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The newsletter of the Essex Crusaders, Centre 19, Virago Star Owners Club.

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Rep's Rambling:

C19 BAR-B-CRUISE, JULY 17TH

CUDMORE GROVE COUNTRY PARK, MERSEA ISLAND, CO5 8UE

It's the event you have all been waiting for, the culinary highlight of the year, C19's B-B-Q.

Bring your own meat and we will supply the rest, hot coals, salad, buns, sauces, the obligatory 24 hour tea and coffee and there will be a bouncy castle for all members under the age of 11.

Arrive after 11:30, the BBQ fires will be lit from 12:30 onwards.

Where else can you have such great cuisine, a fun packed day, games included, in picturesque surroundings and don't forget your sunscreen. There is a cabin where you can purchase soft drinks (or bring your own) and ice creams. There are toilets on site.

After the success of last year's bring and buy stall we will be having another stall this year (preferably motorbike related items please) so if you have something to sell bring it along. Please attach to each item, price, size, model etc.

Come by bike or car, it will be great to see all you Essex Crusaders; families and children are most welcomed.

Smugglers August Party

Ticket only event for Smugglers and invited guests - to be agreed by the Committee.

Tickets are £5 per head. Camping at East Farleigh Club available.

Please confirm with Committee members if you wish to camp.

When Sat 6 Aug 2011

Where East Farleigh Club,

If anyone is interested in this event please get in touch with John ASAP

ESSEX CRUSADERS CHRISTMAS MEAL

21st JANUARY 2012

The Holiday Inn Hotel,

Eight Ash Green, Colchester. CO6 3QL

3 course sit down meal £18.95 per person, includes a disco into the early hours

A 20% discount on the cost of drinks on the night has been agreed.

The function room can cater for 95 people comfortably and 100 at a push.

The hotel requires a £10 deposit per person payable by the end of July 2011.

names and deposits will be collated by Peter Gauntlett.

Chevolet, Abbots Lane, Eight Ash Green, Colchester, Essex, CO6 3QL.

The hotel has bent over backwards to cater for our needs so lets make it a fun night in decent surroundings and there will not be any black cobwebs in the chandeliers this time.

Look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Please could you get your names and deposits in ASAP as the hotel needs numbers.

Why not eat well, drink as much as you like and party into the night and have a room in the same venue.

A double room with breakfast £59, either a double or a twin bedded room to be **booked direct** to the hotel. Ask for Fiona, 01206363471, and mention Essex Crusaders.

Hope to see you soon

John

Deputy Rep (North):

C19 North meeting 6th June 2011.

It was good to see Rob and Pat at the meeting and welcome to Dave (Enefer) a new member on his XVS 1300, Dave is keen to start doing the rallies so another lamb to the slaughter he he . Make sure you don't mention that you are a rally virgin !!

It was nice to know that Joe has had his bike serviced an MOT'd ready for Denmark , don't want any repeats of Belgium 2010 do we Joe 'cos you won't be able to jump back on the boat and come straight back !! I am sure all will be OK.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ on the 17th July, thanks Rob and Pat who are supplying the generator and associated equipment and providing the potatoes, hopefully Angela will do the salad, I haven't asked her yet so here's hoping. We have arranged to get there for 10am to assist with setting up, so more the merrier and don't forget the clearing away, it is always easier with many hands. So can you please let John and myself know if you will be helping that would be great. Any raffle prizes also greatly received. If anyone knows where we can get BBQ's cheap please HELP !!

I took another 10 deposits for our Christmas meal on the 21st January so numbers are going up (slowly) I have almost exhausted the people I see regularly so come on those I don't see please send me your deposits, they have to be in by the end of July.

I am off to the International in Denmark on Wednesday and thoughts are already on the next one in Sweden on the island of Oland to the east of Sweden, now this may attract some of you that don't do camping as there are 135 x 4 berth cabins for rental, that has got to be an attraction, we will be working on that as soon as we get back so ferry prices etc will be available before the end of the year. Let's make it a bumper one for C19 !!

I think that's about it from me? so till next time:

Ta ta for now

Peter

Fen Frolics June 2011

Rob (from Holland) and I met up with several other C19 members on the A120 and made our way to Meldreth, all of 56 miles !! Mind you my trip to the Hague in April was 32 miles and 65 miles to Jels in Denmark, if you disregard the water . That's the penalty I pay for living on the East Coast.

Tents erected by early afternoon; and it was time to mooch about and see who else was there.

There was a steady influx all afternoon and by tea time it was obvious that the rally was going to be well represented. I did hear that 120 tickets were bought on the gate which probably represented 35%, so not good in terms of planning by the hosts. Please try to buy your ticket in advance it does help. Getting bored with saying this now.

Friday night is traditionally a night for getting lashed, well for some !!, the band kept us entertained, Otto tried his usual antics but was thwarted before he started, not a happy chappie but rules are rules my friend. I was last man standing at a reasonable 2.30am and am suffering now !! Oh, and it rained for a change but was dry on Saturday morning, good job as my seats got wet, at least I ended up with 2 seats all week end!!

Saturday was a 'chill 'day for some whilst others went on the ride out to see the Shuttleworth collection, some went to Cambridge and were punted down the river, it was a warm but windy day as is the norm for this site.



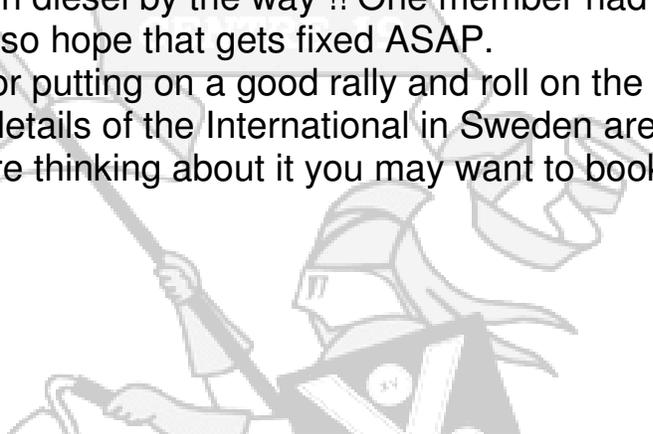
Saturday night was 'dress up' time and the theme was rock and roll, a good band called Just for Kicks who played classic 50's and 60's rock and roll, it was good to see the effort some had gone to and the standard of dancing was very good in some cases, Steve and Pete came over from Ireland having checked out the band on You Tube prior to coming, Steve told me he thought they were better live than on You tube, all I know is that the floor was full most of the night and I knew most of the words to the songs,

It was another late night or early morning but a good time was had by all, I was aware that one or two bikes were causing problems so hope they are now sorted, nothing to do with running on diesel by the way !! One member had gearbox problems on the way home so hope that gets fixed ASAP.

Thanks very much to C10 for putting on a good rally and roll on the next.

Just a reminder that some details of the International in Sweden are now on the national website so if you are thinking about it you may want to book your chalet now.

Mr K.



Sweden 2012

After an extremely successful Danish Rally where around 120 members of the VSOC attended, there seems to be an interest already in next years Swedish offering! To this end, I am sending out some info now, so members can consider the detail below.

The Rally will be in a place called Oland, an island off the southern east coast. This will be a Thursday - Sunday morning event. Dates 7-9th June 2012.

Please Note: The Whitson Bank Holiday in 2012 is a week later and has "2 days off" due to the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Mon 4th & Tues 5th June are B/Hols. This helps with taking time off work for this International event.

There will be a reduced Rally price (yet to be decided), probably around £25 to cover venue, bands, etc, but you will need to purchase your own food/meals. There will be options to buy different food on site, so this allows you to spend a little or a lot depending on your choice and budget. Also, if you decide to stay in a cabin, you will have the facility to cook your own food, should you wish to.

The Rally ticket price includes camping, but if you would like to stay in a cabin/cottage, there are two options available, see url below. Prices are as follows:
440 Swedish Kroner (divided by 4 persons in a cabin) per night (around £10.50 each per night) - 3 nights required (Thurs, Fri, Sat) - Non En Suite Option. Toilets/Showers in a communal block closeby.

560 Swedish Kroner (divided by 4 persons in a cabin) (around £13.50 each per night) En Suite version, shower/toilet within cabin.

Both options have a kitchen/dining areas and sleep 4 persons.

<http://www.yccsweden.se/index.php/int-traeffar>

<http://www.lundegard.se/>

Further details confirmed and form some sort of plan:-

Harwich - Esbjerg crossing arriving in Denmark around 1pm Danish time. Ride across to the Yamaha Custom Club NW of Copenhagen, and opt to erect your tent for either one or two nights prior to leaving for onward journey to rally site in Sweden. This is yet to be confirmed due to the ferry crossing date confirmation (not until Oct/Nov by DFDS). This ride will be just about 200 miles.

The tent can stay erected at the Danish Clubhouse and all bedding kit etc not required at the Rally cabin, can be kept stored within the clubhouse should you wish to leave it, and have a cabin at the Rally instead of camping.....Result.

Leaving around 10am for Sweden, we will ride around Copenhagen over the Oresund bridge, and meet the Swedes at the first services. They will lead/escort us from there to the Rally site. Mileage from the Danish Clubhouse to the Oland rally site - 255 miles. There will be a stopover at the Danish clubhouse on the return journey, but your tent will still be erected saving you extra hassle.

There are 4 Tolls.....Fyn - Sealand Return & Copenhagen - Malmo Oresund bridge (Total Cost:- £68 at today's exchange rates)

All Cabins/Cottages WILL need to be booked via myself, and NOT with the Swedish club direct.

What you should do.....get 4 people to share a cabin, and of what type (Type A being the non en-suite option, B being the higher value option), send me an e-mail chairman@vsoc.ork.uk with names (all 4) please. I will open a "Swedish Rally" folder on my Laptop, until these cabins can be booked. I will request a certain amount, and at this point, expect to be able to secure them. Once into 2012, these may get fewer, and become harder to book, so consider an early booking via me.

The Harwich-Esbjerg crossing prices will not be available until October (at the earliest), but going on this years crossing prices, a 4 berth cabin (one person plus one bike) was around £160 return.

Mileage from Esbjerg to Danish Clubhouse to Oland Rally site and return is approximately 1000 including ride-out at Rally) so do the maths regarding fuel consumption and costs.

Kevin Hoyte

Chairman - Virago Star Owners Club

JULY RIDE-OUTS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 3RD

FRENCH DAY TRIP

Depart Thurrock services 07-00am

SATURDAY 9TH

KELVEDON FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL, RECREATION GROUND, THE CHASE, KELVEDON.

If you like good live FREE music this is the place to be, from 12-00 onwards.
Checkout: WWW.KELVEDONFREEFESTIVAL.CO.UK

SUNDAY 10TH

ALDEBRUGH/THE MERE, THORPNESS, SUFFOLK

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for Langham services (A12 north of Colchester, Shell garage) Depart Langham services 10-45 for Aldeburgh, perhaps some excellent fish and chips on the beach.

SUNDAY 17TH

BAR-B-CRUISE, CUDMORE GROVE COUNTRY PARK, MERSEA ISLAND, CO5 8UE

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for the Peldon Rose P.H.(at the junction of Colchester Road B1025 and Mersea Road) depart Peldon Rose P.H. 11-00 for Cudmore Grove.
Look forward to seeing everyone, a great day out.

FRIDAY 22ND

VSOC C5, TROGLODYTE RALLY, HULL IONIANS RUGBY CLUB, SOUTH CAVE, HULL, HU15 1HX

Depart Boreham services 09-00 for Rest Area on the A120 between Dunmow and Takeley. Depart rest area 09-45 for rally. Brunch will be had at the O.K.Diner north of Stamford on the A1.

SUNDAY 31ST

BLUEBELL RAILWAY/ SHEFFIELD PARK STATION, EAST SUSSEX, TN22 3QL

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Thurrock services, depart Thurrock services 10-30 for the Bluebell railway.
Big boys toys. WWW.BLUEBELL-RAILWAY.CO.UK

For more information contact your reps
Please have sufficient fuel for rideouts so we can keep fuel stops to a minimum

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

July

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 4th July 2011.

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

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 18th July 2011

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

August

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 1st August 2011.

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

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 15th August 2011.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.