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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 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 5th September 2016

The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 19th September 2016

The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

October 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 3rd October 2016

The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

Cancelled due to AGM on the 16th October 2016

Reps ramblings

Hi folks,

What a great few weeks we have had, the silver ball café with C13, a great turn out from the crusaders (15 bikes) then 10 from C13 so Trevor had his work cut out, a couple of stops to get our bearings out of Harlow and by the way the restrictions have been lifted regarding more than 2 bikes, you may get pulled over for other stupid reasons, but the council have woken up.

Arrived to meet C10 and get fed. Well done Trevor.

We had 17 bikes on show at the Museum of power, thank you all who made that possible, a couple of interests, conversions as well, having a bolt on the stand paid off.

AGM

This years AGM will be at the lodge (south meet) Sunday the 17th October at 7pm , no meal this year as room is already booked prior to us.

Holt Rally, as I said before and I haven't had any other options, so it will be 10am at Boreham 10.45 at Langham.

At the time of writing this I am in holiday mode looking forward to two weeks in the sun, so see you in Holt.

Ride out to Silver Ball cafe Royston 31.7.16

It was a lovely day so no excuse was needed and it seemed that was the case as 15 bikes turned up at Boreham, the biggest turn out this year.

We had arranged to meet C13 at a Macdonalds just outside Harlow at 11am and the group grew to about 25 bikes.

Off we went, led by our tour operator, Trevor's tours !! unfortunately the person originally going to lead had a broken trike so was unable to do so, nevertheless Trevor endeavoured to follow the original planned route which he had written out on a piece of paper taped to his tank.

After a few stoppages to check directions he gave up, plumbed in his sat nav and followed a more conventional route to the Silver Ball arriving about 12.30.

C10 had already arrived and I heard that there were 38 members bikes in all so a good turnout. Also caught up with old friends.

A nice scenic route home saw us go through Saffron Walden and we called in at Finchingfield and met the Canada geese en masse.

Time to go as time was pressing, so off we went in different directions and I got home about 4.15pm in time to cook my dinner before the German GP, what a way to end the day, perfect.

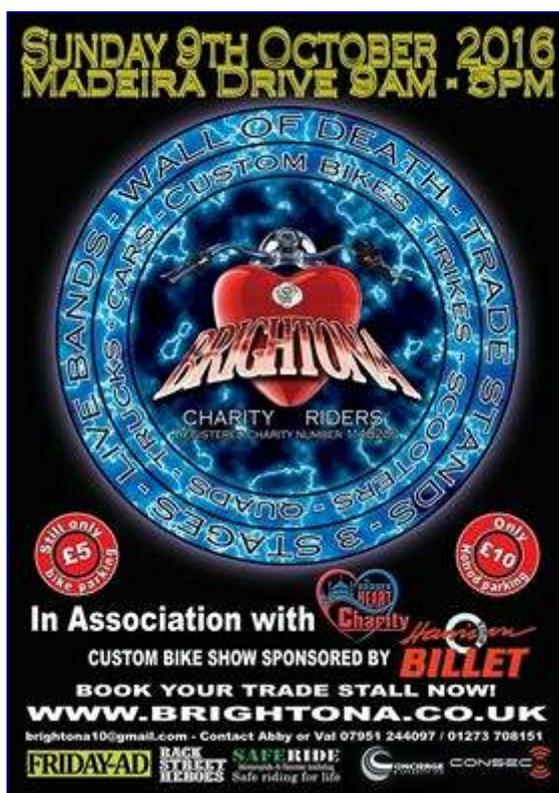
Peter

5.8.16 Escort duties

Trevor, Tony, Kev, Tara, Dave Wealthall and myself met up with approximately 100 other bikers at the Chapel of Rest in Ipswich where the family of a deceased lady had requested a biker escort for her last journey, it was advertised on FB and went viral !!

The coffin was carried on a flat bed as part of a Harley Fat Boy hearse outfit and the journey to the crem was very slow with aggressive marshalling on all main junctions, with no problems at all and the Police who were held up at a junction at one point took no notice. Safety over stupidity !!

Once at the crem we cooled off under the trees, had a drink and left to come home, all quite simple really but it satisfied the deceased ladies wish and I suspect the family were very grateful. Peter



Ride out to Bexhill Motorfest 14.8.16

I met up with Alan and Dave and we got to Thurrock about 9.45am in time for a 10am meet. In the end there were 10 bikes so off we went. The North of the centre was well represented with 6 people in attendance.

M25, A21 most of the way, the A21 is slow going as single carriageway most of the way and lots of traffic. The road surface leaves a bit to be desired as well, we arrived at 11.45 ish.

It was a lovely day weather wise so no complaints there, not as hot as it threatened to be earlier so probably just as well.

Once there, everyone split and did their own thing, I know that some headed for the fish and chip shop as is traditional now, I took a sandwich as fish and chips are not on my agenda these days, more is the pity.

There were quite a few bikes, not too many trade stands, a few eateries but all in all a bit disappointing for me as I would have expected a lot more for an event that was so well advertised. I wouldn't go again.

We came back via Wrotham to avoid the road works on the A21 but it still took 2.5 hours for me, a lot longer for Alan !!

I did 220 miles which is not bad for a Sunday ride out, with good company and no mishaps. Well done Trevor as always.

Mr K

PS congratulations to Tina who came on her little XV250, that thing flies !!

The Olympic Stadium, home to West Ham United

It was Barney's birthday and he treated three of us, Terry, Norman and me along with his son Peter to a tour of the stadium. Barney, Norman, Peter and me got on the train at Wickford and Terry got on at Billericay to Stratford where it was quite a long walk to stadium through the Westgate shopping mall. God knows what it's like on match days with up to 60,000 people. Wow! the stadium is spectacular, what is West Ham doing here. The tour took us everywhere, the changing rooms, shower rooms the tunnel and even on to the side of the pitch and the dugout where the manager and subs sit. A truly wonderful stadium, I hope the team can live up to it.

Afterwards Terry went home while the rest of us got a taxi to East Ham for, you guessed it, traditional pie and mash. Taxi back to Stratford and train home.

A great day, thanks Den.

Trev

PS I thought fish and chips was traditional

Trip to see Cougar

Barney's been suggesting for some time that we should go up to see ex C19 member David Moore [Cougar or Cougie], some of you will remember him. Cougie, a Yorkshireman, moved back up north in June 2015 and transferred to C4 and has stayed in contact with a couple of us. We decided on the spur of the moment to go Tuesday 16th and come back on Friday 19th giving us two full days of riding with him.

On the way up we thought we'd go via Mansfield where Barney and his wife Denise rent a house for her to stay during the week when she's working. It was Denise's birthday and he wanted to be a Cadbury's Milk Tray man and leave her a surprise box of chocolates and card. The neighbour next door came out along with another neighbour from a few doors away when they saw the bikes. Barney explained to the lady next door what he was doing and that it was a surprise but she went and text Denise and told her, bitch. The other neighbour, a young girl of about twenty with blue hair, was fairly wetting her knickers at the sight of the bikes and when Barney suggested I take her for a ride she started squealing like a pig and nearly had an orgasm. I think I satisfied her.

Barney booked a twin room in a hotel in Redcar, about 2-3 miles along the coast to Cougie's house in Maske Next to Sea. The room had an en-suite with a shower so small it was nigh impossible to get to all your bits properly. After showering best we could we went for a walk along the high street in Redcar to find a restaurant and a sorry state Redcar is, really run down, not much money I suppose. After something to eat, Italian, we walked back along the sea front, a bit better it must be said but dead, it's a shame really because it has a lovely beach. The main income of Redcar it seems is fishing, lobsters in particular. Large parts of the sea front and the street behind the hotel is occupied with fishing boats and nearly everyone has it's own Harley [tractor] to tow it down to the sea.

Got up Wednesday had breakfast and on our way to Cougie's, he was really pleased to see us. Cougie led us, that's a first, to Whitby via some nice villages and some pretty hairy hairpin bends. As both Barney and I had been to Whitby before we carried on to Grosmont where we parked the bikes and got on an old train that took us to Pickering. Had some excellent fish 'n' chips, cooked in lard, then got back on the train, steam this time, back to Grosmont on the bikes and back via the North Yorkshire Moors to Cougie's where his wife Anne had prepared a salad, phew. Afterwards we walked down to the sea along the beach and back, said our goodbyes and rode back to the hotel. A long day Thursday as we decided to go to Skipton, 90 miles, where there is supposed to be the most furthest north TRADITIONAL pie and mash shop in the country. There was a pie and mash shop but it definitely wasn't traditional, they put onions in the pies and the liquor wasn't up to scratch either,

sacrilege. We came back a more direct route but still about 70 miles where on getting to Cougie's we finished off the salad said our final goodbyes. Back to the hotel for the last time, a last silly shower and an early night as we'd decided an early breakfast and quick getaway was in order, the forecast had rain coming in at about midday.

We was on the road by 7.15 and had pretty good run the only rain was light and that wasn't till about Peterborough, so the right decision, and was in doors by 1.30.

An excellent few days, some great riding, a lot of laughs and it was really great to see Cougie.

Trev

Christmas party details

Here are the details for the 2016 Christmas Meal, £19.95 per person to be paid by Monday the 26th Sept, along with menu choices.

The time and date is Sat 17th Dec to be seated at 19.30 (7.30pm)

At The Lodge Inn (south meeting venue) same as last year. If you want a room book early as you may be out of luck.

The seating is for 50 only, so as always, please don't leave it to the last minute or you won't get a seat !!

cheques payable to VSOC Essex Crusaders and sent to

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cash payments also accepted.

Menu

STARTERS

Spiced Parsnip Soup topped with Parsnip Crisps served with a Crusty Roll & Butter

Duo of Fried Cheeses: Breaded Brie and Camembert finished with a Warm Port and Cranberry Sauce

Chicken Liver and Pancetta Paté served with a Rustic Cottage Roll

North Atlantic Prawn and Brixham Crab Cocktail Succulent Cold Water Prawns over Crisp Iceberg and Mixed Baby Leaf Lettuce, topped with Marie Rose Sauce and served with Granary Bread & Butter

MAIN COURSES

Traditional Roast Norfolk Turkey served with a Pig in Blanket and all the Trimmings

Roast Topside of Beef served with all the Trimmings

Roasted Cod Loin with a Leek and Wholegrain Mustard Gratin served with Saute Potatoes, Tenderstem Broccoli and Carrots

Aberdeen Angus Burger topped with Sticky BBQ Pulled Pork, served with Chips and a Side Salad

Braised Lamb Shank in a Red Wine and Mint Sauce on a Bed of Creamed Potatoes, served with Seasonal Vegetables (£2.50 supplement)

Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington served with all the trimmings and Vegetarian Gravy

DESSERTS

Classic Spiced Christmas Pudding served with a Rich Brandy Sauce

Cherry Bakewell Cheesecake: Crumbled Biscuit topped with Baked Almond Cheesecake, swirled with Red Cherry Compote and finished with Toasted Almonds

Chantilly Cream Profiteroles topped with a Chocolate and Toffee Sauce

Frutti Di Bosco: Sweet Pastry Case layered with Custard Cream and Sponge, topped with Redcurrants, Blackberries, Blueberries and Raspberries finished with a dusting of powdered Sugar

Cheese & Biscuits: Mature Cheddar, Creamy Brie and Crumbly Stilton served with an Assortment of Biscuits and Red Onion Chutney (£1.00 supplement)

From the Editor

I am away from 12th September to 3rd October so Seax will be a little late next month, sorry about that, Colombia is calling.

Just a reminder to book your Christmas meals although Bruce and Paula are away until the end of the month. You can still send your money and meal choices which will be dealt with on their return.

Don't forget C10's rally in Holt this weekend, weather looks good, last rally of the year, I hope we can make it a good one. Ride to the rally on Friday – Boreham at 10:00 and Langham at 10:45.

Rideouts

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

Ride outs for September

4th

Anglo Saxon village, West Stow, Suffolk
10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Halstead

9th-11th

Dutch international rally

11th

Air ambulance ride to Harwich
10.00 Boreham, 10.30 Marks Tey [Pete can you fill in the details of where in Marks Tey we meet I'm not sure]

18th

TBA,

24th [Saturday]

C10 Charity party

25th

Shotley Marina
10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Langham

Oct 2 Copdock bike show. 10am Boreham 10.45am Langham

Oct 9 Brightona, Brighton. 10am Thurrock

Oct 16 C19 AGM at The Lodge (south meeting venue)