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Centre 19 meeting's date

April 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 3rd April 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 24th April 2017

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

May 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 1st May 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 15th May 2017

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

Reps ramblings

Hello Crusaders, how you all doing, well I hope, the season at last is upon us so check the ride out list at the bottom of the page.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward on Sunday, and it will be the last one at 10.30 at Boreham until the clocks go back again.

Ride outs are back to 10am from the 2nd of April unless otherwise stated depending on the ride.

For those going to the Rally in a Hotel we will be leaving Takeley rest area at 09.30, for a leisurely ride to Gloucester.

RENEWALS

yes its that time for the reminders to get your membership renewals in the post or directly on line via the VSOC website, now go on you know you want to.

Christmas meal

Yes I know its early but lets get the ball rolling, now do we go to the lodge again, or try somewhere else so we can get booked up early

High Beach

5 of us turned up at Boreham and it was decided to go to the hut, we had a nice ride, all be it a bit windy and a certain trike mentioning no names, with no screen struggled a bit on the short stretch of A12 and the A120, I was leading and saw the distance growing and I was only doing 60, anyway we got there and had the compulsory tea and bacon sarnie or cake, I haven't been there for a while and it has certainly changed, with the hut now being 3 times bigger with about 5 staff inside, menu's on the wall as well.

We decided to get back before the rain that was meant to be on its way, which we managed to get back home dry, and still warm. till the next time.

Braves Bomb Run

Bikers Respect all Veterans

1st April, meet from 9am onwards to register and leave Coggeshall Town Football Club, West St, Coggeshall at 10am The run will end in Carver Barracks, Colchester where hot food and entertainment will be available. All proceeds to charity.

Clive has asked me to mention

Churchill Motorcycles

Watling St, Potterspurty NN127QD
01908 543411

<https://g.co/kgs/avslv1>

who he recently purchased a Yamaha XVS 1300 custom [stryker] from
The bike was as new with only 300 ish miles, but ' naked ' . .

As part of the deal Clive managed to get a good price for his XVS 1300, a
yamaha sissy bar and rack, Yamaha luggage supports and a boulevard
screen.

Not satisfied with all that he also chanced his luck and asked for a raffle prize
for our rally in August, the dealer duly obliged and gave us a Muck off
cleaning kit

Not a bad deal in Clive's eyes. I hope
you keep this one longer then most
Clive !!



Sunday March 12 Rideout

The weather had been brilliant for a few days but the Sunday forecast was for
the good period to be replaced with changeable and some rain. Rushed
round the chickens administering feed and collecting eggs. Then the time
consuming process of getting out of farming attire and into bike protective
clothing. Running about fifteen minutes behind schedule but off to Boreham.
Going round the A130 roundabout outside our meet-up filling station at about
10:45, committed to the turn in when Bruce and Paula came out and headed
east. Quick wiz across the forecourt and out onto the roundabout again. They
had seen me turn-in and had stopped. Pulled up behind the two Raiders and

Bruce shouted “going to Mr K’s”. Off up the A12 at a relaxed pace to the outskirts of Colchester. Mr K was outside and his new bike was there in all its glory. No number plate as it still awaited inspection and an MoT, but rather lovely. Bit of assisting with garden shed clearance into a skip and then he prepared bacon sarnies and cups of tea. His determination with the diet is impressive, made three sarnies for the visitors but did not have one himself – that is real will power. I had to be back at the farm so set off alone on one of my favourite routes to Maldon via Tiptree. Quite a bit of traffic, most of it not in a hurry, so a relaxed ride with time to look at the countryside. Petrol fill-up in Morrisons and home again. Amused when I looked at my petrol log – 123 miles since last petrol purchase – but that was in October last year.

Thanks to Bruce who led the three bike ride and to Mr K for his hospitality.

Bob Owen

Raider Import continued

Having picked up the bike from Southampton on the 9th February it then had to have an SVA test [a test to ensure it complies with UK standards] an MOT and then register it and pay for the road tax

I down loaded the forms to apply for the SVA off the internet and thought I would take a drive to Chelmsford to find out where the VOSA testing station is located before trying to find it on a bike I had never ridden before

Not difficult to find but glad I did so went in to speak with Chris, the man behind the desk “ where did you get those forms from “ says he . Off your website says I, I dont think they will accept them, anyway after much discussion and him telling me the whole organisation is in a mess and we are being centralised, dont know if you can get it done here, please phone Swansea, I left wondering what was going on, but then thought , a Government department, so no big surprise

A phone call to Swansea pointed me in the right direction and I could have sent the forms in or done it on line which is what I did, a fairly lengthy application which needed a bit of thought

I then phoned up after my application was accepted to make an appointment for the test, a date was given 3 weeks after my call but I could phone up daily

to see if they had a cancellation, I tried a couple of times but then gave up and waited for the given day, the 13th March.

Fortunately the 13th March was warm and dry so made it much nicer on a new bike and off we went [Tony from C19 came with me on his Stryker]

We arrived in plenty of time for a 10am appointment by which time the examiner who only started at 9am was running late !! also complaining that they hadn't given him a work schedule and he was about to go home, what a shambles, he then told me my bike wouldn't pass the test as the screen edges were not round enough, good job it is a quick release screen, as I removed it for the test and replaced it after. What a nonsense.

The bike passed the test and off we went at about 11.30, heading for a pre booked MOT in Chelmsford which it also passed and we left to come home about 12.30

We were heading for the A12 past Boreham and I spotted a Police car parked up, the next thing he is coming up behind me at the rate of knots with blues and twos going, I thought he was after me as I hadn't got a number plate, well the bike isn't registered yet so I have no registration, fair enough, he pulled me over and questioned the lack of a plate, I explained that I had just taken it for the SVA test and MOT but the bike was insured on the vin number and all complied with rules and regulations and I was able to ride it to the SVA station without a number plate, he then said I should have it on trade plates so once again I explained the way the SVA test works and he commented that he couldn't be expected to know everything, said good bye and off we went.

There were no more dramas on Monday the 13th and we got home in one piece

Now to register the bike and another long form to fill in

Would I do it all again, not too sure now !!

Peter

From the Editor

C19 Rally tickets now available from me at the bargain price of £14. Please get them NOW so you don't forget !! Price goes up in July to £20, early

purchase also helps the organisers with cash flow. I will bring them to meetings/ride outs so you can save the postage costs. Thank you

Don't forget to renew your membership before the end of March, there is one months grace until the end of April and after that, until the end of May an extra £5 will be payable, after the end of May you will be deemed no longer a member of the VSOC, Thank you.

Rally in a hotel 5th May

Leave The Rest Area at Takeley on the A120 at 9.30, it is about 140 miles from there and as we are not allowed to book in before 2pm it should mean a leisurely journey with time for a stop.

C3 Rally t'up North 26th May

Leave Takeley at 8am as it is about 250 miles, I hope you have got your tickets

Warning

I am sure you are all aware but the penalties for using your mobile phone whilst driving is now a £200 fine and 6 points on your licence. The Police are out there looking for you on all the main roads so DONT do it, not just because it is a heavy penalty but it is also very dangerous Thank you

Ride outs

If the weather is inclement can you phone the reps to see if the ride is still on. As from April 2nd impromptu rides from Boreham 10.00

April 9th

Joint ride with C13 to either the Comfort Cafe, Little Abington, or and most probably the Red Lodge Cafe IP28 8LB, the B1085 just off the A11.
Boreham10.00

April 17th [Easter Monday]

Ace to Southend shakedown Boreham 10.00

April 21st-23rd C6 Jumpstart Party

April 23rd

Aldeburgh, Suffolk Boreham 10.00, Langham 10.45

April 30th

North Weald Airfield Boreham 10.00

On July 29th there will be a ride to the Calne bike show in Wiltshire, returning on the 30th. So far 7 rooms have been booked in a hotel [all taken] but there should be a possibility to book more, price is £43.00 per room plus £10.00 for breakfast, all rooms are double NOT TWIN so it would be one person to a room unless two want to share, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

May 5th Rally in a hotel

May 7th Yamaha day at The Ace Cafe.

May 14th Belgium rally/ alternative to be arranged

May 21st The Lollipop Diner, Norfolk

May 26-28th C3 Rally

June 3rd [Saturday] Charsfield fete, Suffolk

June 4th Hollyville cafe, Sevenoaks, Kent

June 9-11th Dutch international rally

June 18th C19 rally ride out dummy run

June 25th St Ives Festival, Cambridgeshire

July 1st C10 bonding weekend

July 2nd Enfield air museum

July 9th C19 Picnic Mersea Island

July 16-18th C8 Rally

July 23rd If weather is inclement on the 18th June and are unable to do the rally dummy run then this the alternative, otherwise the Route 66 bikers cafe and Hastings

July 30th Inter centre meeting at the Silverball cafe or a weekend at the Calne bike show in Wiltshire

August 6th Museum of power bike show [we have a stand] or Scrumpies party

August 13th Gorleston on sea, Norfolk

August 20th Santa Pod drag racing [Monster trucks]

August 25-27th C19 rally

September 3rd Krazy Horse cafe and bike shop with C13

September 10th Ace to Brighton burn up

September 17th Log Cabin cafe, Abridge

September 23rd [Saturday] C10 charity party

September 24th Beccles, Norfolk

October 1st Copdock bike show

October 8th The Fossils cafe, St Osyth Road, Clacton

October 15th C19 AGM