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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

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

April 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 7th April 2014

The Anchor, Upper St, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 21st April 2014

The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Rd CM3 8DY

Reps ramblings

Hi Crusader's

Well I hope all the rain has gone, so we get a great year of riding and rallies. A few brave ones have gone out on a Sunday for their fry ups, and last week Cougar was Billy no mates; at least there are no cobwebs on his bike. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before I am back on the road, my stainless steel bolts are ordered so I should get those soon

The bowling night went well, details of that further in.

That leads me to say I still need a few more for team C19 against C10.

BURY BOWL, EASTGATE STREET, BURY ST EDMUNDS, IP33 1YQ on SUNDAY 2nd MARCH.

this will be a ride out led by Trevor from Boreham at 10.30, stop and have a bit of brekkie and get to the bowling for 1pm with a 1.30 start for 2 games (£11)

Rodders C10 rep has put up a trophy for this, so no pressure.

If you can't play come along for support, better than decorating YES.

Please let me know asap.

If anyone has sent off for C12 rally tickets and wondering where they are, there still at the printers, apologies from C12. **Stop press, C12 rally tickets now available**

Hopefully all going to Germany you should have been contacted by the Ferry Company and checked confirmation and paid for tickets.

tc ride safe Bruce

FRENCH DAY TRIP, SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2014.

This year's day trip is to Bruges, Belgium. We are booked on the 08:50 from Folkestone to Calais, return time has not been confirmed yet but it should be about 19:00 give or take 45 minutes.

It is 70 mile ride to Bruges from Calais, 1hr-15 min, which leaves plenty of time for a good lunch and some sightseeing and a canal boat trip. Round trip from Thurrock services (Dartford crossing) 260 miles approx. There will be a more information later. If you have not travelled abroad before this is a great introduction to continental riding and those who have been before know what a good day it is. Look forward to seeing you.

The price is £30-00 FOR BIKE, RIDER, and PILLION

RETURN. Eurotunnel will only give me **30 places** so it is on a first come first serve basis. There is already a lot of interest in this trip so get your name in quickly.

By putting your name forward for this trip you are agreeing to pay the £30-00 fare. I need all names by 13th of March. I know this is not a long time but Euro tunnel have changed their terms and conditions since I last organised a French day trip. Eurotunnel have already informed me that any late bookings will probably not be able to travel with this group.

Cheques to be made out to,

VSOC ESSEX CRUSADERS. posted to John Evans, 10 Woodlow, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 3RL

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C19 Ten Pin bowling extravaganza!!

Well, to break up those Saturday nights I thought it's about time we got together and had a long overdue night out, so 12 took to the lanes good and bad, with a few good laughs and cheers when a strike was made.

The top 3 scores of the night was won by the ladies by having come 2nd and 3rd, Sue with 125 and Paula with 118, but our Trev with 129 had the best score of the night, Chas and Chris were going for the fastest and I think they bowled at about 19mph,(that's the speed of the ball).

Well here's to the next time and I hope we can get more there, with no emergencies taking people away to work. We all missed you Sean and Adrian. Take care, ride safe, Bruce

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/Belgium
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 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,
5th October	Copdock, Suffolk, Bike show
12th October	Brightona? if it's still on

Ride out to the Comfort Cafe

February 2 and a few of C19 (just four of us) ride from Boreham to the Comfort Cafe at Abington on the Junction of A11/A1037/A505 for a late breakfast. A glorious day, bright, sunny, and dry; if a little cold. Great to get out on the bike again. 100 miles on the petrol I bought at the beginning of October last year.



Bob Owen

From the Editor

Ten pin bowling, March 2nd at Bury St Edmunds 1pm, teams of 10 needed with a few supporters, C10 have thrown down the 'gauntlet' so let's see what we can do. Names to Bruce please, if it is a nice day it will make a good ride out. Could be fun bowling in leathers !!

For all your powder coating, shot blasting needs try Maldon Shot Blasting and Powder Coating Ltd, Tel 01621841100 www.ctc-powder-coating.co.uk fully recommended and a very quick service.

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

Plans for the German International are forging ahead, ferries now booked [eventually !!], extra meals and tent hire paid for, weather booked,

Apologies for lack of pictures, since my lap top crashed I don't seem to be able to copy and paste from an e mail, I will probably have sorted it out by next time, !!

A bit of a moan !! we went bowling the other night but no one thought to do a write up, It seems that the same people contribute to this magazine all the time, please can someone take the initiative when we have group events, ride outs etc. it would be appreciated.