

SEAX

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

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COPY DATE FOR NEXT SEAX is Monday 27th February.

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

February

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 6th February 2012.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 20th February 2012.
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

March

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 5th January 2012.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 19th January 2012.
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

Reps Rambling

Thanks to everyone who came to our AGM in January, (see report) it's good to hear your input regarding what you want from the club in the next year. Hopefully there will be something for everyone over the coming year.

The highlight of the year is our forthcoming rally; it should be a great weekend as usual. I know you will want to buy your tickets early so I will have your rally tickets for sale at the club meetings or just in case you cannot get to a meeting send your cheque to Carol and she will dispatch your ticket by return of post.

The year has started off in great style with our Christmas party, excellent venue and food, friendly staff, good service and for those who stayed the night, great rooms and breakfast was included, also you could go for a swim. I think most of will agree it was brilliant evening. Thanks must go to Peter for organizing a great evening

As Carol and I missed a lot of events in 2011, we are determined to make up for it this year by doing as much as we can with the club. We started off by going to C5's "Posh" Christmas party 14th January. 150 attended (penguin suit for the men and evening dress for the ladies) in Harrogate, Yorkshire. We went up on the Friday and stayed a couple of nights. On the Saturday we had a ride out into the Yorkshire dales, the weather was blue skies and sunny with some frost in the trees. What a contrast to the last 2 rallies C6 held at Barnoldswick, for those who remember it rained and it rained and it was bloody cold for August. The rain only stopped when it was time to pack up to come home.

Last weekend we were at C16's New Year party held in a part of Fareham Fort which is the Independence M/C club house, a great venue.

There is a 2012 rideout calendar with this months SEAX. As some of you might notice there is no Day Trip to France this year, rally year, but if anyone wants to organize a trip I will be quite happy to point them in the right direction. Destinations on the calendar are not set in stone, so if you hear of something that would be of interest, let me know and I will try to incorporate it into the calendar. Remember we still rideout every Sunday; meet Boreham services 10-30 weather permitting. I know some of you have been turning up, no make that 2 of you , Bruce and Paula, for those who did not know Paula passed her bike test just before Christmas, congratulations from everyone in C19 Paula. Paula and Bruce have been turning up hoping to get some group riding experience and finishing up as billy no mates, Paula is putting us long in the tooth bikers to shame.

I hope you have all received your Clatter and the membership renewal form. You can either post the form to Malcolm or renew on line. Could you please make sure that all the information given with the renewal is up to date, and includes any changes made in the last year of bike, e-mail address, etc.

I am sure that you will all be pleased to hear that Dave Moore is now out of hospital and is recovering at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

John

AGM, Held on the 16th January 2012
at the Bell Pub, Woodham Ferrers

1) Opening

The meeting was well attended with 30+ members present. Apologies were sent by Dave Moore, Cheryl, Tracey Kinton and Peter Osgood. Thank you to everyone who helped in the past year with the running of the club it is very much appreciated.

2) Election of club officers.

Centre Rep.	John Evans
Deputy Rep, north	Vacant
Deputy Rep, south	Trevor Lathrope
Treasurer	Carol Evans
Events and rideouts	Vacant
Merchandise	Vacant
SEAX editor	Alan Ferry
Web- master	Bob Owen

3) The club accounts were presented by Carol, with a couple of clarifications regarding the cost of the 2010/11 Christmas Meal (monies were collected in 2010 but not paid out until 2011). The cost of producing SEAX was queried and it was agreed that all measures possible will be taken to keep the number of postal issues to a minimum. The accounts were accepted by a show of hands

4) A quick run down of 2011 rideouts was given. 2012 rideout list was shown to members which was met with a good response, a little bit of fine tuning and it will be ready for publishing.

5) Merchandise was discussed for the forthcoming year, it was generally agreed to change the club logo slightly to embrace the special occasion of the Olympics.

6) Chas included a motion on Associate members.

It was generally agreed that any new associate member will need to have the backing of C19 members before they are allowed to join. An associate member has no rights under the VSOC constitution; it is a concession that is allowed by the centre rep. Although no vote is required, I will accept the views of centre 19 members concerning new associate members.

7) Our rally in July 2012 was up for discussion.

A design by Gary Daisley was chosen as our Rally Patch, thanks for your hard work Gary and to the other members who submitted designs. We have a meeting coming up soon to finalize details at Runwell Sports and Social Club. Tracey has organized some non-Olympic events for Saturday afternoon, which should be a great laugh, looking forward to it.

8) Peter Gauntlet was presented with a pewter tankard suitably inscribed with thanks from Centre 19 for his work as deputy rep. north, for the last 8 years; which is quite an achievement. I and all of Centre 19 would like to say a great big thank you for what you have done for the club in those years. Although Peter has stepped down as deputy rep he is still willing to play an active roll within the club.

Also stepping down is Claire Gauntlett, our web-mistress. Claire took the position on 4 years ago with very little knowledge of web-sites but with determination and a little help from friends, she built our present Essex Crusaders web-site. I know everyone would like to thank Claire for all her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future.

After several discussions with Claire, Bob Owen has agreed to take over the running of our web-site. It's not an easy task but I know he will give it his 100% attention over the next year. I know everyone in the club will give him their support. Welcome on board Bob.

I have decided that this will be my last year as Centre rep, I've enjoyed the last 4 years as Centre rep but it's time for someone new at the helm. Anyone interested in this position please get in touch with me and I will be able to give you more information of what is involved.

Carol (treasurer) and Alan Ferry (SEAX editor) will also be stepping down at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in taking over either position, please let me know.

John

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