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Centre 19 meeting's date

October 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 6th October 2014

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

South meeting

Cancelled due to AGM on the 19th October 2014

November 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 3rd November 2014

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 17th November 2014

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

Reps ramblings

Hi there Crusaders

Well that's another season nearly over, too short for my liking. I hope you have all enjoyed the rallies and ride outs. Now is the hard task, to try and compile next years calendar, so please any suggestions are most welcome.

Ride out attendances have been very low lately, with some doing other things, now we have said that the venues are not set in stone and can be changed on the day so if you know of something better, please bear this in mind.

With the AGM in sight I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, and if you have changed your mind and want to attend the pre meal let me know now please so it can be booked in, so far 22 have booked.

Times again are 5 for 5.30 for meal, meeting to start for 7.30 (not 7pm as I said at meeting, sorry)

January's meal on the 17th, only 20 takers on this so far, and with the consensus to have a choice from the main menu at the time.

International rally information.

Our Rally website is now live and can be found from our normal club website page.

Please let your members know as soon as possible. More information will be added in due course.

<http://www.vsoc13.org.uk/>

Please have a look at the C13 website because it gives details of the bus tour in to London as an alternative on Saturday to a ride out to the Ace Cafe. It is necessary to book your place on the bus as it

is first come first served and there will not be room for everyone.

C10 Charity party October 11th 2014

RUNCTON HOLME SOCIAL CLUB

SCHOOL ROAD

RUNCTON HOLME KINGS LYNN

NORFOLK PE33 0AQ

MID-DAY TILL MIDNIGHT

DISCO AND KARAOKE FROM 7PM

FREE CAMPING

£5 A HEAD

AGM for C10 members 1pm

BRIGHTON BURN UP

Chris and I decided to go to the Brighton Burn Up on 14th September. The satnav took us the shortest route which meant we saw some lovely Sussex countryside and went through Piltown. Unfortunately after a pit stop, satnav Bluetooth stopped talking to me and had to rely on vision – took wrong road round Lewes one way system but very pretty town.

As quoted on the website - The Ace Cafe Reunion Run, or the Brighton Burn-Up as its known, is one of the biggest motoring events to fill the tarmac along Madeira Drive - although its immediate competitor, the Brighton, grows ever larger as well. Some claims put the total number of participants as high as 40,000. But whatever, Brighton is certainly heaving with motorcycles of all shapes and sizes on the day.

There was a stage with DJs, rock'n' roll bands and plenty of merchandise stands.

We had traditional fish and chips and then a crepe from the pier for dessert.

Terry



BONNIE SCOTLAND

27th August and four of us (Chris, Mike and Tracy) get an early start on our ride to Scotland. We meet at the A14 Cambridge Services and head off to Bowness on Windermere for two nights. John (Chris' Dad) leaves about 2 hours after us in his car – which has all our luggage on board. After a dry ride we arrive in the Lake District and take the great biking country roads through to Lake Windermere. Had fun and games negotiating the steep car park in front of the hotel – good entertainment for the locals and guests at the pub. As John took fastest route he arrived before the bikes.

After two nights in Windermere we head off on our final leg to Scotland. We have booked a lodge in Wemyss Bay - north west Scotland – for the week. Unfortunately it was a wet ride and waterproofs leaked – welcome to Scotland !!

One of the highlights of the holiday was being able to go to the Cowal Gathering Highland Games in Dunoon. The tossing of the caber was brilliant along with the other heavyweight activities – throwing the hammer, large stone and weight over a high beam.



After meeting Chris' friends who live in Scotland, Jimmy who is a biker himself recommended a brilliant route for us round Loch Lomond, up to the Green Welly Stop on the A82 – a bikers café (equivalent to the Ace Café in London) and then down Lock Long, where the nuclear submarines are kept. Fantastic biking roads around the lochs.



On the penultimate day, Chris and I decided to take a vehicle ferry from Gourock to Dunoon. We then took the road round Loch Eck, rode through the Argyll Forest Park and on to Inveraray. One of the best rides I have experienced.



Spectacular scenery throughout our holiday and a good time had by all Terry

Comfort Café that wasn't

Five bikes met at Boreham on 21st September – Trev, Bruce (Paula pillion), Sue, Cougar, Chris and I.

Trev said he had mapped out a different route rather than the normal one – so off we headed along the old Boreham road and turned left, across the A12 and along country roads through Great Dunmow, Thaxted and Saffron Walden. After about 80 minutes, Trev pulled over on a country road as the sign said 'Welcome to the Braintree District' – hang on a minute we had passed Braintree signs miles back. It turned out that we had taken a wrong turn. By now a pit stop was desperately needed so it was agreed that we

should divert to Finchingfield.

On arrival we parked bikes; all disappeared quickly and then had breakfasts in the café.

Good ride out and different destination! Terry & Chris

October Ride outs

5th October

Copdock bike show, Suffolk.

Boreham 10-00, Langham 10-45

12th October

Brightona bike show, Brighton.

8-30 Marks Tey, 9-30 Thurrock

Impromptu ride outs from Boreham will continue, weather permitting, but dont forget the meeting time will be 10.30 when the clocks change.

From the Editor

Can you make a note that if the weather is inclement when a ride out is planned and you intended going can you check with either Bruce, Trevor or Alan to see if it is still on, thank you

Just a reminder to get your 2015 International tickets before the 31st October to help the hosting centre with cash flow and save a princely sum of £2 if you buy now instead of later, the flyer is in your latest Clatter. You can purchase your bus tour tickets as well at the same time.

C19 AGM is on the 19th October so please put that date in your diaries.