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

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Centre 19 meeting's dates:

September

North meeting.

8pm Monday 2nd September 2013.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 16th September 2013.
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road CM3 8DY

October

North meeting

8pm Monday 7th October 2013.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 21st October 2013.
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road CM3 8DY

Reps ramblings

Hello again everybody,

Well that's Kents weekend of Syn done and 16 members showed up for this, what started out as a hot Friday to a wet Saturday but turned out nice again Sunday and Monday. What a good year it has been for C19 support this year, well done to those who took part in the rallies this year, thank you.

This August saw us return to the museum of power at Langford with a stand, and what a great day it was, sun, tea and chrome. 18 bikes on show and thanks to all who came and helped out with setting up and packing up. We got interest from 3 people and one of those joined us on the ride to Hever castle and enjoyed it, so hopefully that's one in the post, and we shall see on the other 2, so not a bad day.

At last C19 have managed to get to a jousting tournament without it being rained off, change of venue must have worked because the sun shone all day with 15 of us turning up.

I would like to welcome 2 new members Dave and Marc, we look forward to seeing you out and about and get to meet everyone.

CLATTER

Where is it you may ask, well unfortunately due to lack of material sent in, it has been held up for a while, we wanted a bumper edition but only 37 pages out of 52 which is a standard magazine you can understand why. It is your magazine whether it is club or a riding holiday you have done send it in, but don't forget the photos to go with the story.

Any info on the German International next year will be sent on separate e-mails

For Sale

Genuine Yamaha 535 sissy bar complete with fixings and instruction sheet, as new, £55 with a £5 donation going to C19 funds.
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I have personally used this small garage to have stainless steel spokes installed and can vouch for their good work.

Ride to Hever castle 11.8.13

Ten bikes and fourteen of us including new member Ray and my two grandsons, Rio with me, Remy with Dave, thanks Dave, met up at Thurrock services for a ride to Hever Castle and some jousting. I found a nice scenic route through some lovely Kent villages, the weather stayed dry [contrary to weather forecasts] but couldn't find the B2027 I was looking for so had to ask Chris, good to see him and Gill, who had the castle plumbed into his GPS to get us there. Once there and after a bit of farting around with the wrong car park, I'd prearranged parking near the castle, it was gear off, some shorts went on, it was quite warm. Handily Christine's dad John came, he actually made the fifteen we needed to get the discount, with his car so somewhere to put all the stuff, great.

First stop food and drink then a casual stroll round either the castle, the gardens and maze or both then at 2pm the jousting started. Not for everyone's taste I suppose, it really is for the kids, I enjoyed it though a lot of cheering and booing. They are bloody good on those horses.

Some photos with the castle in the background then it was time to leave. More B roads, don't know what happened there, then onto the M25 and home. Trevor



Ride out to Southwold lifeboat station

Ten of us met up at Langham Services at 6.30pm for a ride to Southwold picking up Alan, Rob and Pat on the way so not a bad number for an evening weekly ride, it was warm and dry so an added bonus.

It had been arranged by Rob that we would visit the 'old' lifeboat station and have a guided tour of the original lifeboat called Alfred Corry which dated back to 1893, now fully restored (although not sea worthy) after leading a full and active life with several owners over the years, the building that the lifeboat is housed in is the original Cromer lifeboat station purchased for the princely sum of £1 but removal and reinstatement bumped the price up a bit.

The tour was conducted by Rob's dad who has amassed a huge knowledge relating to the boat, thank you Rob's dad.

Once the tour had finished it was over to the new lifeboat station to watch a training session in the most recent boat which is powered by two 115hp Yamaha engines and capable of speeds up to 35knots (just over 40mph), the original boat being powered by sail.

The evening was finished off with a warm drink and beef burgers or two or even 3 in the case of some !! and very nice they were to.

What a pleasant way to spend a warm school day evening, thanks to Rob and Pat for organising it.

Peter

Please see below a message received from Rob and Pat.

Hi , Thank you to all of you who came to Southwold. Dad always likes to tell the story of the Alfred Corry, to anyone who is interested. The

current lifeboat crew were also pleased to have interested folk to see what they do and are very proud to be doing it. Rob and Pat Cragie.

Ride out to Barton Mills 18.8.13

Well what can I say about this one, I lost two bikes.

It all started so well, 7 bikes left Boreham for Langham to pick up two more there.

The route I had chosen was the B1070 to Hadleigh then on to Bury St Edmonds and on to Barton Mills cafe. Problem was I missed the B1070 off the A12 and at the very last minute turned into the C road for Capel St Mary to get back on track only for Peter and Gary, unable to turn in time and shoot past.

Trouble is there's no way back for them so they carried on to the Orwell lorry park and cafe while the rest of us enjoyed a pretty scenic route through the Essex countryside for a well earned cuppa and baguette. We came back via Newmarket, Haverhill and Sible Hedingham to Braintree then home. I broke off at Braintree to face the music at Peters but totally out of character he let me off lightly, which worries me slightly. Trevor

All part of the plan Trev, Gary and I didn't want to go to Barton Mills anyway as we needed to catch up and discuss next years strategy. !!

C15 Rally. Weekend of Syn

Now that sounds like fun, but no it's a play on words, Syn was a doctor in the week and a smuggler by weekend, clever.

A dry start to the rally always a good thing, and only 50 miles each way even better. Tents up in the sunshine, time to sit and chill out taking full advantage of my last rally of the season.

Drinks needed, Paula and I headed for the bar, she spots the pool table so we had to have a game or 2, be rude not too lol. well it was a draw and we left it at that.

with more arriving it was time for the walk around the field and say my hello's.

It was good to see some old friends from Holland and Belgium there, shame Saturday let us all down with that dreadful rain that didn't want to go away, but that never dampened the spirits as you all know it's the company and the party nights that make it.

3 very good bands catering for all, even Mr K with the 60s band on Sunday night.

10 of us from 3 centres went into town and had a very good all you can eat

Chinese meal, well you had to be there ordered the starters there was 10 on the

menu, so we ordered all of them, nothing wrong with that until they brought out a feast, are we going to need a main meal?, so we made it clear when ordering only 1 of each dish that we ordered please, NO 3 of each came out, because we were spread over 3 tables, well the younger waitress was more understanding and took some back saying it wasn't a problem, as it was in small print on the menu luckily I saw it too much food left over will be charged extra. All in all a very good meal and then back to enjoy rest of the night at the clubhouse. A dry Monday morning meant all was packed away nice and dry woo hoo

Bruce

September Ride outs

1st

The ride originally planned for Stratford upon Avon is probably a bit of a stretch so the Silverball Cafe on the A10 at Royston is now suggested unless anyone has an alternative. We'll meet at Boreham at 10-00 and decide.

8th

Essex Air Ambulance run from Dunton to Harwich. Meet at Boreham 10-00,

13th - 15th

Dutch national rally, [flyer on national website]

15th

Ace Cafe & Greenford Motorcycle Museum. Meet at Brook Street Brentwood services 10-00

22nd

Old Felixstowe and Landguard Fort [IP11 3TW] £4 entry. Meet at Boreham 10-00, Langham 10-45

28th

Centre 10 charity party, Eternit Sports & Social Club, Whadden Road, Meldreth. SG8 5RL

29th

Comfort Cafe Little Abington and Finchingfield. Meet at Boreham 10-00

Ride out list 2013

October 6th Copdock Motorcycle Show, Suffolk

13th Brightona Bike Show, Brighton

November, Southend Firework Display

From the Editor

Don't forget C10's charity party, tickets £5, at Eternit Sports & Social club, Whaddon Rd, Meldreth, Herts SG8 5RL, (50 odd miles from the North of the County so less from the South) it is close enough to drive there and back in the same evening unless drinking of course, in which case take your tent. Food is available to purchase. All profits (nearly £1,000 last year) go to a C10 chosen charity.

A few of us are going to the Dutch National (see VSOC website for details) on the 13th to 15th September 2013, If anyone is interested please contact me for details.

If anyone is considering going across to the Continent be it by car or bike please consider booking through Craig at Just Ferries tel 01759301010. I saved £10 on the Harwich/Hook of Holland crossing (against booking on line) there is also the peace of mind knowing that if anything goes wrong There will be someone on the end of the phone to help.

Just a call could save you a lot of money.