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Date Change

December's monthly meeting will be on 11th - a week earlier than normal. It's still at Combs Gardener's Arms though.

Venue Change

This one's already happened - the December Quarterly meeting - the one when we planned all the exciting events listed in this newsletter - had to be moved away from Haughley *Railway Tavern*, because the *Railway Tavern* isn't open any more. Instead, we went to Great Finborough *Chestnut Horse*. The *Chestnut Horse* will also be our venue for the AGM. That will be on Thursday 4th March and one of the items to be discussed will have to be a change of HQ.

Christmas

The Christmas lunch is on the 14th December - but you all knew that already, didn't you? What must you remember to bring with you? A draw prize and... a character or machine from Thunderbirds modelled entirely from cracottes.

Monthly meetings

In the last newsletter I said I wasn't quite sure why the monthly meetings were still wandering

around the county instead of being at the *Railway Tavern*. Well, whatever the reason, it proved to be a wise decision. So, we'll carry on with the same thing as we haven't got a *Railway Tavern* to go to anymore. Combs *Gardener's Arms* is where we're going on 11th December, on 15th January we'll go to Elmswell *Railway Tavern*, on 19th February it's Needham Market *Three Tuns* and on 18th March we're off to Rattlesden *Six Bells*. We usually manage to get to the pub by 8:30pm...

Officers

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

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.

New Year

As usual, we will be celebrating the New Year by going out on our bikes in the freezing cold. Meet in Unity Road at 11:30am ready to ride to Offton¹ *Limeburners*.

Snow

If we get a decent amount of snow this year (which, of course, we won't) then it's time for a bike

¹ Which, as any fule no, is in Willisham

ride. You all know how this works, don't you? I don't have to explain it all again, I hope... it's the same as every other year...

Immortalised...

...in cake. Those of you who are not in the habit of dropping into Asda at Stowmarket will have missed the chance to see a cake depicting D&DGCS members gathered outside the *Royal William* on Carnival Day. It's the one when our theme was The Hunt, which must have been... oohh... several years ago.

Fools

No one has decided where we're going yet, but we all thought it would be a good idea to have a ride on 1st April. There's another newsletter due before that, so there's plenty of time to decide.

Forward Planning

Some other dates to put in your shiny new 2004 diaries:

- 9th April is Good Friday so we'll probably be in the vicinity of Southwold.

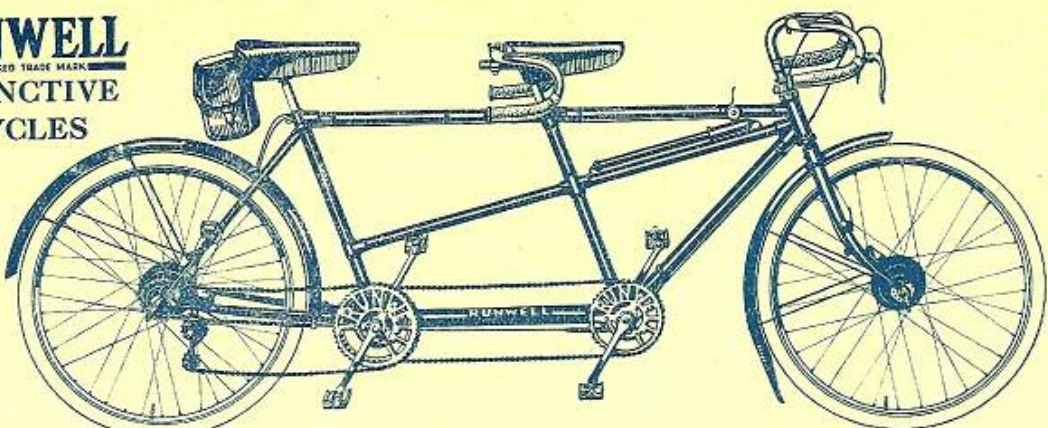
- 12th April is The Race of the Boggmen
- 3rd May - Bank Holiday Monday - we've been invited to stage a display at Mendlesham Street Fair.

Save a Guinea!

It's the end of the year so it's time to cough up another guinea if you want to keep receiving newsletters during 2004. Except... you don't have to. Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, you can now have the newsletter sent by e-mail instead. All you have to do is send an e-mail saying "Yes please, I would love to subscribe to the very wonderful Dagworth Wheeler" (or words to that effect) to ddgcs@pattleglobalnet.co.uk. Every quarter thereafter you will receive a copy of the newsletter in a PDF file - and it's free!

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Programme Summary

December 2003

- Thursday 11th** Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Combs *Gardener's Arms*.
- Sunday 14th** Christmas lunch at Stowupland *Crown*
- 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.

January 2004

- Thursday 1st** New Year's Day Ride. Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11:30am & thence to Offton *Limeburners*
- Thursday 15th** Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Elmswell *Railway Tavern*.
- 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.

February

- Thursday 19th** Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Needham Market *Three Tuns*.
- Monday 23rd** 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.
- Sunday 29th** West Suffolk Trundle

March

- Thursday 4th** Annual General Meeting at Great Finborough *Chestnut Horse* from 8:30.
- Thursday 18th** Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Six Bells*.
- 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 Ride.
- Friday 9th** Southwold trip (provisional)
- Sunday 12th** Race of the Boggmen
- Thursday 15th** Monthly meeting: 8:30pm
- 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

- Monday 3rd** Display at Mendlesham Street Fair