

SEAX

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

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Centre 19 meeting's dates

February 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 3rd February 2014.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 17th February 2014.
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road CM3 8DY

March 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 3rd March 2014.
The Anchor, Upper St, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 17th March 2014
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Rd CM3 8DY

Reps ramblings

Hello there Crusaders

Well its that time again, but not much to report so you wont be bored.

The C19 post Christmas party went off well and a good time was had by all. A big thank you goes to Peter for all his time and effort for the past 3 years of doing a good job, but now the reigns have been handed over and the next party will be in the south, watch this space for news on that.

Bowling on the 15th February, I have 19 names so far and thanks to those that replied either way. I am going to book 5 lanes this weekend to make sure we get them all together.

So that will give us room for 30 people, and for those few who haven't got e-mail and fancy a bowl it's at

*Number 10, 16-18 Tattersall Way, Widford
Ind Estate, Chelmsford, CM1 3UB*

Opposite the Britvic factory.

The ride out list is done and I hope there is something for everyone to enjoy. If we get a good a year as last year I will be a happy bunny.

If any of you have any stories from the winter, a holiday, a day trip, it doesn't have to be on the bike, send them in if want to share as this is your news letter or send it into Clatter and share with everyone !!

C19 Christmas party 18th January 2014

65 had booked for the annual C19 Xmas party and as usual the room at the Holiday Inn had been done out in true Xmas style with streamers, party poppers, whizzy balloons, crackers and we had the whole room to ourselves. With 20% off the price of drinks as well, result

I went down with a car load of raffle prizes obtained over a period of time and a grand display it was too, just about something for



everyone and even Brucie bonus money in envelopes this year, as usual they weren't all claimed so will be used again somewhere !! The disco was politely asked to tone it down a bit and it worked as most people were still in the room at the end of the night and able to have an audible conversation, unlike last year when it was too loud. The food was good, company good, atmosphere good, so all in all a very good night, so it seems.

Thanks to our guests from C13, C15, and C10 for joining us, it all helped make it what it was.

Peter



Merchandise

Just a reminder that orders for tour t shirts, polo shirts, vest tops and merchandising in general need to be placed by the end of February to ensure we get them by the start of the biking season.

Gary

Ride out list 2014

13th April	Whitstable Egg Run
21st April [Easter Monday]	Southend Shakedown
27th April	Sunday Lunch [Destination to be announced]
4th May	Rye, Dungeness Kent
11 May	Audley End, Essex [Admission
£9-30, £8-40 Concessions]	
16th to 18th May	Belgium Rally
18th May	Dunwich, Suffolk, for fish and
chips	
23rd to 26th May	Centre 7, Celtic Dragons, Welsh Rally
31st May [Saturday]	Charsfield, Suffolk, village fete, put bikes on display
1st June	Ely
8th June	Stowe Maries, Essex, Air Museum and Paper Mill Lock
13th to 15th June	International Rally, Germany
15th June	Wessons Cafe [Ogri's] E. Sussex
22nd June	Southwold, Suffolk, put bikes on display and boating on the lake
27th to 29th June	Centre 12 Thames Valley Rally
6th July	Day Trip To France [Destination to be announced]

13th July	Bar-B-Cruise, Mersea, Essex
20th July	Battle, E. Sussex,
25th to 27th July	Centre 16, Solent, Rally
3rd August	Museum of Power, Langford, Essex, bike show
10th August	Yarmouth, Norfolk, carnival
17th August	Box Hill, Surrey, via Woolwich Ferry, meet up with C14
22nd to 25th August	Centre 4, Northern Raiders, North Shields, Rally
31st August	Picnic at Thetford Forest, Norfolk
7th September	Air Ambulance Run, Basildon to Harwich
12th to 14th September	YCCNL Dutch Rally, Holland
14th September	Reedham Ferry, Norfolk
21st September	Comfort Cafe, Cambridgeshire
28th September	Greenford M/C Museum and Ace cafe, London
5th October	Copdock, Suffolk, Bike show
12th October	Brightona? if it's still on

Clutch renewal

I decided to replace the clutch on my 2007 Yamaha XV1700 Roadstar, not because it was causing me any problems but because the bike has done 40k miles and I had to replace the clutch on my previous bike at 28k miles [not all done by me I hasten to add]. A precautionary measure maybe!!

I had discussions with one or two and decided that the Barnett clutch from USA was a good modification, so I bought one off a UK supplier, purple in colour, shame its hidden!!

I stripped the old clutch out, a fairly straight forward job with a degree of mechanical knowledge but had decided to wait and see what the friction plates were like before purchasing new, once I had them out my mind was made up. I had been advised that although Barnett do friction plates, the best way to go was standard [OEM] Yamaha plates which I duly ordered with a new cover gasket.

Installation was reverse of removal and although there were some fiddly bits it all went back as it should, I had a bit of a dilemma mind you as the 6 bolts retaining the springs had to be torqued to 8nm [newton meters] and my torque wrench started at 28nm, a bit of research on Google told me that 8nm was a little over hand tight so that's what I did, time will tell !! I also changed the spark plugs for NGK Iridium which involved petrol tank removal, a good excuse to clean the bits that normally don't get cleaned. So that's it, all ready for a trouble free riding season, I hope!!

Now the good bit, fire her up and test the clutch, like chalk and cheese, so sharp and precise, a real worthwhile modification which will hopefully see me out for the rest of my days. Peter

From the Editor

SEAX seems to be lacking in content just lately, please can you think about it and give me something for next time, Thanks.

Don't forget membership renewal is due at the end of March, you will have received a renewal form from Bruce [I have included one for those that don't have e-mail], payment by Pay Pal is also an option.