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## Rep's Rambling:

The rideout calendar has now finished for 2010, the "Brightona" rideout 10th October saw 28 bikes depart from Thurrock services for Brighton, perhaps the warm sunshine might have had something to do with the excellent turnout. Thanks to everyone who turned up.

Although the rideout calendar has finished, it does not mean you have to put your bike away for the winter. We still meet at Boreham services every Sunday 10-00 (from the 1st December 10-30) for impromptu rides to destinations which tend to be influenced by the weather at this time of year, usually there's a cuppa and a bacon sarnie somewhere along the route. Quite often the rides can be more enjoyable in the winter as there tends to be less traffic.

### **Christmas dinner, Friday 3rd December,** **Swan Hotel, 73 High St, Maldon,**

Our festive dinner is now only five weeks away, 3 course meal, raffle, disco how much more fun can you have in one evening?? Remember you have until the 20th November to reserve your place, don't leave it too late. Look forward to seeing everyone at this Christmas gathering.

Some of you have asked about Hotels for the night,  
Swan Hotel, High St, Maldon. 01621 853170  
The Blue Boar Hotel, Silver St, Maldon. 01621855888  
The Bembridge Hotel, The Square, Heybridge. 01621 857666

Centre 13 are having a Christmas party with buffet and disco 11th December at  
Broadlakes Lodge Social Club  
Shenley Lane  
London Colney  
St Albans  
Herts  
AL2 1DQ

Tickets £5 places are limited so please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

See attachment for club merchandise, HOODIES, SWEATSHIRTS and new this year LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS. All orders will be delivered before Christmas.

**John**

## Deputy Rep (North):

### C19 North meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Well, the nights are drawing in now and even though it was 15c when I drove to the meeting, the roads were wet and not nice, so I didn't ride !! well that's my excuse anyway. The meeting was well attended even though one or two regulars couldn't make it but did send apologies, thanks for that. It was nice to see Louise and Roger who have taken up permanent residence in Colchester now, just need to get you out on the bike Louise (Roger you are excused as you do enough miles on your bike during the week commuting to Buckingham each day for work).

The Copdock show was on Sunday and the VSOC stand put up by C10 attracted some interest as far as new membership is concerned, Dayle and Tony who attended the stand turned up for the meeting and it is Dayle's intention to join the club, she rides an XV250 so look forward to seeing Dayle out on her bike, we may let Tony come along occasionally on his non qualifying bike if he behaves !!

It is the National AGM shortly and members were asked to give their opinions as to whether parties during the 4 month period when national rallies are on should be allowed, one or two voiced their opinions which will be used as a guide when discussions go ahead at the AGM.

It seems there will be several going to Brighton on Sunday so lets hope the weather holds.

Subsequent to the meeting I now have the prices for Denmark next year from Nutt Travel, we are still waiting for the prices from Just Ferries (was Motorsport Travel), as soon as we have the prices from both they will be advertised on the national website, those without computers can always get the prices from myself or John.

Ta ta for now

Peter

## Ride out to Brighton on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The forecast was good for Sunday so it was hoped that there would be good turn out for Brighton. 18 of us left Marks Tey, and that must be a record for a ride out from MT, anyway an uneventful journey to Thurrock saw us meet up with another 10 VSOC bikes but I actually counted 51 bikes , all heading for Brighton.



After dealing with heavy traffic on the other side of the crossing we got going at a reasonable pace and soon arrived in Brighton, the marshals directed us to appropriate parking spaces, it was really a case of park where you can find a space, I would hate to estimate the number of bikes but it ran into several thousands.



The show was up to its usual standard and there was something for everyone, I was amazed at the number of people I didn't see but knew they were there, such was the vastness of the show area and the number of people milling about. C14 and Blackjack Bob had a VSOC stand which attracted some attention, maybe some of it was to do with the porta loos right next door, what a result for the people on the stand !! The weather was lovely as it usually is for this show, very warm and dry, just what the doctor ordered. A good day was had by all, I think. Well I havnt heard anything to the contrary.

Till next time  
Peter

## Centre 19 meeting's dates:

### November

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.  
West of A12, North of Colchester

#### South meeting.

8 pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

### December

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.  
West of A12, North of Colchester

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.