

# SEAX

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## *Centre 19 meeting's dates:*

### April

#### **North meeting.**

8 pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. ( Monday 1<sup>st</sup> being a Bank Holiday )  
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

#### **South meeting.**

8pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.  
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road, CM38DY

### May

#### **North meeting.**

8 pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013.  
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

#### **South meeting.**

8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.  
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road, CM38DY

## *Rep's Rambling*

Hi all, well another cold month gone, but at least some managed to get out with a trip to the log cabin and High Beech with John on his new Royal Star. Then on a nice sunny Tuesday the retired club went to the seaside for their fish and chips.

Monday saw us all at the new south meeting venue at the Rettendon Bell with 24 of you turning up, thank you.

Sunday will be the first official ride out for the Easter egg run to Whitstable. I have ordered the sun, but that horrible white stuff is looming still, what is it with the weather.

Trevor has organized a place for us at the museum of power so we can have a stand with about 20 bikes. Special parking for Chatham dockyard and Hever castle with discounts if enough book with a few days notice, details will follow in later editions.

Hopefully you will all have sent away for or received your new VSOC membership, time is running out before that extra fiver will have to be paid.

Lastly, anymore orders for the 2013 tour t-shirts, let Gary know ASAP, also for any other item and when 10 orders are received they will be ordered.

Ride safe out there

Bruce

## *Sunday Ride out*

Good turn out for the first Sunday in March on my first club ride this year.

Bright but brisk, there were seven of us came to Boreham. We also nearly got a police escort but it was a shame our very own Tracey Bishop had to go back to work.

John Evans led the ride over to the Log Cabin for a warm up breakfast and a hot cuppa, then on to High Beech so we could stop for another hot one and more of a chat.

Roll on warmer weather so there will be more of us turning up on Sundays.

Hoping to see more of my friends out over the summer months.

Paula

### *Retired riders ride again.*

It was Trevor's idea to resurrect the Retired riders group, if you remember, the original name of the group quickly got changed to Retarded riders group and after today I don't see any point in changing it again, so ' Retarded riders it is ' .

Trev, Barney and Terry arranged to meet me at Langham services on the A12 as we were heading towards Southwold. It was Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>c</sup> was predicted, the warmest, driest day of the year so far and we were not let down, it was a bright, sunny day, with no wind although a tad cold in the shade and on the edge of the sea, well it is still winter isn't it.

Four of us left Langham with me as lead rider ( only cos Trevor's Tours couldn't remember how to get to Southwold !! )

First stop when we got there was the café on the pier for fish and chips as is always the case on these days out. Not good for my diet but certainly a good tonic for a bit of banter and Trev choking on his fish.

The whole day was a hoot, the bikes attracted a lot of attention, especially Trevor's which is looking particularly attractive now he has installed his custom made dash complete with radio, clock and twin speakers, pukka job.

Trev got a new nickname, Deputy Silver back, as he was the alpha male in the group. Don't ask.

All in all a good time with good company and a real laugh, any other retired, I mean retarded, riders, want to join us mid week.

Mr K

PS I have just looked out of the window, it is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and it is thick snow, what the hell is wrong with the weather in this country! No ride out today then.

### *For Sale*

Vauxhall Astra 1.9 TDi, Sri, 2007, FSH, 60K miles, years tax, MOT July 2013, Full exterior factory fitted body kit. Just had new flywheel, clutch and slave cylinder, 18", 5 spoke alloys, air con, radio/CD player, folding back seats, electric mirrors/windows.

This car is in good condition and has been well looked after and maintained, it has been owned by me for 4 years and only selling because I have bought another Astra. £5450 ono.

For further details please ring me on 07531614887 or 01206570604

### *Somewhere new.*

Boathouse Café, Bawdsey.  
March/April Fri/Sat/Sun 11am-5pm  
May/Oct Thurs-Mon 11am-5pm  
Nov Fri/Sat/Sun 11am-5pm  
Post Code;-IP12 3AZ  
Tel;-07900 811826

<http://www.boathousecafe.co.uk/>

Set on the bank of the river Deben, where it joins the sea. Walk round the headland and see Bawdsey Manor from the beach. Take the foot ferry over the river to buy fresh fish from Felixstowe Ferry, Fishermans huts, or just sit in the cafe and enjoy the river view.

Looks like a good place to visit on an impromptu ride out, somewhere we have not been before and recommended by one of our members.

Ed

## *Reminder about the Jump Start party*

Just a reminder that Jumpstart tickets are still on sale but will not be available on the gate this year due to capacity in the venue.

All tickets **MUST** be purchased before hand.

Jumpstart is on 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013. There are some local hotels for those not brave enough to camp.

Thanks and hopefully see you there.

Regards  
Jo Aldam  
Secretary Centre 6

## *C19 MERCHANDISE TO BE ORDERED FROM SUPPLIER*

Polo Shirts (short sleeve) £15.00  
Club logo to left chest, Essex Crusaders on the right sleeve  
available in either black, white, or blue

Tour T Shirt (short sleeve) £13.00  
Short sleeved, club logo on front, and major events calendar  
on rear. Available in red, grey, or black.

<b>Chest Sizes:</b>	Small	35 to 37 inch
	Medium	38 to 40 inch
	Large	41 to 43 inch
	XL	44 to 46 inch
	XXL	47 to 49 inch

**Ordering:**

By Post - Cheque, payable to VSOC Essex Crusaders, with details of your requirements to: Gary McHiggins, 59 Shipwrights Drive, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1RH. E mail [gary.mchiggins@live.co.uk](mailto:gary.mchiggins@live.co.uk) tel 01702389363 or 07577252227

By hand – See Gary at the South monthly meeting and pay cash or cheque.

All orders by the end of March 2013 please, no more reminders before that date so if you are going to order anything please do it now whilst fresh in your mind otherwise you know what will happen, and we don't want that do we!!

## *Membership Renewal*

Its that time again, a renewal form was sent out in the last SEAX and will also be included in the next Clatter ( due out shortly ).

You can also do it on line by Pay Pal , this service costs £1.25 more to cover VSOC costs but is so convenient and saves the 50p stamp !!.

If you don't renew before the end of April, membership will cost you an additional £5 so please do it now before you forget.

Failure to renew by the end of May means you are no longer a member and re joining will cost you the full fee, it also means that if you have a non qualifying bike you can't re join so as I said **PLEASE DO IT NOW**.

Thank you

## *BMF discount code*

Just to let you know that the discount code for the BMF is VOC 13L340 and you will receive a BMF affiliation membership card with your new VSOC membership card.

## *Ride out arrangements for April*

1st April [Easter Monday]

Ace cafe - Southend Shakedown meet at Marks Tey at 9.30am  
Boreham 10-00am, unless anyone wants to go from the Ace Café, in which case they will have to make their own arrangements.

7th April

Chigborough cafe and onto Goldhanger meet at Marks Tey 9.30am  
Boreham 10-00am

14th April

Oakdene Cafe, Wrotham, Kent. Meet at Marks Tey 9-30 for  
Thurrock 10-30

21st April

Lunch at the Anchor Pub, Stratford St Mary meet at Boreham  
10.00am

28th April

Chatham Dockyard, Kent meet at Marks Tey 9-30 onto Thurrock  
Petrol Station 10-30 [ Admission £16-50, 15 or more £11-50, email  
Trevor [trevorlathrope@gmail.com](mailto:trevorlathrope@gmail.com) , or let Bruce or Alan know if you think  
you might go so we can book tickets if necessary.



## *Ride out list 2013*

April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Monday) Ace – Southend Shakedown

7<sup>th</sup> Chigborough Café and on to Goldhanger

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Centre 6 Jumpstart Party, Eccles

14<sup>th</sup> Oakdene Café, Wrotham

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> London Motorcycle Show, Alexander Palace

21<sup>st</sup> Lunch at the Anchor Pub, Stratford St. Mary

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Dutch SOS Rally, Goirle, Holland  
28<sup>th</sup> Chatham Dockyard (Admission £16-50, Group bookings £11-50, could check if enough interested)

May 5<sup>th</sup> Aldeburgh/The Mere, Thorpeness, Suffolk  
10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Belgium Rally  
12<sup>th</sup> Box Hill onto Newlands Corner  
19<sup>th</sup> Ely, Cambridgeshire  
24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Last Minute Rally.com, Letchworth

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxford  
6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> International Rally, Finland  
9<sup>th</sup> Layer Marney Tower (Admission £6-00) and Cream Tea in Tiptree,  
15<sup>th</sup> [Saturday] Alan Ward Village Fete  
16<sup>th</sup> Scenic Route to Burnham on Crouch  
23<sup>rd</sup> Silverball Café, Royston, Herts.  
28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Centre 8 (West Midlands) Rally

July 7<sup>th</sup> Greenwich and Woolwich Ferry  
14<sup>th</sup> Bar-B- Cruise, Cudmore Grove Country Park, East Mersea  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Centre 3 (The Wirral) Rally  
28<sup>th</sup> Flixton Air Museum, Bungay, Suffolk

August 4<sup>th</sup> Museum of Power Bike Show, Langford  
11<sup>th</sup> Jousting at Hever Castle, Kent (Admission £15-00, 15 + £12-00)  
18<sup>th</sup> Barton Mills, Mildenhall and Aldeburgh, Suffolk

23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Centre 15 (Kent) Rally  
September 1<sup>st</sup> Stratford upon Avon  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Centre 5 (Yorkies) party,  
8<sup>th</sup> Air Ambulance, Dunton to Harwich  
13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Dutch National Rally  
15<sup>th</sup> Ace Café & Greenford Motorcycle Museum, London  
22<sup>nd</sup> Old Felixstowe & Landguard Fort  
28<sup>th</sup> Centre 10 Charity Party, Meldreth  
29<sup>th</sup> Comfort Café Little Abington and Finchingfield

October 6<sup>th</sup> Copdock Motorcycle Show, Suffolk  
13<sup>th</sup> Brightona Bike Show, Brighton



## November, Southend Firework Display



Where would she put her hand bag !!

Answer.... Under her bum to ease the pain !!

### *From the Editor*

I am leaving the ride out list in SEAX so you can have a look on a monthly basis to see what suits you, some may have printed a copy and put it on the pin board already mind you !!

Don't forget our traditional 'Sunday lunch' at The North meeting venue on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, time to get together and turn up on the bike or in the car, bring the kids, or the mother in law, we like to give the Landlord an idea of numbers so if you are coming please let Bruce or either of the Dep Reps know, thanks

Some members have been asking about the VSOC affiliation to MAG (Motorcycle Action Group). The VSOC membership number is C1385 and the MAG logo is on the back of the membership card and will also be on your new VSOC membership card, a separate MAG membership card will not be issued, unlike BMF (see above).

If any new members are going to join us for a ride out the meeting places are

1. Marks Tey ( near Colchester ) opposite the Food Hall outside the shops on the slip road that goes out on to the A12.
2. Boreham Services in the petrol station by the toilet block
3. Thurrock Services in the petrol station by the car wash
4. Langham Services in the Shell petrol station, North of Colchester on the A12 just before the Langham turn off.

Be there in time, to leave at the specified time.

Also, don't forget British Summer time !!! starts on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March and ends on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October so ride out times change from 10.30 meeting at Boreham to 10.00am and back to 10.30am after the 27<sup>th</sup> October, unless specified otherwise.

Please see article above on **merchandise**, polo shirts which are also available in blue and tour tee shirts now available to order, last orders by the end of March so please don't delay if you want to be recognised as part of VSOC Essex Crusaders,

Merchandise Officer is Gary McHiggins, e mail is

[gary.mchiggins@live.co.uk](mailto:gary.mchiggins@live.co.uk) or tel 01702389363 and mob 07577252227

**Don't delay - order today.**