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Centre 19 meeting's date

December 2015

North meeting

8pm Monday 7th December 2015
The Anchor, Upper St, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW

South meeting

Cancelled (Christmas meal is on December 19)

January 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 4th January 2016
The Anchor, Upper St, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th January 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd, SS117QT

Reps ramblings

Hello to you all, I hope you have all been good boys and girls or Santa won't come to give you all those shiny bits you have asked for.

Well the last South meeting was very cosy, just the six of us, now that was very unusual? or was there confusion somewhere? well as you will see there is no south meeting on DECEMBER 21st this was decided as its Xmas week and people are all busy doing their last bits and bobs, but if you wish you can pop along to the North meeting on the 7th, all are welcome.

I have just been to the National AGM in Rugby, I swear those days are getting longer, and we didn't finish till nearly 5.30 Here are some points.

Clatter is at the printers so you should receive it soon, it's the same story, we are not getting enough to put in and so as we are only getting 3 copies a year, we will only be going for 3 copies next financial year, and by doing this saving cost and keeping our subs from going up. Now most of you post your photos and bits on FB so why not do a little piece for clatter as well.

There will be an issue in Feb/March and the cut off is at the end of Jan for any articles to be sent in please.

A few numbers regarding membership

2014 779

2015 758 that's 96 non renewals and 75 new members.

Out of the 758 members we have 575 qualifying bikes which represents 22% non qualifying bikes which has gone up a lot since last year when it was around 10%.

Merchandise

Bob will only be doing mail order only for merchandise at the moment as sales and interest has fallen quite a bit.

There will be no BMF at Peterborough next year as MCN has the contract for the next 4 years and will be holding a show on the 14/15May at

Peterborough, anyone wishing to attend this event and display your bike will get free entry and camping for the weekend so contact M Sulston events co-ordinator for more info.

Jumpstart C6 will be 22/24 April.

Rallies 2016

C9 May B/H

C6 July 15/17TH

C10 Aug B/H

Rallies 2017

C3 May B/H

C8 July 14/15TH

C19 Aug B/H

International rally 2nd Week end in June, HOLLAND

The Associate members issue was an agenda item and put forward to all the reps and committee for discussion, it was agreed that a criteria for being an Associate Member be added to the Rules & Constitution once the draught has been drawn up and then agreed upon.

Away from that now, congrats to Dave Enefer and Little Sue for keeping the ride outs going as for a couple of weeks they were on their own and then Bob turned up on another so well done.

Well I am on a blind trip this weekend as I will be taken away by Paula for a surprise birthday treat, passport needed is all I know.

Christmas party to look forward to, 49 in total so look fwd to seeing you all there at the Lodge on the 19th at 7pm to be seated at 7.30pm

Just leaves me to say **merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.**

Rideout - Sunday November 1st

Saturday October 31 started all fog and mist but by late morning was bright sunshine and rather warm for the time of year. Went to Duxford and it was shirtsleeves weather once the early mist cleared. So Sunday November 1 should be, even if foggy early on, a good day for a ride. BBC forecast said Sunday better than Saturday so I planned to do the rideout.

Got up, breakfast, walk dogs, turn out ponies to paddock, give horses hay, feed chickens, gather eggs. Just time to get into riding gear and head for Boreham. Made it for 10:20 and there is Little Sue with her Triumph waiting for someone to turn up. Bob "any ideas – must have a bacon butty"; Sue "only one I know the route for is Abridge Log-Cabin"; Bob "it's in my sat-nav"; Sue and Dave Enefer, who had just arrived, "good you can lead".

Off into the morning fog and no sign of it burning off in the morning sun. No sign of the morning sun; just wet windscreen, wet visor, and wet glass (not glasses – I only use my left eye to ride) to peer through. Thoughtless motorists, about a third had headlights on, a third thought side lights were enough, and the rest got their licence in a raffle and had no idea about lights.

Chelmsford towards Dunmow, left turn, past the Triumph showroom and left to head off through the Rodings to Ongar. A couple of times the sun broke through enough to reflect off my Garmin rendering it useless, and off the wet windscreen and visor to make me blinder than usual. Into Abridge and the Log-Cabin car park. Odd – the car park was full of cars, no bikes, and almost nowhere to park our three. The café was full and large numbers of high-speed pedestrians (runners as the perverts call themselves) were arriving all the time. Time for a re-think. Dave reminded us of a café we had passed at the south end of Ongar High Street. Back we went to Ongar. I made a mess of a U-turn on a slope in the car park and dropped my Roadstar. Many people needed to tip it back up – no noticeable damage. In for sausage / bacon sandwiches and tea. Looks like a reasonable

rideout venue. It has limited parking. A staff member told us “the pub opposite gets upset if non customers use its car park but there is a public car park across the road that’s free on Sundays and the Harley club just park on the traffic island outside”. Looks like it’s already a biker café then. On the corner of The High Street, Coopers Hill, and The Borough, in front of a hand car wash.

We split up, Sue heading south for Brentwood, Dave and myself going east for Maldon. Thought the fog had gone until we got to Danbury when it closed in again. The last mile to my house from Maldon was bad. So much for a weather forecast that said it would soon burn off and be a sunny day.

Bob Owen

From the Editor

Can I remind those of you that are coming to the C19 Xmas meal on the 19th December that we need some raffle prizes please, time to get rid of those unwanted items that are littering the cupboards, just bring them along, all donations gratefully received. Thank you.

It will be time to put the ride out list for 2016 together soon and although suggestions have been asked for, nothing has been received yet.

Rideouts

If the weather is inclement can you phone the reps to see if the ride is still on.

There will still be impromptu ride outs during the cold weather, Sundays at Boreham 10.30am unless otherwise stated, Maybe best to check with someone before turning up, just in case, as you could be Billy no mates !!