

SEAX

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

March 2011 Issue 183

contents:

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 2. | Rep's Rambling. | 3. | Deputy Rep (North). |
| 4. | Saracen's Charity Bike Run | 5-6. | VSOC 2011 Landmarks Challenge. |
| 7. | Club Merchandise | 8. | C19 Meeting Dates. |
| 9. | East Anglia D-Day Memorial Ride | | |

COPY DATE FOR NEXT SEAX is MONDAY 28th March.

Contacts:

Centre Rep.

John Evans
10 Woodlow; Benfleet; SS7 3RL.
Tel: Home 01268 775720 mobile 07778 643986
john@evans6387.freeserve.co.uk

Deputy Rep. (North)

Peter 'Mr. K' Gauntlett
Home 01206 570604 mobile 07531 614887
petergauntlett03@aol.com

Deputy Rep. (South)

Trevor Lathrope
01245 320525
trevorlathrope@gmail.com

Seax Editor

Alan Ferry mobile 07973 371812
seax2008@hotmail.com

Spider

Claire Gauntlett
uglymonsters01@aol.com

Centre 19 website :

<http://www.essex-crusaders.org.uk>

VSOC website :

<http://www.vsoc.org.uk>

Rep's Rambling:

Good to see so many members at the Anchor pub on Saturday evening for a meal, drink and a chat,

It's been a long winter and I have not been out on my bike for about 3 months until Sunday. Four of us met at Boreham and as the sun was shining we decided on a scenic route to Southend. Unfortunately I decided to go via Watery Lane and as its name suggests, a little bit of it was under water, great for my bike as it washed the dust off, but Gary had his very new Suzuki M1800R and Dennis his quite new Harley, they were not quite so shiny when they came out of the flood water (sorry lads).

We had a great breakfast at a café on the seafront. It was such a good feeling to get back on the bike again after such a long time!

[Impromptu ride outs from Boreham services will depart 10-00am as from March 1st.](#)

Membership renewal is now due, I know many of you have re-joined already, if you have not you can use the renewal form which was with the February SEAX or join on line at the VSOC website.

Club Merchandise

We will only be placing one order for the tour t-shirts so that members receive them in time for the start of the Rally season. If you would like any merchandise please send in your order together with a cheque as soon as possible.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to club funds by either ride-out donations or buying raffle tickets at meetings.

DAY TRIP TO FRANCE

Day trip to France is on the 3rd of July, departing Folkestone 08:50 returning Calais 19:42. Price is for bike, rider and pillion, all for the miserly sum £22-00, this ticket is not transferable, it is for this trip only. If you wish to join us I will need the £22 by the 20th March 2011.

Euro-tunnel have quoted me this price for the last 3 years, it's the only thing that's not going up at the moment. We will be riding in France with lunch in Boulogne.

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO :- VSOC ESSEX CRUSADERS

send to: CAROL EVANS
10 WOODLOW, THUNDERSLEY, BENFLEET, ESSEX, SS73RL

John

Deputy Rep (North):

C19 North meeting 7th February 2011.

A well attended meeting with 18 people in all, must be something to do with the weather as it was a tad warmer then it has been.

A warm welcome to Brian, a potential new member who rides an XVS 1300 Midnight Star, it was also good to see Dayle and Tony, Joe and Alan who we haven't seen for a while.

Dayle has now bought a 535 which she is having customised so is like a kid with a new toy, I am sure she will enjoy the end result and we will hopefully see you out on it in the future.

It seems as though the meal evening will be well attended as a quick 'head count' added up to 30 people with more from the 'South' I am sure.

A reminder that membership renewal will shortly be due and remember the new ruling re late payment.

Just a quick reminder that it is useful for rally organisers to have an idea of attendance so please book your tickets early.

Ride outs from Boreham have started again (some die hards may say they never stopped !!) so if you fancy a bimble out on a Sunday, the meeting time is still 10.30.

For any of you venturing abroad this year on the bike, Dover to Calais has been fixed at £40 return if you book through Just Ferries, prices for all ferries are up and down at the moment but £40 is as cheap as I have seen it so far, That's about it from me

Ta ta for now

Peter

Take a look at these biking videos, I think you will enjoy?

VICTORY versus BMW (really amazing):

<http://www.visordown.com/snippets/victory--bmw-x-cones--amazing/17338.html>

HONDA DREAM – Taiwan Pensioners (is this how we all end up?):

<http://www.motor.nl/nieuws/16895-film-prachtige-beelden.html>

SEAX

Janice n Nigel are finally getting married and would love all of centre 19 to come along and join them for the biker wedding weekend, it will be the 29th,30th,31st, April 2011,at the Beighton miners welfare, High Street, Beighton, Sheffield, S20-1ED,there will be a £5 camping charge per tent for the weekend please don't let this put you off coming and celebrating our big day together, it would be great to see you all, please could you let us know how many are coming thanks,

Janice n Nigel

SARACENS CHARITY BIKE RUN 24 April 2011

This is advance notice of a new motorcycle event for Hertfordshire in 2011. Details are not finalised yet but you might like to put it in your biking calendar.

On 24 April 2011 Saracens Rugby Club will be holding its first Charity Bike Run aimed at raising money for both the Herts Air Ambulance and Henry's Trust, and promoting safe biking in the county. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

The day will start at the Saracens training ground in St Albans for breakfast and an opportunity to meet players, cheerleaders, and your fellow bikers. Other entertainments are still at the planning stage. The Bike Run itself will be approximately an hour in length and will finish at the Vicarage Road stadium in Watford. Participants in the run will have entry to the game (Saracens v's Gloucester). Activities for the match half time are still in planning stage.

Entry in the Run will be about £20 per rider or pillion, the majority of which will go to the charities. For this participants will probably get breakfast, entry to the match and commemorative goodies of some sort. This is still being planned.

The Run is open to all but there may well be a restriction on numbers.

More details will be in the new issue of Hertfordshire Biker magazine, and there should be announcements in the press in mid February.

Please email me at herts.biker@hertscc.gov.uk if you have any questions, or if you would like to register your interest in taking part. If you send some contact details we will then contact you as soon as registration opens.

We would also be interested in hearing from anyone who would be prepared to take a non-biking Saracens player as a pillion.

Simon Hoggett
Managing Editor
Hertfordshire Biker
Phone: 01992 556802 / Fax: 01992 556820

www.saracens.com

www.hertsairambulance.uk.com

www.henryfraser.org

VSOC 2011 Landmarks Challenge

Welcome to the VSOC 2011 Landmarks Challenge. The purpose of the Landmarks format has always been and hopefully will continue to promote our members to travel to other regions of the country that they would not normally go to and to possibly meet up with other Centre's on their travels.

The 2011 awards will be based on a "% completed" format. This is to allow the majority of the members to compete and be rewarded as much as possible.

* If the rider completes <95% (19 or 20 of the Landmarks), they will get a VSOC Landmarks 2011 badge in Gold.

* If the rider completes 80% to 90% (16 to 18 of the Landmarks), they will get a VSOC Landmarks 2011 badge in Silver.

* If the rider completes 70% to 80% (14 or 15 of the Landmarks), they will get a VSOC Landmarks 2011 badge in Bronze.

There are 20 locations. The locations are predominantly in the UK, and there are two locations internationally. The competition will run from 1st of March 2011 through to the 31st September 2011. No entries will be accepted after the finish date.

All of the riders entering the Landmarks are to do the following:

* Contact me via email to let me know you are entering the Challenge. The email address is brianocw@yahoo.com

* At each Landmark, a picture is required of the rider and the bike. This is the acceptable format to confirm that the rider has ridden to that Landmark.

Pictures are to be emailed to me at the email address above. In exceptional circumstances where the Landmark is inaccessible due to being closed to traffic on the day or time visited for example, it is acceptable to send a picture of the rider with their riding gear on and skid lid in hand.

* The format of the pictures is unimportant (gif, jpeg, jpeg etc) as is the size. What is important is the naming of the pictures. The name format is to be as follows: ridername_Landmarkname.file format. So an example would be: brianocw_sydneyharbourbridge.jpg

Be careful and enjoy yourself. In the context of motorcycle riding the event is strictly non competitive.

1. PortMeirionVillage, Gwynedd LL49 9LR
2. ComptonCastle, Marldon, Paignton, DevonTQ3 1TA
3. Longleat Estate, Longleat, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7NW
4. Elgood & Sons Brewery Ltd, North Brink, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, PE13 1LW.
5. Grimes Graves Heritage Centre, IP26 5DE
6. KoldinghusCastle, Markdanersgade 11 Kolding6000, Denmark
7. The "Cannon of London", Fortresse de Mimoyecques, 62250Landrethun-le-Nord, France

8. LincolnCastle, Castle Hill LincolnshireLN1 3AA
9. Royal Air Force Holmpton - Bunker Tour, Royal Air Force, Rysome Lane, Holmpton, Withernsea, HU19 2QR
10. Robertson's, 6-7 Bridge Street, WHITBY, North YorkshireYO22 4BG
11. ChillinghamCastle, Chillingham, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE665NJ
12. The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5BY
13. Watermill Inn & Brewery, Nr Windermere, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 9PY
14. The Cobb, Lyme Regis, DT7 3NF
15. The Buttermarket, Hay- on- Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5DF
16. The Ace Cafe, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London; NW10 7UD
17. NationalMotorcycleMuseum, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0EJ
18. BarnardCastle, Nr Galgate, BarnardCastle, Durham- DL12 8PR
19. The Ponderosa Cafe, The Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen, LL20 8DR
20. The VictoriaBikers Pub, Whitwick Rd, Coalville, LE67 3FA

I look forward to seeing the results of the Challenge and wish you all the best of luck.

Brian Centre 2 & 20 Rep.

Trev's New Haircut?



CLUB MERCHANDISE

2011 TOUR T-SHIRTS, £15-00

BLACK, BLUE, RED, GREEN

SMALL, MEDUIM, LARGE, X LARGE, XX LARGE, XXX LARGE

CLUB LOGO ON FRONT, TOUR DATES FOR 2011 ON BACK

ALSO AVAILABLE

HOODIES: £25-00, SWEAT-SHIRTS: £22-50

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT: £15-00

BLACK

SMALL, MEDUIM, LARGE, X LARGE, XX LARGE, XXXLARGE

CLUB LOGO ON FRONT, ESSEX CRUSADERS ON SLEEVES

ALL ORDERS BY MARCH 28TH 2011

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO :- VSOC ESSEX CRUSADERS

CAROL EVANS

10 WOODLOW, THUNDERSLEY, BENFLEET, ESSEX, SS73RL

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

March

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 7th March 2011.

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

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 21st March 2011

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

April

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 4th April 2011.

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

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 18th April 2011.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

East Anglia D.Day Memorial Ride

ABF
THE SOLDIERS'
CHARITY

ABF
THE SOLDIERS'
CHARITY

Saturday 4th June 2011

Donations £5.00 p/bike - £7.00 on day

All Proceeds to ABF - The Soldiers' Charity

Meet at

MERVILLE BARRACKS

Colchester CO2 7UT



Registration from 10.00hrs - First off 13.00hrs

Finish at

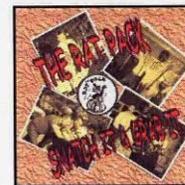
Whitehouse Farm, Memorial

A130, Rettendon

Woodham Ferrers, Essex CM3 8DL

30 MILES - Ample Car Parking

Check website for over night camping and music



Contact to Register:

Asa Pryke: Tel: 01206 821330 Email: asa.pryke@tryoungs.co.uk
Visit the website: www.the-dday-memorial-ride.co.uk

Sponsors:

Allstyles

Motorcycle
Insurance

ALLSTYLES MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE
16084 Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Assn
NAT - WEST BANK