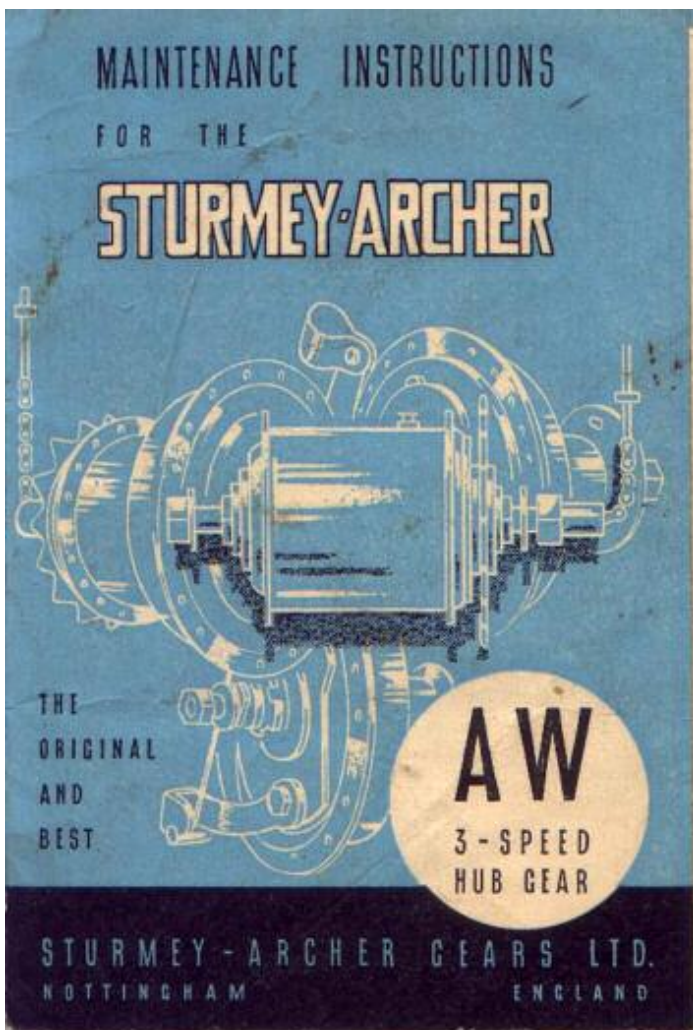
So, really, this is just a reminder to turn up and bring a draw prize.

Money

This is the last newsletter of 2001 and you know what that means, don't you? Yes, it's time to stump up another guinea to make sure that you have all the newsletters for 2002 delivered to your door. What an irresistible bargain!

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Programme Summary

December

- Sunday 16th Christmas Lunch at Combs Ford *Magpie*
- Thursday 20th Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Saturday 29th V-CC 'Flat Section' Ride, 1:00pm from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole - followed by a screening of 'The Iron Men'
- Monday 31st Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meeting at the *Scole Inn*... or perhaps not

January

- Tuesday 1st New Year's Day Ride
- Thursday 17th Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Sunday 20th V-CC: Reg's Ride from Manningtree to Tattingstone, 01621 817916
- Monday 28th Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meeting at the *Scole Inn*

February

- Thursday 14th Valentine's Day Ride, 8:00pm from Reeds Way, Stowupland to Mendlesham
- Sunday 17th V-CC: Reg's Ride from Mistley to Flatford, 01621 817916
- Thursday 21st Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Monday 25th Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meeting at the *Scole Inn*

March

- Thursday 7th AGM & Dinner, 7:30pm at Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Sunday 10th V-CC: Reg's Ride from Coggeshall to the Notleys, 01621 817916
- Thursday 21st Monthly Meeting, 8:30pm, Haughley *Railway Tavern*
- Monday 25th Veteran-Cycle Club 'Flat Section' meeting at the *Scole Inn*

April

- Sunday 7th Sixth Suffolk Trudge, 10:30am from Marlinspike Hall, Walpole

May

- Saturday 25th Vintage Sports Car Club Boulogne Bike Ride

Unknown

- Unknown Ride in the Snow

Stop Press

After printing lots of copies of pages 1 and 2, but before this page started rolling off the printer, Issue No Two of The Twisted Spoke thudded onto my doormat. The most urgent news contained therein is that the 'Flat Section' is having an unplanned ramble on Saturday 29th December. It starts from Marlinspike Hall at 1:00pm and returns at 4 o'clock. Then there's a showing of 'The Iron Men' - the film about the Raleigh Racing team. If you want to be on The Twisted Spoke mailing list, telephone Cally on 01986 784664