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Oh, Calamity

The meeting dates in the previous newsletter all went a bit haywire. As you all know, the monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of the month - but several of the dates in the autumn newsletter were for the second Tuesday. There are two types of D&DGCS member: Type A looks at the newsletter when it arrives and puts the dates in a diary, Type B ignores the newsletter until the third Thursday, then thinks "There must be a meeting tonight, I wonder where it is". In October, Type B predominated and the meeting took place on the third Thursday. In October; in November, Type A won out and the meeting was on the second Thursday. In my defence (and in a desperate attempt to spread the blame) I can only say that those were the dates we discussed at the quarterly meeting and no one else there noticed the mistake either.

Monthly meetings

The date for the December meeting, as advertised in the previous newsletter, was the only correct one - that's at Stowupland *Retreat* on December 16th. Thenceforward, monthly meetings will be at Rattlesden *Five Bells*. The dates are 20th January, 17th February and 17th March. At all evening meetings, we try to get to the pub by 8:30pm.

Carnival

The theme for next year's Stowmarket Carnival is "Transport through the ages". Our first thoughts are that doing something about the railways will provide a suitable outlet for our unique cardboard engineering skills ... unless you have any better ideas.

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 if you want to know more. Now, I'm guessing here,

but I don't think there will be a meeting on the last Monday of December, because...

Trudgette

The Flat Section is having a "Post Xmas Recovery Run" on Monday 27th December. It starts from Madgett's Cycles in Diss at 10:30am and wanders around the countryside until it reaches a pub for the lunch stop. The ride back to Diss will be a more direct route. To find out more, or to book lunch, 'phone Mick Madgett on 01379 650419.

Officers

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

Snow

Need I say more than that? You must all know the plan by now. Anyway, if these year's weather follows the pattern of the last few years, it won't happen anyway.

Decisions, decisions...

The next Quarterly Meeting is also the AGM; it will be at Rattlesden *Five Bells* on Thursday 3rd March.

Massacre

It's something of a tradition to have a ride on Valentines Day - although I can't remember why we do it. Anyway, this time we'll ride to Mendlesham and we'll set off from the Treasurer's house (in Reeds Way, Stowupland) at 8:00pm.

Golden Guinea

As I've just mentioned the Treasurer, this seems like a good time to remind you that this is the last newsletter of the year, so it's time to renew your

subscriptions. To be sure of getting a copy of all 2005's newsletters, just pay the sum of one guinea to the Social Secretary - it's as simple as that.

On the other hand, for those suitably equipped to do so, the newsletter can be received by e-mail. In this case, no money need change hands - just send an e-mail to ddgcs@pattle.globalnet.co.uk requesting the e-mail newsletter.

New Year

Our first ride of 2005 will be on the first day of 2005. Meet in Unity Road, Stowmarket at 11:00am and we'll ride to Offton *Limeburners*. And we all know where Offton *Limeburners* is, don't we boys and girls? That's right, it's in Willisham.

Challenge

The winner of the Spot the Cracotte competition was Jane. She adopted a very simple strategy to be sure of victory; it's called "actually bothering to submit an entry".



Rattlesden

Programme Summary

December

- Thursday 16th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Stowupland *Retreat*
- Monday 27th V-CC 'Flat Section' ride, 10:00am at Madgett's Cycles, Diss for a ride to a secret location. Mick Madgett on 01379 650419.

January

- Saturday 1st New Year's Day Ride, 11:00am, Unity Road, Stowmarket to Offton *Limeburners*
- Thursday 20th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Monday 31st V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm at the Scole Inn, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.

February

- Monday 14th Valentine's Day Ride, 8:00pm, Reeds Way, Stowupland to Mendlesham
- Thursday 17th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Monday 28th V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm at the Scole Inn, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.

March

- Thursday 3rd AGM: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Thursday 17th Monthly meeting: 8:30pm, Rattlesden *Five Bells*
- Monday 28th V-CC 'Flat Section' meeting, 7:30pm at the Scole Inn, Scole, near Diss. Cally Calloman on 01986 784664.

December, January or February

- Sunday ??? Ride in the Snow - 'phone 01449 673943 if the weather looks suitable



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