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

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Centre 19 meeting's date

September 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 1st September 2014
The Anchor, Upper St, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 15th September 2014
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Rd CM3 8DY

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

Reps ramblings

Hello there Crusaders

I hope all is well out there, and you're having fun in whatever you are doing.

We had a great turn out for the museum of power bike show with a good 25 turning up and it was a nice dry day which helps. We had plenty of interest with 1 signing up on the day and 3 possibles 1 of which will be C10.

Just got back from a great week in North Shields, where I had a few days prior to the rally and visited Alnwick castle where they filmed the first 2 Harry Potter films, and went to a couple of spots along Hadrian's wall. 10 Crusaders made it for the rally, it was a small affair as only 155 altogether.

There's still a few ride outs to go, so let's hope the sun shines for us and let's get those bikes out.

I have 18 places booked for pre AGM dinner so if you have not told me please let me know by 15th September.

The C10 charity bash is at Kings Lynn this year a bit later on the 11th October. You can still camp over if you want to. Details will be on C10 website, contact C10 rep or myself if you want to attend.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

You all know what's happened, so Trevor and I have got together and this was discussed at the last meeting that a meal will be held at the Rettendon Bell on Saturday the 17th January 2015 at 19:00hrs that's 7pm. Trevor has got this booked while I was away. The only thing to be confirmed is if we want a xmas meal or go by the menu at the time SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP if you are coming and if you prefer an xmas meal or not. There is a maximum of 55 places, Closing date is the 30th September, Thank you.

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Editors Note

For anyone looking for a very nice XV535, this will be the one, so don't delay go and have a look today !!

Retired Riders Group ride out 13.8.14

It was a nice day so 5 of us met at Boreham for a ride out, Trevor was in charge so we left it up to him to decide where we were going, after much discussion it was decided to go to Kersey which is near Hadleigh in Suffolk.

The scenic route was the order of the day including Braintree town centre, very nice !! anyway, we got to the Colchester side of Sudbury and decided to have a look at the map as we seemed to be going round in a big circle, no, he had got it right, almost, off we went and took a left turn just before the turn for Hadleigh, went past 2 signs for Kersey and then stopped where Trevor got his bike stuck

in an attempt to turn it round and had to be pulled out backwards, it could only be Trevor !!

Not content with that, Trevor's tours then continued in the wrong direction and I am sure that the rest of us were scratching our heads as we had seen the signs for Kersey already, when Trev saw signs for Lavenham and Bury St Edmunds he stopped and it was politely pointed out to him that the signs for Kersey were 3 miles back up the road " I didn't see them " said he, which caused a titter, anyway no damage done as we hadn't been down that country road before and probably wont do again.

Once in Kersey we stopped at the ' local ' a pub built in 1379 with brick, uneven floors, that I am assured by one of the staff causes a bit of a giggle when ladies in high heels try to negotiate them.

Fed and watered, put the world to rights, we left, to see a very old Fordson tractor in lovely condition parked outside, just like a car and the driver had gone in for his lunch, it is a different world in some of these olde worlde villages.

Barney then took a photo of his bike with the Fordson as a back drop and announced that he had just taken a picture of 2 Harleys, made us laugh a bit.

With that I made my way home, but not through the ' ford ' that ran across the road, toooo risky.

As always, it was a good ride, good company and good banter, I cant imagine what it would be like without Trevor though, we just wouldn't have so many mishaps to keep us smiling. Long may he continue.

Peter

Ride out to Box Hill 17.8.2014

Six bikes from C19 and one from C14 [Nick] braved the dodgy weather forecast and met at Thurrock for a ride to Box Hill in Surrey and meet up with C14.

It started alright, was dry and we got through the toll at Dartford ok then it kind of went wrong. I'd set the GPS for no motorways but it really wasn't happy and just would not come up with a route, don't ask. Not too bothered as I'd already decided the route, A225 to the A25 all the way to Dorking easy. Came off the M25 at junction 1b over the motorway but made the left on what I thought was the A225 but it was the B260 oops! U turn was necessary, the poxy GPS still hadn't woken up, soon recovered and was on A225. It still wasn't straight forward as you have to turn left on the A20 the right back onto the A225. Fortunately for me I had back up, Nick from C14, he new the route like the back of his hand and dug me out of trouble a couple of times.

At one point it did start to rain so we stopped in a lay-by, put the waterproofs on and then it fecking stopped, but when we got to the cafe it started again, this time it didn't stop. Only one other member from C14 turned up, the others knew better.

Had something to eat and drink then decided not to bother with the view at Box Hill and make our way home. Took the quickest route [M25] rained all the way, bollocks. Never mind can't win them all, I enjoyed it don't know about the others though.

Trev

C4 rally 22nd to 25th August 2014

The venue was a rugby club in North Shields, some 300 miles for most of us from this neck of the woods, a fairly new venue in good condition with lovely big entertainment hall,

There was 10 from C19 so a good show considering the distance and the weather forecast. We had our Prospect with us as well. 2

of our members seemed to hit it off quite well also, don't ask !!

I arrived on Friday morning early, after spending some time with my family who live fairly local and picked up Angie from Newcastle coach station at 6.30am as she had come up on the very cheap night bus operated by National Express, £15 I think, that's the way forward when we are too old to ride !!

Friday was a nice day and after setting up it was time for breakfast at the local Morrisons, very nice too. Others arrived during the day and the site seemed to fill up, as I said seemed to, but unfortunately there were only about 160 in total, it begs the question again, with rally numbers down this year if it is worth the 4 rallies a year, a topic for another day me thinks. It is hard for the hosting centres to make ends meet.

Saturday, again a nice day and the ride out was up the Coastal Route for those that know it, scenery lovely, very near the sea most of the time, well it would be as it was called the coastal route wouldn't it !! It was well supported with I guess maybe 50 bikes and an outward route to Bamburgh Castle covering 50+ miles where we stopped for an hour or so for the traditional refreshments and a mooch about. As the reps meeting was scheduled for 5pm it was decided to come back via the A1 and it rained, we got back to site by 4pm, covering 112 miles in all.

The entertainment / bands were more than adequate and because the hall was so large it was easy to distance yourself from the loudness, well it was for me !! 2 good nights, I say that because we came home on Sunday.

Sunday was bright and sunny with no sign of rain so we packed up and left about 10 ish, had a very good ride back at a sensible speed. 2 stops and got home at 3.45pm, knackered but dry.

Monday. What a good decision, as it is raining now and looks like it is all over the country and with the Leeds festival coming to a close the A1 will be very busy, happy days sitting here in the dry and warmth.

All in all a good rally, good company, bike ran faultlessly and we got home safe, so not a lot more to be said really.

Mr K

Ride to Great Yarmouth that never happened.

Bruce and I had decided it would be a good idea to leave earlier than usual as it's a couple of hours to Yarmouth and it was their carnival and was bound to be busy. Huh! I got up hoping the weather forecast would be wrong, it wasn't, pissing down, sky was black, horrible. So I thought is anyone mad enough to turn up at Boreham, what do I do. Got a text from Cougie, he's not going. One down. Got a call from Peter he's not going and would contact Dave E, three down and I knew Bruce and Paula wasn't able to go anyway so that was another two. I knew Terry and Norman wouldn't go and I phoned Alan and Gary Mac they confirmed they wasn't mad enough, so I thought sod it nobody's going to be there, phoned Bruce and we agreed to cancel.

I apologise to anyone who did go to Boreham or Langham but in weather like that it is fair to assume we won't go out, which I'm pretty sure nobody did.

Trev

September Ride outs

7th September

Air Ambulance Run.

10-00 Boreham, or if anyone wants to they can go to Fords research centre Basildon and ride in from there.

12th to 14th September

YCCNL Dutch Rally

14th September

Reedham Ferry, Norfolk
10-00 Boreham, 10-45 Langham

21st September
Comfort Cafe, Cambridgeshire
10-00 Boreham

28th September
Greenford Motorcycle Museum and the Ace Cafe, London
9-00 Marks Tey, 10-00 Brook Street services Brentwood

5th October	Copdock, Suffolk, Bike show
11 th October	Runcton Holme C10 charity party
12th October	Brightona? if it's still on
19 th October	C19 AGM details to follow

From the Editor

For those considering a trip to the Irish rally in Arklow next year the ferry prices for Irish Ferries is £74 return; that is bike and rider with no increase for bike and 2 people. This cost is based on at least 10 bikes going and coming back in the same group. I have queried this with Irish ferries as the cost if booked online is £209, so a good discount for going en masse.