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Rep's Rambling:

It's not long now to the Essex Crusaders Christmas dinner, thanks to everybody who has booked their place, that's about 70 members, should be a great night out.

If the weather forecasters are to be believed it looks like winter is coming early this year, predicting some snow towards the end of the month, oh for heated grips and heated boots, perhaps I'll put them on my Christmas present list. Snow and ice, that means salt (chromes worst enemy) on the roads again.

For the more hardy riders remember ride outs start from the
4th of December, 10-30 Boreham services.

As Essex Crusaders gets towards the end of another year the club is going from strength to strength, membership is up from this time last year, some excellent turn outs on the Sunday rides, great participation at organized events, BBQ, Christmas meal etc. This year the weather has been quite kind to us in Essex, not many cancelled ride outs during the summer, and rallies have been fairly dry. I have put another 6000 miles on the bike, 70000 on the clock, not bad for a nearly 24 year old bike, who says Yamaha do not make good reliable bikes.

Any suggestions for the 2011 ride out calendar would be greatly appreciated.

VSOC C19 ESSEX CRUSADERS AGM 17TH JANUARY 2011 **THE BELL INN, MAIN ROAD, WOODHAM FERRERS, CM3 8RF**

The meeting will be held in the hall this time, with some light refreshments at the interval. All positions will become vacant prior to the AGM, all existing officers have indicated they are willing to stand again for 2011. If anyone is interested in applying for any position please let me know by December 31st 2010. If you have anything you would like included in the AGM agenda please contact me by December 31st 2010.

RIDE OF RESPECT, 3RD APRIL 2011(AFGAN HEROES)

The ride through Wootton Bassett for 2011 has been renamed the Ride of Respect. Registration is now open at WWW.AFGANHEROES.ORG.UK The ride is limited to 10,000 bikes, registration is £10-00.

Some members are interested in attending this ride out, may I suggest booking the time slot 11-00 to 12-00 when you register. Please only register if you do intend to do the ride, by registering and not attending will deprive someone else of the opportunity to attend the ride.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas dinner

I would like to thank everyone who has helped in the running of Essex Crusaders in 2010, it is much appreciated. It's been a great year, let's see if we can make it even better for 2011.

Carol and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Great New Year.

John

V.S.O.C. AGM, held 7th November 2010

Some points of interest, a more detailed version will appear in Clatter.

- 1) Kevin Hoyte stays as Chairman, the top table stays as before.
- 2) Membership remains at £17-50 for 2011 plus £9-00 joining fee for new members
- 3) It was agreed that all associate members will be registered with the VSOC. Centre reps will have the discretion of allowing associate members, there will be no uniform regulations covering the centres, it will be down to the individual centres.
- 4) Bikes in the VSOC. Qualifying bikes 753, non-qualifying bikes 156
- 5) If anyone would like to advertise or knows someone who would like to advertise in the Clatter magazine would they please get in touch with Alex (editor) to discuss advertising rates. All advertising revenue helps to subsidize the cost of producing the Clatter magazine.
- 6) There will be a Landmarks competition for 2011, more details to follow.
- 7) All 2011 rallies are proceeding very well, C9, C10, C5 and C18, see flyers for various incentives for early booking. By pre-booking it does make it easier for the organizers to have a rough idea as to how many to cater for.

It was agreed that from 2012 there will only be 3 U.K. rallies, this is partly due to the economic situation at the moment and the declining numbers attending rallies. Unfortunately a rally in 2010 lost nearly £1000-00, this was not due to their inability to put on a rally but to the very low turn-out that nobody could have predicted. If you are going to attend any rallies in 2011 it does make sense to purchase your tickets in advance.

International Rally 2012, Oland (island) Sweden. More information to follow.

- 8) There will be NO dogs allowed on rally sites
- 9) There will be NO sanctioned (by the VSOC) PARTIES during the rally season, end of May to the end of August. It was agreed that if anybody wants to have a party they can have one on the first weekend of August. It will be up to individual centres to finance any party and any losses will be paid by the centres and not the VSOC.

Deputy Rep (North):

C19 North meeting 1st November 2010

It was good to see Denis AKA Barney on his bike, the only one I am afraid as it was cold and murky, anyway his excuse is that he is running in.

Most have paid for the Christmas meal and I understand at last count we were up to 57 which also includes members from other centres. Should be a good night.

Just a reminder to start thinking about the International in Denmark next year, there are cabins on site for those that don't camp but they are limited so you need to get in quick, info elsewhere in SEAX. Or speak to me for details.

I assume that as I had no response to my offer to organise a night out that there is no interest (those that already spoke to me I haven't forgotten about)

Please note that all next year's rally flyers are on the national website now and discounts are being offered for early booking in some cases.

C13's Christmas party with food and disco is on the 11th December, cost £5, speak to Terry, Dep Rep to reserve your tickets or again speak to me if interested.

If the weather is favourable on a Sunday there will still be an impromptu ride out from Boreham starting at 10.30 from the 1st December.

Touch up paint for bikes (and cars)

I went to Copes in Colchester to buy a touch up for my bike, Steve Cope refused to sell me one as it is too expensive, strange you may think but that is exactly what happened. Instead he gave me the telephone number of R S Paints (Google it and you will find them) . A company based in Hertfordshire, I came home and rang them and spoke to Dave, what a nice guy and a real pleasure to deal with.

Anyway we all want a touch up at some point in our lives, so in future just give Dave at R S Paints a call on 01707 273219 for the best service and probably the best price, it came out with postage and packaging less than half the price of the Yamaha agent !!You may want to mention VSOC in the course of your call.

International Rally 2011

The International in 2011 is in Denmark at a place called Jels, this is about 45 miles from Esjberg.

It is intended to catch the 17.45pm ferry from Harwich on Wednesday 8th June 2011 arriving in Esjberg Thursday lunchtime, then a short ride to the camp site. The ferries are every 2 days from Denmark so the first available ferry back from the rally is Monday tea time arriving 18 hours later. It will be OK to stay on at the rally site should that be your preference.

Some are staying on longer and it is intended to find a site not far from the rally site with holiday facilities and use that as a base to explore Denmark, maybe come back on Wednesday or stay until Friday, obviously for booking purposes that would have to be decided in advance. There is also an option if not many want to do this to go to the YCC Denmark club house and use that as a base, it is about 170 miles from Jels not far from Copenhagen.

It would be best to make an early booking as prices can go up the nearer to June we leave it so if anyone is interested can they please let me know as soon as possible. I intend booking within the next few weeks.

Ta ta for now

Peter



International Rally - 2011

The Vikings are coming!

The theme of the rally is Vikings, so there will be a viking market (traders click [here](#)) and working shops. There will also different viking competitions, like archery, axe throwing and "Drag-Race-A-La-Viking". Maybe a "real" viking will turn up.

The Rally

Price: DKK 400,-

The rally price includes:

- Camping in own tent at the rally site
- Breakfast Saturday & Sunday
- Dinner Friday & Saturday
- Coffee & tea around the clock
- Live band Friday & Saturday:
 - Friday: "HPDH"
 - Saturday: "Boogie"
- Seperate showers & "real" toilets



- Info Center - open around the clock
- Bar tent, where smoking is permitted, in connection to the hall
- "Best Bike" competition in several categories
- "Ride-Out"
- Fireworks
- "Viking-Fun-Olympic"
- "Sing-Along-Biker-Firecamp"
- Swimming lake with changing rooms and showers

It will be possible to Dyno test your bike at the rally.

Opening hours

The rally site is open from 12:00 Thursday 9. June 2011.

It is possible to stay at the camp site by the rally site from Monday 6. June 2011 until Thursday 16. June 2011.

During this period the facilities at Jels Motel & Sportscenter, like showers, toilets and restaurant, can be used. Do you wish to use this option, please indicate when you sign up.

Sign up

We would like to know approximately how many people, we can expect at the rally, so please tell us the number of people attending from your club (or, if you are not in a club, if you are coming), using the button below.

If you are in VSOC England, don't bother - Kevin will sign up for you!

Other accomodation (you book and pay yourself)

On-site is [Jels Motel & Sportscenter](#) with 15 rooms (13x2 and 2x4 beds).

The ideal place for older people and disabled!

Phone: +45 7455 2869 - E-Mail:

Prices:

- 1 person in double room with own bath: DKK 400,-/night
- 2 persons in double room with own bath: DKK 540,-/night
- 4 persons in familie room with own bath: DKK 940,-/night
- Breakfast: DKK 59,-

Approx. 250m from the rally site is [JelsSø Camping](#) for autocampers, caravans and people, who wants peace and quiet.

They also have 6 cabins (2x4 pers., 3x6 pers. and 1x7 pers.) and a couple of caravans for hire.

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Phone: +45 7455 2238 - E-Mail:

Prices (not verified):

- Cabin (max. 6 pers.) with tea kitchen and toilet/bath: DKK 400,-/night
- Cabin (max. 6 pers.) with tea kitchen: DKK 200,-/night
- Cabin (max. 7 pers.) with tea kitchen: DKK 300,-/night
- Cabin (max. 4 pers.): DKK 300,-/night
- Caravan (max. 4 pers.): DKK 250,-/night
- In addition there is a camping fee: DKK 65,-/person/night
- Final cleaning: DKK 200,-
- Bed linen (rent): DKK 50,-/set/stay
- Bed linen (buy): DKK 150,-/set

Approx. 1.400m from the rally site is [Jels Bed & Breakfast](#) with 7 double rooms.

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Phone: +45 7455 2266 - E-Mail:

Prices:

- 1 person in double room incl. breakfast: DKK 350,-/night
- 2 persons in double room incl. breakfast: DKK 500,-/night

Practical information

As the venue is located on sports grounds, where people play football etc., any kind of glass or bottles are PROHIBITED at the site!

Smoking indoors is NOT allowed (except for the bar tent)!

Music stops at 01:00, the hall closes at 01:30, the bar tent closes at ??:??.

Alco-tester is available at the informationen.

Firefighters on duty during the rally.

Trading

If you wish to sell something during the rally, you can have a free stall (6-12 m²). If you need electricity (230V - max. 2000W/stall) it costs DKK 50,- and you bring your own cables. Sign up using the button below.

We also want to do a "MC-flea marked". If you have some parts, clothing etc., you wish to sell, mark them with name and price and hand them in at the information. When the rally is over, you can pick up your money (or your items, if not sold) at the information.

See you in Jels!



Centre 19 meeting's dates:

December

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 6th December 2010.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 20th December 2010.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

January

North meeting.

***** 8 pm **Monday 10th January 2011.** [Note: Monday 3rd is Bank Holiday] *****

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

VSOC C19 ESSEX CRUSADERS AGM

8 pm Monday 17th January 2011

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