

SEAX

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

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COPY DATE FOR NEXT SEAX is Monday 30th April.

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

April

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 2nd April 2012.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 16th April 2012.
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

May

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 14th May 2012. *** Monday 7th May is Bank Holiday***
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 21st May 2012.
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

Reps Rambling

First of all I would like to welcome new member Paula Ferreira to the Essex Crusaders. Most of you know her as she used to ride pillion with Bruce but has now passed her direct access bike test and is the proud owner of a XV535 called Winnie, as some of you older members (10years or more) might remember the bike. On behalf of C19 congratulations on passing your test and look forward to seeing you on some rideouts.

Who could have predicted the glorious sunny weather we have had this March, I have been on some Sunday impromptu rideouts with other members with the obligatory fry up later in the morning. It is great to be back on the bike again after being unable to ride for nearly a year.

Remember the rideout calendar starts the 1ST April; check your April rideout timetable in SEAX for times and meeting places. **Please note there has had to be some changes to the April ride-outs.**

Most of you have renewed your membership, which is due on the 1st April. Those of you who have not; put it on your must do list; you must rejoin by the 30th April the latest. From the 1st May there will a £5-00 surcharge.

If anyone feels they do not want to rejoin their membership for what ever reason, before you decide, why not get in touch with me to see how the club can perhaps help you to reconsider your decision, look forward to hearing from you.

The rally meeting at Runwell went very well; plenty of ideas were put forward and taken on board. Thanks to everyone who turned up, that was about 20 of you, very much appreciated. Runwell have agreed to everything we need for the rally, they have produced food menus and prices, from Thursday to Sunday lunch time and drink prices for the weekend, they are really doing everything they can to accommodate us to make it a great rally. Bands have been booked for both evenings. To make a great rally we need your help over the weekend, we can never have too many helpers so pencil the dates in your diary 6,7,8 July, if you could help on the 5th in the afternoon with putting the marquees up it would be appreciated, look forward to seeing you all.

Our web-site is not running at the moment, Bob is still having difficulties trying to load all the files on to the internet. I know Bob will eventually find a way around this, so please be patient; he will get it up and running soon.

Get those bikes washed and polished after their winter hibernation and join us on some of the ride-outs this summer.

John

North Meeting March 5th

I'd like to thank all those who turned up for the March meeting at the Anchor at Stratford St Mary. It was nice to see so many faces after the disappointing February meeting. In fact attendance was up by 1300%, so my rude outburst in the last SEAX must have done the trick.

I'd also like to thank the powers that be for giving me back my old job of Deputy Rep North. I've never left the club but haven't attended much in the last few years so if any you think I'm a bit rusty and need pointing in the right direction, don't be afraid to say so. (I can always tell you where to go). Seriously though, I'll do what I can. Although I still don't have as much time as I used to, I'm looking forward to being more involved with the club.

In addition to the ride out calendar this year, a Saturday ride is planned on June 23rd. the venue is Charsfield, in Suffolk, which is my home village. A fete is being held in this day and the idea is to put our bikes on display as an added attraction. Several of you have shown an interest for which I am very grateful. If anybody else is interested I can be contacted on 07879 491241 for more details. See you at the next meeting.

Regards,
Stainless

VSOC membership.

Membership is due by the end of March, still the same price as it has been for as long as I can remember £17.50, although if you pay online by PayPal it will cost you slightly more. We allow a bit of flexibility so if you haven't paid by the 1st May it will cost you £5 more, failure to pay by the end of May deems you as no longer a member and we don't want that, especially if you no longer have a qualifying bike. If you want to remain a member of the VSOC and all it offers, please pay NOW otherwise you may forget.

C19 Christmas meal

I would also like to advise you that I have booked the Holiday Inn again for the C19 Christmas meal on the 19th January 2013. The cost is slightly more than last time, if you remember most of you paid £20, thanks very much it was a great raffle this time it will be £21. There is one small change to last time though, I will be collecting the £21 in one hit as getting it in last time was a bit of a mission !!. I will even run a 'book' if you like so you can pay a bit at a time, just let me know. I don't have any more details relating to the Hotel at this stage but will let you know when I do.

Peter

APRIL RIDEOUTS AND EVENTS**SUNDAY 1ST****WHITSTABLE EGG RUN**

Depart Marks Tay 09-30 (slip road on to the A12 London bound by the food hall) for Thurrock services. C13 will be riding with us from Thurrock, Depart Thurrock services (petrol station) 10-30 for Medway services M2 where C14 and C15 will be joining us. Depart Medway services about 12-30 for Whitstable. The egg run will be going to a special needs school in Canterbury. **DON'T FORGET YOUR EASTER EGGS.**

SUNDAY 8TH**IMPROMPTU**

Depart Boreham 10-00

MONDAY 9TH**ACE CAFÉ, SOTHEND SHAKEDOWN**

Depart Marks Tay 09-00 for Boreham services; depart Boreham services 09-30 for Southend

SUNDAY 15th CHANGE TO RIDEOUT CALENDER**BIKERS IN PARADISE, BROXBORNE, CANCELLED.****LUNCH, ANCHOR, PUB STRATFORD St. MARY, SUFFOLK**

Depart Boreham Services 10-30 for ride to Stratford St. Mary.

This is a family day out so all are welcome, come sun or rain, if it is rain come in your car. You can be guaranteed an excellent lunch time roast with a choice of menus.

SUNDAY 22ND**FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK**

Depart Boreham Services 10-00 for Langham services (Shell garage, A12 north of Colchester) Depart Langham services 10-45 for Felixstowe.

SUNDAY 29th**CHANGE TO RIDEOUT CALENDER****BIKE SAFE SHOW, COLCHESTER FOOTBALL STADIUM, UNITED WAY, CO4 5UP**

This event has been held in Burnham in previous years, it has now moved to Colchester Football Stadium. It's free entry to the stadium. There's ride assessments, competitions stalls etc.

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for stadium; it might be easier for North members to make their own way to the stadium. EXIT A12, J28 FOR A DIRECT LINK TO THE STADIUM.

For more information contact your reps

Please have sufficient fuel for rideouts so we can keep fuel stops to a minimum

FOR SALE

Highway Hawk
smooth passenger boards
£50.00



Cambridge expandable
throw-over panniers with
waterproof lining

£25.00

Expandable Tank Bag B-Square
with waterproof lining
can also be turned into rucksack
£15.00



Kevlar jeans – men's 32" waist (narrow fitted legs) £10.00

Contact Terry on 07855531243 or 01277 650935

CLUB MERCHANDISE

TOUR T-SHIRTS 2012 £15-00

BLACK, BLUE, RED, GREEN

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

CLUB LOGO ON FRONT, TOUR DATES ON BACK

ALL ORDERS BY 21ST APRIL 2012

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: - VSOC ESSEX CRUSADERS

CAROL EVANS

10 WOODLOW, THUNDERSLEY, BENFLEET, ESSEX, SS73RL

EMBROIDERED CLUB BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT £4-00 EACH

PIN BADGES AVAILABLE AT £2-50 EACH

Essex-Crusader's Website

I took on the function of administering the C19 web site at the January 16 AGM expecting to inherit a working but slightly out of date web-site.

I saw my function as getting the content up to date and keeping it that way. Basically posting Rideouts, SEAX, and photos as required.

Unfortunately, over the year end period the clubs "ownership" of the web address www.essex-crusaders.co.uk had expired and all the content had gone. I have re-purchased the web address. The web site content had been developed in a Microsoft application (FrontPage) that I then I discovered had been discontinued in 2006. I got a copy of the application, and after some lengthy delays, I got a copy of the prior web site content on to my home PC. I have been learning how to use the development application by trial and error; much of the website content is now up to date but still on my home PC and not a lot of use to the club.

Now I have found that the hosting company we had used had now stopped accepting downloads of sites developed on the old FrontPage application. I am working with another hosting company that still accepts downloads from FrontPage to host the site on www.essex-crusaders.org.uk. There are a number of technical problems with the upload of data from my PC to the hosting company that I am working on. I will tell you all as soon as I have something in place.

Bob Owen

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The Manningtree Vehicle Show - *The Revival*

Saturday 16th June 10.30am - 4pm

**Lawford Football Club
School Lane, Lawford, Essex, CO11 2JA**

**Large Collection of Classic & Modern Cars,
Bikes, Trikes, Scooters, Trucks,
Military Vehicles & lots more...**

- Ample Parking • Auto-jumble & Stalls
- Bar & Food Stalls • Display Arena
- Childrens Corner & Entertainment



• All Day Live Entertainment
Provided by Déjà Vu
1950's Rock & Roll Band
With Dancers & Lots More...

Prices: Family Ticket £5.00
(Admits 2 Adults & 3 Children)
Adults **£2.50** Concessions **£1.00**

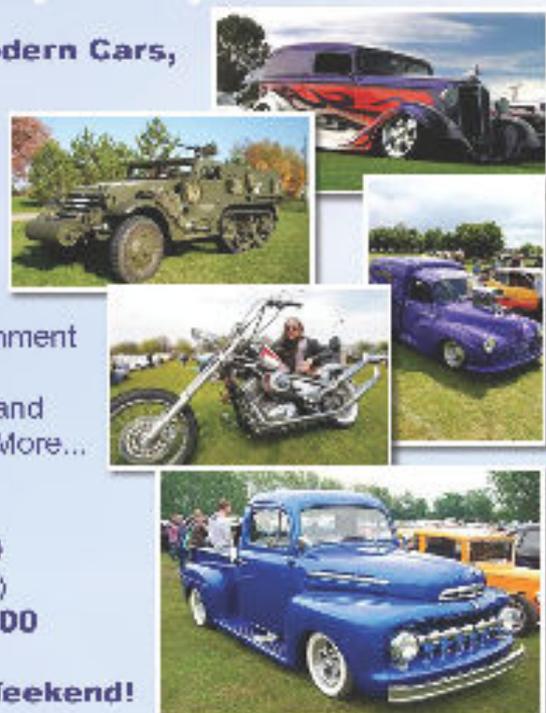
A Perfect Start To Fathers Day Weekend!

Follow us on Facebook for all updates:
The Manningtree Vehicle Show, The Revival. **For More Information:**

www.manningtreevehicleshowrevival.co.uk

email: ts.catering@virgin.net **phone:** 07816 529877

This event is sponsored by:



Essex Motorcycle Show

The all new rebranded Essex Motorcycle Show, formerly Essex Bike Safe is on Sunday 29th April at Weston Homes Community Stadium in Colchester, home of Colchester United FC, raising vital funds for Essex Air Ambulance. There will be various trade stands by major manufacturers including Parkinson Motorcycles, TK Cope Motorcycles, Cannon Motorcycles, a Japanese bike display, plus training schools CADAM, Total Advanced Training and EAMG make a return to the show along with a brand new slow riding competition.



Family friendly fun!

Motorcyclists will also have the opportunity to take part in an assessed ride out on one of the latest demo bikes and sign up to the Bike Safe Workshops; don't forget to bring your licence! This is a great day out with fun activities for all the family, there is a bouncy castle for the children, refreshments and an opportunity to see a flyover by the Essex Air Ambulance and Essex Police Helicopter, subject to operations.

Safe n Sexy Show

Essex Facts

- Costs £250,000 per month
- Flies at up to 150mph
- HEMS Team - Pilot, Doctor & Paramedic
- Over 11,000 missions flown

Our Aircraft



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Showcasing the latest protective clothing available, the show aims to highlight how riders can look really good and be safe at the same time! For more information about this fantastic event visit our website by [clicking here](#).

The Twitter logo is displayed in blue on a yellow background.

C5 Dinner Dance - Harrogate

Please find our flyer for the 2013 grand dinner / dance in Harrogate, this time I have had long talks with the Cairn Hotel and they have given us all the rooms above the ballroom and lower floors and as such the VSOC will have the majority of hotel to ourselves.

Could you please pass this flyer on to your members and ask for those wishing to attend either for the Saturday or as a lot did this year stay for the weekend, a deposit of £20 per person is required together with the names in the party

A draw is made at the end of the year from all the names and a lucky couple will be given a free upgrade to the honeymoon suite, also the hotel will once again give us £100 and someone on the night will be £100 richer.

We are in the process of looking at the entertainment and will have some new ideas for the Saturday night.

We have negotiated special drink offers again, as at last they realise that cheaper drinks means more takings.

On the Saturday members will get their room / a 4 course meal served in the ballroom / the entertainment / and an all you can eat breakfast in the morning

We have a limit on the numbers of 170 people and you can be sure these places will go quickly,

Regards Terry Lewis C5

For more information please contact John

Northern Area VSC Yorkies

Gala Dinner Dance



The Cairn Hotel Harrogate

Saturday 2nd February 2013

Price £62 per person includes entertainment

Four course dinner, bed and full breakfast



Stop Friday night for £40pp dinner bed and breakfast.

*Book your place by contacting
Terry Lewis 07974 952237 (Yorkies)*

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER.

Dear all,

in an effort to increase social contact amongst ourselves as well as creating the catalyst for members to meet other members they've never met yet (VSOC rallies & parties are excellent events for achieving that), I'd like to propose having another of my Pavlova parties, only this time, as they are quite an effort to do a normal full blown one, make this one a mini-pavlova, which would go something like this:-

Saturday -

Arrive 3pm, tent up in garden (or book yourself a proper bed at local Travelodge at Tothill Stowmarket then I'll org a mini-bus to pick everyone up from there)

4pm- 5pm, have BBQ & drinks, chill out and chat and catch the rays (hoping it's a sunny day, if not, I have a marquee/large conservatory)

7pm - 9pm, we walk 500m to the local pub (Trowel & Hammer in Cotton) or Frances "buses" those to same who have difficulty walking that distance

10pm back to our place for late supper (maybe burger, jacket potato & chilli ..and Pavlova) & sit around a camp fire drinking Black Dog (and if anyone is musical and can play an instrument, bring it along, (bass guitars or saxophones very welcome)

11pm - midnight, mini-bus takes those back to Travelodge, others head for tent

Sunday -

8am - 10 am...tea/coffee & bacon butties

11am, either ride-out to Suffolk beach (4 venues to choose from, ride is about 40miles via nice country lanes) with lunch at a pub or head home.

Veggies/Vegans will also be catered for

How much?....previous years have been about £15 a head (cost price) but that included all food & drinks, as it's a mini doo this year, then circa £8 - £12 a head

When?....as part of VSOC protocol, I first need to check C10 newsletter and Clatter and then liaise with Rodders to pick a weekend between mid June and mid September when no VSOC rallies/parties/ride-outs clash.

At this stage, in order to check interest, would you be interested in attending a mini-pavlova? (assuming the date would be ok)

Cheers

Martin & Frances C10

Now both retired

If anyone is interested in this please let me know

For anyone interested in a great weekend, fill the form in and send it off to Chris at C16 who is organizing the weekend at Butlins, Bognor Regis, or for more information contact me.



1st – 4th February 2013



Booking Form

The weekend has been booked for 60 places this is on a first come first served basis, total cost of £70 per person, a deposit of £30 per person is required asap and the remainder is due by the end of October 2012. Please complete all the details of the following form

First Name	Surname	Address	DOB	Email Address	Mobile Number
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Ground floor required Yes/No (limited spaces)

Please make cheques Payable to VOC Solent and send to

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