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This edition is very short this month, mainly because I have received no other correspondence for publication and of course time is of the essence. Usual story, having retired I thought I would have a lot of free time but it has not worked out as such and I am busier than ever. I am told it 'keeps me young' and 'it does keep the old brain ticking over'. I only know I still seem to be rushing around all over the place and the year is flying by, October all ready unbelievable. Ah well, soon be Christmas!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

NO MEETING THIS MONTH - Our Chairman now explains it all.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Every Chairman's worst nightmare must be the moment of realisation that the Speaker has failed to turn up for the monthly meeting. After eight years as your Chairman this happened to me in September.

I cannot say a big enough "thank you" to John Williams, one of our newest members, who stepped in and saved the day. He sat on the edge of the table with no props or visual aids and gave us an extremely interesting talk, which went on to generate a lively discussion. Thank you so much from us all, John.

This brings me to the **October meeting**. We have known for some time now that our speaker had had to withdraw because of a change in his duties, but in spite of several attempts to contact old-established friends (and some newer ones) we have been unable to plug the gap.

So, ladies and gentlemen, I regret to say that the committee has no alternative but to **CANCEL THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER**.

As I said to you at the AGM - finding interesting speakers is easier said than done. I hope you will understand the difficulties we have been facing and treat the evening as a bonus. Why not spend it studying the new, enlarged, improved Highway Code.....? **The Highway Code online**

Our Christmas Meeting (Wednesday 28th November) will go ahead whatever!

**Sue Prutton
Chairman**

MEETINGS FOR 2007

Now only one meeting left this year.

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 28th November

Christmas meeting

Malcolm Howes - Norwich and its history

Malcolm is an old friend to the Group and he is up to Blue Badge Guide standard and frequently gives informative talks and tours of Norwich and area. He has a good knowledge of Norwich and the area and has given us several talks all of which have been received very well. He is also a driving instructor, and therefore has many anecdotes for the meeting on both worlds. I can thoroughly recommend Malcolm as a good speaker and I am sure you will find that this will be a very good evening and very suitable for our end of year, Christmas Social type evening. It is worth coming for the Christmas goodies and raffle alone!

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

URGENT PLEA FOR HELP

As you may know by now our Training Co-Ordinator, Malcolm Berry, has stepped down from the Committee due to personal reasons. This has left the Committee with another vacancy and we require someone to step in and take over his duties. All other Committee Members are already fully committed and we need help! There is still also the vacancy for a Speaker Co-Ordinator, just to assist in arranging speakers for the coming month. We have several new members and with our band of longer serving members I am sure that amongst you we must have at least two who can help us and be co-opted to help your Club at this time of need. If you think you can help please give Sue a ring on 01603 413890 and she will explain all and put you in the picture as to how, for a few minutes each month, you will be a considerable asset to us.

At the moment Sue and Tony Self have taken over the duties of the Training Co-Ordinator in addition to their own responsibilities.

We do need speakers or ideas for our monthly meetings. I am sure that there must other members, like John Williams, who have stories to tell. Whatever you think that what you have to offer is not interesting, step back and realise other people do not do your job or have the same experiences. It will be of interest to other Group members. If you have any ideas or can help in any way, again please contact Sue or even let me know (your Editor).

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