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Centre 19 meeting's date

July 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 4th July 2016
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th July 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

August 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 1st August 2016
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 15th August 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

Reps ramblings

Hi there folks, I hope you all keeping well,

What a wet June let's hope the 2nd half of summer improves.

I would like to welcome Brian, a new member and welcome back Austin who we hope to see more of now he has moved more locally again.

Congratulations to all who have received their long service patches.
 20yrs go to Alan Ward, John Evans, Lawrie Greenhill.
 15yrs to Terry Hobbs, Jo Southgate,
 10yrs go to Fred Hemmings, Bob Owen, Tracey Smith, Louise Roberts.

As I have mentioned before it was asked that we have a western type theme for the rally, well this was discussed at Monday south meeting and we came up with Saloon girls and gunslingers, if I do not hear otherwise we will go with this so we can move on with preparations.

The ride to Southwold went very well with a great turnout, and if we get enough marshals we won't have to do aggressive marshalling as it is very tight to get back to the front.

CHRISTMAS

Yes it's that time again, we have managed a pre-Christmas date again for this year and it's the same place at the south meeting The Lodge, cost £19.95. and the date for diaries is the 17th Dec 2016 so book your place now. We have 50 places and it is the middle section this time as the rest are all booked up, advantage is, it's closer to the bar. Menu etc. will be in next issue.

Lytham rally for those that want to meet up at Takley rest area 9am has been the consensus. Paula and myself won't be there as we are having an extended break so will already be up there.

Mersea

don't forget the picnic in a couple of weeks time so any raffle prizes you want to try and get rid of without winning them back, bring them along, plus the usual bring and buy and make sure they are labelled up with name and price please.

I think that's it for now so I will see you out and about, and where is this heatwave??

Rally in a hotel.

As I have mentioned this before here is an update, for those that cannot or wont camp it's ideal to catch up with everyone again.

It was discussed at the last reps meeting at Sleaford, Kevin Hoyte has somewhere in mind but needs final details and also if he will be able to fill the hotel up....

£50 PP a night inclusive of evening meal and breakfast.

£10 a ticket to cover bands and patch

It will be on a first come first served basis so you will need to get in quick when advertised.

This is still a rally so bikes are expected to be there.

Please send me a response of interest so I can pass this info on to KH.

Thank you Bruce

Ride out to Southwold 5.6.16

The ride was a dummy run for the 2017 rally ride out, some may say a bit early for a practice but it is difficult to get people together en mass at this time of year.

Boreham 10am, Langham 10.45, I went straight to Langham where Stainless was already waiting having ridden from Suffolk, eventually there was 16 bikes, what a turn out, Andy was keen and went all the way to Boreham to meet up thinking the ride out was somewhere else. ,

A lovely day for it , sunshine for a change but Trev did say it would be colder near the coast and he was so right, about 12degrees cooler, in fact it was cold.

The plan was to ride to Woodbridge Rugby club and those that hadn't seen it before have a look around then take the planned, scenic route to Southwold, approx 38 miles along minor roads, practice 2nd manning, but no blocking of main roads on this occasion. All went according to plan and we arrived in Southwold all in one piece, just !!

Stainless had arranged parking alongside the boating lake on the understanding that we patronised the Tea rooms, a very expensive experience I must say.

Some were going to do the ride back to Woodbridge but others decided to go straight home which for the likes of Clive and Tina was about 100 miles,

We achieved what we set out to do, Made some decisions, no rain, good company and the biggest turn out of bikes that I have seen from C19 for a long time, well done and good to see you all, it was a shame that some I expected to see were not there but maybe had other plans.

Till next time Mr K

Punch and Judy on Southwold pier



International rally 2016

I just got back from 2 weeks away, taking in the 2016 International rally in Vastervick, Sweden on the way.

Rally goers started arriving at my house on Friday evening to catch the 9am ferry to the Hook and then another posse arrived on Saturday evening to catch the 11pm ferry, all very wet I was sorry to say.

Once in the Hook on Sunday morning we met up with Fred and set off to our first overnight stop near Bremen in Germany, about 280 miles, a nice hotel with good food !!. Monday was a ride to Puttgarden to catch a ferry to Rodby, Denmark and a ride to Lyngbe near Copenhagen for a 3 night stay in the YCCDK club house, only 258 miles but a lovely location and fantastic club house that Jan has been running for 20 years, we were treated to a lovely roast dinner on arrival and after that we fended for ourselves food wise,

The bar in the Danish clubhouse



Thursday, we woke up to heavy rain and it stayed that way for the 270 miles we rode to Vastervick on the East coast of Sweden, a lovely venue where most of us had hired cabins for the 3 nights, Fiona's virago 750 broke down with what seemed like rectifier problems and after being push started several times it gave up 10 miles from the venue, luckily a Swedish guy had stayed with her and arranged a pick up by trailer from the Swedish club, the bike is still in Sweden being repaired and she got a lift back home on Tim's warrior.

The weather whilst at the campsite brightened up and most clothes were dried during the stay, a small mishap on the ride out saw Nuno, a member of the Dutch YCC, come off his bike, no serious damage done though.

The Brits certainly made an impact at the rally and were in good voice on the Friday night, some dressed up in flower power regalia, the band was late starting but were good when they did start !! the evening meal was questionable for me as there was only one meal provided, if you didn't like it, tough. Breakfast was the usual Continental style. The site had several cafes/restaurants dotted about and a shop for groceries etc, after all we were in cabins with full cooking facilities, no washing machine or ironing facilities though !!

One of the cabins on site occupied by Brits would you believe !!



Sunday, we left the rally site for a ride through the twisties to Gothenburg 220 miles, on the West side of Sweden led by Ulf who lives in Gothenburg and caught a ferry to Kiel in Northern Germany, a 15 hour crossing arriving about 9am on Monday. We then rode to our B&B in Bad Lauterberg in the Harz mountain area of Germany where we stayed after the 2014 International, facilities and weather were very good with temps hitting 34 degrees.

We had 4 nights in the B&B so made good use of the days riding the bends, some faster than others, visiting different towns and some went to a wild west show on the Thursday, others just chilled and ate ice cream or rested before the final leg of 350 miles on the Friday in 34 degrees, to catch the 10pm ferry from the Hook

I was first off the ferry, so home by 7.05am, knackered but had a good holiday and covered 1900 miles. Peter

Dave and I outside the hotel in Bremen.



Air Ambulance Ride 2 Remember.

June 19th saw six bikes including prospective new members Alan and Dee take the A12 / A14 to junction 51, A140, to the A1120 and then on to Stonham Barns / Mid Essex Show Ground. From here at about mid-day a 75mile round trip was organised. I would say about 150 bikes took part including Phil from C19 and Alan and Dee, 20-30 leaving at about 5 minute intervals. Bob, Ray, Laurie and myself decide to give it a miss, bloody lightweights, we left before they got back so can't comment as to what it was like. Interesting place Stonham Barns, could be a ride out in the future.

Trev

Ride out to WALTON ON THE NAZE

Having watched the weather forecast for a couple of days for Sunday, we were undecided about going out on the bike, but eventually took the plunge and turned up at Boreham.

Other club members who turned up included Trevor, Barney, Kevin & Tara, Sue & Bruce. Trev mentioned that Alan and Dawn would meet us there. We left Boreham on dry roads with Trev leading – the route took us along the Mersea road through Maldon, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Peldon – plenty of puddles and even streams across the country roads which could not be avoided. As we approached Peldon, Barney took the lead and we went through Rowhedge and on to the St. Osyth's road to Clacton and then on to Walton.

Having parked bikes we met with Alan and Dawn but there was a split in the camp re food – Alan and Dawn went for fish & Chips, Trev, Barney, Chris and I had pie and mash and the others went to the café.

No seaside resort should be visited without having ice creams for dessert.

Return journey along the A12. Washed the bike over before sitting down to watch the football.

Terry & Chris

From the Editor

2 write ups for Walton on the Naze so first come first served, thanks to the other contributor though.

On the 24th July it's planned to go and see a ukulele band, D'ukes, maybe for the rally, at Priory Park, Southend. The ride that day is to Parham air museum in Suffolk so I propose to go somewhere else that would give a better chance for anyone on the ride to go to see them. D'ukes are scheduled to appear between 3.00 and 5.00, anyone not doing the ride can make their own way there if they want. I'm not sure yet where to ride to on that day, will discuss with others in the next couple of weeks, any suggestions would be appreciated, a separate email will be sent out when it's decided.

Trev

Rideouts (version #2)

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

Ride outs for July

3rd

Maldon Classic Vehicle show Boreham 10am

10th

C19 Picnic, Cudmore Grove, E Mersea Boreham 10am

15th-17th

C6 Goes Dutch rally, Lytham St Annes meet at Takely rest area on the A120 at 9am

24th

TBA, but 3.00 The Bandstand, Priory Park, Southend.

31st

Silverball Café, Royston to meet C13 and C10 – maybe home via Finchingfield. Boreham at 10:00.

August 7 Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Maldon. C19 has a stand.

August 14 Bexhill Motofest, Bexhill on sea. 10.30 Thurrock

August 21 Anglo Saxon Village, West Stow, Suffolk Boreham 10am
Halstead 10.45am

August 26-29 C10 rally at Holt, Norfolk

Sept 4 TBA

Sept 9-11 Dutch international rally

Sept 11 Harwich Air Ambulance. 10.00 Boreham

Sept 18 TBA

Sept 24 [Saturday] C10 charity party

Sept 25 Shotley marina. Boreham 10am

Oct 2 Copdock bike show. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham

Oct 9 Brightona, Brighton. 10.00 Thurrock

Dec 17 C19 Christmas Dinner – The Lodge (South meeting venue)
19:30 for 20:00. £19.95 per person.