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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*

### **May 2016**

North meeting

8pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday.**

South meeting

8pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

### **June 2016**

North meeting

8pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

## Reps ramblings

Hiya peeps, I trust you are all well, now the sun is starting to show I hope to see more of you out.

We had a good ride to Box Hill, although a bit chilly. I know it's getting warmer as we had 14 at the south meeting, Brill.

For the May rally in Sleaford those that want to, we are leaving Takley rest area at 10am on the Friday morning, if not we will see you there.

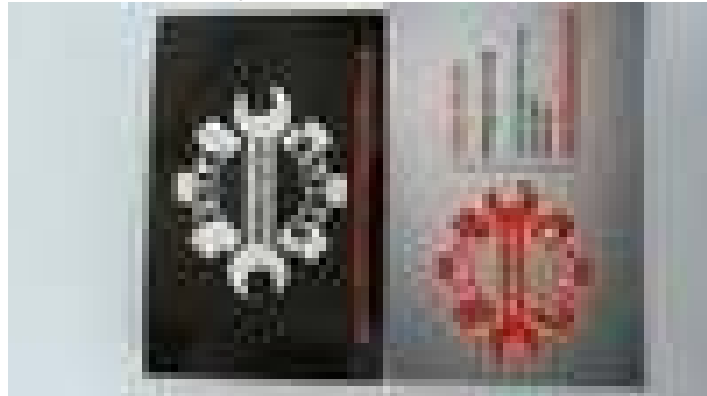
Look out for some changes in the ride out calendar, as we have had to juggle some around.

I know I sent a reminder out to those that haven't renewed yet, but here is your last chance to get it in, so don't put off till tomorrow do it now, go on you know you want to.

Updates on website, we have asked in the past, for updated photos of you and your machine, some have changed their bikes so can you send an update to Bob so we can get this done thank you.

Happy riding see you out there.

Clive asked me to mention ' Full Circle Motorcycles ' Unit 17D Askew Farm Lane, Grays, Essex RM17 5XR tel 07949 000208, ask for Clint Webb. Good with all makes of bikes, Servicing, tyres, pre MOT check, Very competitive prices. Maybe speak to Clive if you are interested.



## THE BOMB RUN, 19th March 2016

As this was a charity run and in aid of our brave veterans I thought I would mention it at our bowling event, it stirred up a bit of interest but no-one wanted to really commit to the ride, which is understandable as the time of year it was being held.

I had interest from Gary McHiggins, and Dave Enefer, so the three of us decided to support the event which was to be held on Saturday 19th March.

The Saturday arrived and I was to meet Gary at Rayleigh Weir which all went to plan, we then drove on to meet Dave at the old 8 Ball cafe on the A12 which also went without a hitch, there was a welcome surprise at the 8 ball in the form of Dave Wealthall.

So off we rode to the meeting point which was a house in Coggeshall, there must have been in excess of 200 bikes there when we arrived. We were briefed on the days events and also on the route we were expecting to take, We were handed route maps if you wanted them. There was another surprise at the meeting place in the form of Clive and Tina and the first thing Clive said is why didn't you wait for us at the 8 Ball and the reply was we didn't know you were coming then Clive said Peter told Dave Wealthall we would be there so we all looked to Dave and his reply was a classic. I thought Gary was Clive pmsl .Anyway, we all set off at the time stated, talk about military precision, whistles blowing and sergeant major shouting, we departed with an escort from the Essex police motorbike unit.

Our first stop was Finchingfield where a hot hog roast was awaiting and a welcome cup of tea. We departed after about 40 minuets with more bikes in tow the count on leaving Finchingfield was 347, We were now heading to where the event was to be held at Saffron Walden, this was the Barracks for the 33 Royal Engineers regiment

We had an excellent ride there and the police outriders did a great job at stopping the traffic at every junction, so all 347 bikes could stay together, we were waved through red traffic lights, great fun seeing all the motorists sitting there staring at us.

On arrival we had a group photo taken, we also bought a rally patch as it was the first event, another chance for tea and something to eat !! There was military vehicles to see and bomb disposal robots on display, we also watched a jet trike going through its paces and was it loud, WOW, it looked like something out of a mad max movie.

The day was a great success and raised £3000 and a good event, maybe we can get a few more going next year

Dave Winning.

PS Mr K would have been there but his battery was flat !! broken optimate

telling me lies !!

## Message from C6 Rep

Just a reminder that at the end of April time runs out for cheap tickets for C6 rally on 15th July. Tickets are currently £15.00 but will increase to £20 after the 30th April or on the gate, so if you could please remind your members it would be appreciated. Thank you

## Faulty valve cap !!

I got to Boreham for a ride out the other Sunday, just about to pull out and Terry tapped me on the shoulder asking if I had checked my tyre pressures lately, I had, the day before, the tyre was all but flat.

The tyre was pumped up at the garage and Clive suggested leaving off the valve cap which was a gift and one that registers if the pressure is going down, green, amber, red !! It looked like it had a hole in the top, the other one also had a hole but seemed OK.

I high tailed it home hoping it would hold up and the next day all was as it should be.

Moral of the story, if you have these all singing dancing valve caps, bin them, I checked it on the car and it was leaking badly.

Just to add insult to injury I had a flat battery for the next ride out, jump started it so all OK, had it checked and was told it is a good battery, I am not so sure, as after all it is 9 years old and original, It is undergoing a test as I write to ensure it is not some other problem.

Peter

## Ride out to the Comfort Cafe 10.4.16

This was to be a joint venture between C19, C13 and C10, with C13 members coming to Boreham to meet up and then meet C10 at the cafe, unfortunately C10 got their dates muddled up and had a meeting at St Ives so no one turned up.

13 bikes left Boreham led by our trusty ride out leader Trevor, 2<sup>nd</sup> manning was the order of the day and a nice country route had been planned, all went according to plan until a Sunday driver decided to split us up and I was aware that we were getting very far apart so with new members in tow I decided to stop the convoy until the back markers caught up.

We arrived at the cafe about 12ish and had the customary brunch, chat,

laughter, and put the world to rights.

Once food etc. had been consumed, it was time to leave so everyone made off in different directions but C19 headed back along the A1124 and went separate ways en route.

Some came back to my house for a cuppa and the day was done until the evening when a few of us went to a jammin session in Maldon, a bit loud for me !!

Welcome to potential member Brendan and his Dad, I hope you enjoyed the day.

Mr K

### *Southend shakedown that never was.*

After all the is it on? is it off? controversy the South shakedown on Easter Monday was on, thanks to the shop keepers having a whip round to pay the police, but the weather decided to interfere. Bloody marvellous isn't it, the weekend before, dry and sunny, the weekend after, dry and sunny but Easter shit. Why does Easter have to be so early.

I got a couple of phone calls, one from Alan and one from Chris [C10], both saying they were going but by car. I thought, good luck with that there won't be anybody there in that weather. As the morning wore on the weather started improving, at about 12.00 it was quite nice, still a bit windy but nowhere near as strong. I decided to go, not expecting much to be there but I was surprised to find a few hundred bikes had braved it after all.

I managed to meet up with Chris, who was waiting for Sue, but no sign of Alan and Dawn. I strolled along the front with Chris and Sue to where their car was parked, said goodbye then strolled back to my bike, perusing the bikes along the way.

Fingers crossed next year will be better.

Trev

### *Ride to Ely 3<sup>rd</sup> April*

Got to Boreham on the 3rd for an impromptu ride, We decided to go to Ely

except Clive and Tina who felt it a bit too far for Tina's granddaughter Adele and Peter who had a slow puncture. So high tailed it home.

Mainly B roads till we reached Newmarket then the A142 to Ely. Very pleasant ride. Parking was a bit of a pain with half in one car park the other half in another, but we all met up ok and walked down to the river.

We found a nice restaurant with tables right by the river. Fed and watered we walked back stopping for the obligatory ice cream before getting back to the bikes and the ride home.

I had an alternative reason for going to Ely, my mate Norm was in Papworth hospital after an operation on his lung so I was able call in to see him on my way home. The others led by Effing Dave took the A14.

A good day.

Trev

PS Norm's home now slowly recovering.

## *Sundays ride out from the new boy Phill Corbett*

A cold and frosty morning met us, with promises of a sunny day. Left home at wix 09.00, easy ride to Thurrock Services. Filled up bike, emptied me and waited for the rest to arrive.

8 in all rode off into the sun towards Box hill, cross country route, nice scenery, blue bells out, horrid roads, plenty of potholes.

Arrived Box hill about midday, quite busy as usual, food and drinks all round, all very hungry. Fed and watered good company lots of bikes to browse.

A quick run up to the top of Box hill, lots of hairpins, push-bikes and motorists, easy going and a few speed bumps thrown in, not applicable.

Headed back to the M25 and a dash home.

An absolute cracking day, no incidents although a bit of a chill in the air,

Thanks gang a good one. Ride safe and see you all again soon.

Phill

## *From the Editor*

I received this e mail from Barry and Audrey and felt that it should go in here, Barry is one of the original members of the VSOC with membership number 53, there is only one other member of the club with a genuine lower membership number.

You can see by his wording that he has enjoyed his time with the club and fully appreciates what the club has become, the John and Peter he mentions are John Brynning and Peter Healey, the founders of the club.

I feel very proud to know Barry and Audrey who are two of the worlds ' nice people' and thank them for these encouraging words. You will always be welcome at a C19 event should you feel the urge, maybe the Mersea pic nic.

Hi Peter

We have decided not to renew our membership, this year, it was a very difficult decision but feel it is not quite the same tagging along in the car. As you know we joined the club in 1993, which was an exciting new experience to ride along with all the Virago's and attend Rally's at John and Peters. We have watched the VSOC develop into a very popular and successful club. Over the years, with centre 19, we have travelled many miles on ride outs, visited some really interesting places, enjoyed some great rally's, BBQ's, and had fun at many more activities. We have met some lovely people and have a great deal of treasured memories of our time with you all. Well we wish the club all the best, keep well and ride safely.

Kind Regards

Barry and Audrey.

Thanks to those who have renewed their VSOC membership but those of you that havnt please do so or let Bruce know if you don't intend renewing, If you intend renewing but havn't done it for some reason please do it before the end of April or it will cost you a pointless £5 extra, Thank you

Some time ago Bob asked if new pictures of bike and rider could be provided for the C19 website, what is on there at the moment is a bit dated. He has had no response. We are all guilty so no one is being singled out !!

In order to update things can you either take a picture yourself and send it to Bob, or turn up at a ride out and one of us will take the picture and send it on, thank you

## Rideouts

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

Ride outs for May

1st

Air Ambulance bike show North Weald air field. Boreham 10.00

8th

Ace Cafe Yamaha day. Brentwood services 10.00

15th

Maybush PH, Waldringfield, Suffolk for Sunday lunch, Boreham 10.00, Langham 10.45

20th-22nd

Belgium rally

21st [Saturday] Charsfield village fete. Grub at Alan's then put the bikes on display. Boreham 10.30, Langham 11.15

22nd

Hospice garden party, Ashford House, Herts. Boreham 10.00

27th-30th

C9 The Lost Knights Rally at Sleaford

June 5 Barton Mills and Crazy 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 Burnham on Crouch scenic route. 10.00 Boreham

June 26 Southwold rally dummy run. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham



- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Maldon Classic vehicle show. 10.00 Boreham  
 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 international rally  
 Sept 11 Harwich Air Ambulance. 10.00 Boreham  
 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