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## *Centre 19 meeting's date*

### **March 2016**

North meeting

8pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,

South meeting

8pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd, SS117QT

### **April 2016**

North meeting

8pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,

South meeting

8pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd, SS117QT

## Reps ramblings

Hi everyone, how you all doing. Well 6 of us went to visit Woodford rugby club, yes I know its not in Essex but it ticks all the boxes, only 1 downside is that music has to stop at midnight but we can get an extension on the bar till 1am.

Don't forget the bowling this Sunday 12 noon at

Hollywood Bowl Finchley, Great North Leisure Park, Leisure Way, Finchley High Road, N12 0GL.

Cost: £8 per person

Dave don't forget the trophy.

Meet at Brentwood services 10.30 or make your own way there,

We still need 2 more bowlers please.

Don't forget renewals are now due so either on line or by post.

## Ride out 7.2.16

The sky was blue, the sun glinting through and I should have been a poet but didn't know it !!

Anyway, as above, so I messaged Dave who was also contemplating a ride and we met down the road for the ride to Boreham, not a soul in sight, lovely day, too good to miss, but no C19. We waited until nearly 11 and Dave suggested a ride to the Visitor centre on Abberton reservoir so off we went through the back roads which were all dry.

Abberton reservoir has been transformed and is a real attraction now, the Visitor centre is well worth a visit and has a cafe serving hot rolls, cakes, soup etc but no full meals, ideal for a snack. I can imagine it being very busy in the Summer so there's a thought. A place to take the old in laws or the grand children, !!

I was home by 1pm and hosed the bike down as it had picked up some salt, probably on the A12 on the ride down.

It is now time to start dusting the bikes down and making sure all is OK for the riding season, don't leave it to the last minute.

Peter

## Virago 1100 Pump Cover

Message from Keith Iddon C4

I have obtained a fuel pump cover for my 1100 Virago which is made from polished stainless steel.

I have been in contact with the guy I bought it from and he actually makes these. If your original plastic one is cracking at the mounting point one of these would make a more durable replacement.

If you are interested in getting one please let me know. The price would probably be around the £40 mark depending on the cost of the stainless steel. A new plastic one is £55 upwards if you can get one.

If anyone is interested, we can supply Keith's contact details and a picture of the cover which I couldn't download on this page. A bit of polished bling for your bike never went amiss

## Travel Insurance

I recently decided to update my bank account and pay £15 a month for the privilege, so that amongst other benefits, I could take advantage of the Travel Insurance aspect, the benefits didn't really match what I already had in place but were good enough for my needs. I did the transaction on line so discussed it with no one,

As I have a trip to South America planned later in the year I needed to be sure that any health issues were covered under the Travel Insurance policy so I phoned up to discuss the matter.

During the course of conversation my planned trips to the Continent, Colombia etc were mentioned and the fact I was going on a motorbike.

The bank rep then advised me that the travel insurance aspect didn't cover motorbikes, well it did, but only up to 125cc, fat lot of good that was !!

My reason for writing this is to advise anyone with one of these all singing dancing bank accounts to check the small print, which in my case was page 78 of the booklet in the smallest print you can imagine, I wasn't impressed, having cancelled existing covers.

The bank in question is the Halifax by the way and having pressed a few buttons to update on line, I am now having to jump through hoops to downgrade to my original account. Just be warned.

Peter

## Merchandise

Please can you let Bruce or myself have any orders for merchandise by 15th March 2016. You can look up items on the following site  
<http://www.screensprinting.co.uk/clothing>.

Any variations on the usual items such as T-shirts and fleeces let us know and we will see what we can arrange. We will definitely be ordering zip up fleeces this time - just let us know size and colour.

Thank you Paula

## From the Editor

We had our first meeting at the Crown, it was very nice to see Fred and Sonia, all the way up from Waltham Cross. It is a nice venue, plenty of atmosphere, decent food, so well worth a visit.

Dont forget to renew your membership, either on line or by post, renewal forms will be in Clatter which will be with you soon. Please pay before the end of April or it will be an extra £5 .

I see there is a good contingent of Brits going over to the Belgian rally in May, it would be good to see a few more from C19, an easy one for us as it is only about 60 miles from Calais. Not even an early start as a lot of us are catching the 12.20 train through the tunnel, please think about it.

Please see 2016 ride out list below, one or two gaps to fill in so if anyone has any bright ideas please let us know.

## 2016 Rideouts

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

March 20 Whitstable/Canterbury Easter egg run. Thurrock services 10.00  
 March 28 Southend shakedown. Boreham 10.00

April 3	TBA	
April 10	Comfort Café with C13	10.00 Boreham

April 17 TBA  
 April 22-24 Dutch Start of Season party. C6 Jumpstart party  
 April 24 Log Cabin, Abridge 10.00 Boreham  
  
 May 1 TBA  
 May 8 Ace Café Yamaha Day 10.00 Brentwood services A12/M25  
 May 15 Maybush PH, Waldringfield, Suffolk for Sunday lunch 10.00  
 Boreham, 10.45 Langham  
 May 20-22 Belgium rally  
 May 21 [Saturday] Charsfield village fete, 10.30 Boreham, Langham  
 11.15  
 May 22 Hospice garden party, Ashford House, Herts. 10.00 Boreham  
 probably  
 May 27-30 C9 The Lost Knights rally at Sleaford  
  
 June 5 Barton Mills and Krazy Horse. 10.00 Boreham  
 June 12 Stowmarket 70 mile round trip, Air Ambulance. Arrangements  
 to be announced  
 June 17-19 Sweden international rally  
 June 19 C19 rally dummy run to Southwold, 10.00 Boreham 10.45  
 Langham  
 June 26 Burnham on Crouch scenic route. 10.00 Boreham  
  
 July 3 TBA  
 July 10 C19 picnic, Cudmore Grove, East Mersea.  
 July 15-17 C6 Goes Dutch rally, Lytham St Annes  
 July 24 Parham air museum. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham  
 July 31 Silver ball café and Finchingfield. 10.00 Boreham  
  
 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 Walton on the Naze. 10.00 Boreham  
 August 26-29 C10 rally at Holt, Norfolk  
  
 Sept 4 TBA  
 Sept 9-11 Dutch National Rally  
 Sept 11 Harwich Air Ambulance. 10.00 Borham  
 Sept 18 TBA  
 Sept 24 [Saturday] C10 charity party  
 Sept 25 Shotley marina. 10.00 Boreham  
 Oct 2 Copdock bike show. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham  
 Oct 9 Brightona, Brighton. 10.00 Thurrock.