

The newsletter of the Essex Crusaders, Centre 19, Virago Star Owners Club.

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# Centre 19 meeting's date

#### **July 2017**

North meeting

8pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

### **August 2017**

North meeting

8pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

# Reps ramblings

Howdy pardners,

Well the time is nearly here at last for our rally, everything is in place, I just have to do the Macro run for teas coffee hot chocolate biscuits etc you get the picture, my outfit is sorted, is yours, now we cant let the Yorkies out do us now can we,

you know how they like to dress up. We will be on site from 10am on the Thursday, so those that can make it the help will be appreciated.

We have the inter centre meeting at the silver ball café this Sunday, and the 6th will be our stand at the Museum of power, I will have the kettle so no need to buy expensive drinks from the stalls. If you have the signs for your bikes then put them in your pannier ready and lets hope for a good day, don't forget if you get someone to sign up on the day its only £20.

Hopefully you all got your Clatter if not let me know I will chase it up, and it shows it doesn't have to be club related articles as shown by Terry and Chris, well done.

The Lodge have been having problems with the xmas menu but I am told its all done now, I will get that sent out separately when I get a copy, but in the mean time please send me your names so I can get a list done thank you. The date 2nd December.

See you all soon.

## Ride out on Sunday 23rd July

On Sunday it was the ride to Hastings to visit the 1066 café meeting up with C15 along the way. As you may know my brother lives down there so an extended stay was in order so Paula, kids, and myself went down in the car.

I pulled up at Thurrock where Trevor and Alan (my deputies) lol were waiting, and yes, that was it.

The traffic for the bridge was chocka, Trevor planned to go the back way and I said well only 2 of you so you may as

well go direct, well he went his way and I went M25, A21 once over the bridge no probs, and the road works on A21 never slowed us down. Now I respect Trevor and he knows what is coming as I said this is a SEAX moment, I pulled into petrol station on the off chance they







may be there, well C15 was, half an hour later I had a good laugh as the 2 wanderers turned up. Jeep v Indian and Harley. Say no more..

Off to the café and get that fry up then, and yes it was worth it. After chats and eating we parted company and off to visit, first stopping at a friends for a catch up then on to my bruvs where we had a scrummy Indian on the sea front.

Bruce

# C8 Rally 14th to 16th July

Bruce, Dave, Fred and myself met at the A120 rest area at 9am for the ride to Staffordshire, but calling in to Kettering Services to meet up with Alan at about 10.30, so far so good, after a good breakfast without Alan who had been held up so turned up just as we were leaving and didnt have breakfast.

Off we went with me leading and Fred behind pulling a trailer so top speed was slightly hindered, once on the M6 and in good time my sat nav decided it wanted to take me off at every junction including junctions that didnt even exist so I thought it best that I pull off and suggest that someone else leads for fear of ending up lost.

Alan took the lead with no sat nav and off we went again. I saw the VSOC signs for the rally but apparently no one else did!! and I am pleased to say we got lost. No real damage done except that we ended up on a road fit for a tractor. I say pleased we got lost as it is a standing joke amongst us that Alan doesnt need a sat nav as he uses a map. I will say no more!!

We got to the rally site about 2 ish after our de tour, set up, all in the dry and the rally started.

Saturday it started to rain, well we were North of Watford !! the 5 of us had planned to go on the rideout which had been delayed due to the rain but was still miserable at 11am so we stayed put and eventually went out at 1 oclock, had a mooch, found a pub by a canal and lock gate, Alan assisting with opening and closing of the lock gates and I made a new friend, Dave the dog who enjoyed the gravy from the bangers and mash.

Saturday evening was the band Gypsies whom we have seen before on a few occasions and they didn't disappoint.

Sunday was raining again but soon stopped for us to pack up and be on our way at 9am, stopping at Corley Services to fill up and have a drink then hi tail it home, covering the last 138 miles in little over 2 hours and home by 1pm

A good weekend in good company with seven Crusaders and Fred.

Peter

### From the Editor

This is the last reminder before our rally for any raffle prizes, get rid of that pressie you got and didn't want !!

As Bruce has said above, all help at the rally, setting up, during and clearing up at the end will be greatly appreciated, these events rely on help and good will and the more help the easier it is and gives everyone the chance to have a good time. Please let Bruce know if you can be there to help on Thursday, thank you

## For sale

Twin Axle Braked Touring Trailer, with cooker in bulkhead The internal box dimensions are approximately 3000mm x 1500mm x 1300mm There are 2x Front wheel grabs with 3x base plates allowing you to configure the trailer as a duel or solo bike transporter, Overall Dimensions 3875mm x 1860mm x 1850mm and designed to be stored in a standard up & over garage £2600 Please contact Keith for more details on 07725-289604. Many thanks for showing interest.

## Ríde 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

#### August 6th

Langford [Maldon] Museum of Power bike show. C19 has a stand and it would be nice to get as many qualifying bikes on show as we can. Meet at Boreham 10.00 or make your own way.

August 6th C17 [Scrumpies party]

August 13th Gorleston on sea, Norfolk Meet at Boreham 10.00, Langham 10.45

August 20th
Santa Pod drag racing [Monster trucks]
Meet at the Takely rest area on the A120 9am

### August 25th-27th

C19 Rally Woodbridge Rugby Club IP12 2PP. We can access the site on the 24th from 10am to prepare, if anybody is coming on the 24th please let Bruce, Alan or Trevor know so we can let the caterers know numbers. Don't forget the theme is Gun Slingers and Show Girls so please try and make an effort, should be fun.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Krazy Horse cafe and bike shop with C13

September 10<sup>th</sup> Ace to Brighton burn up September 17<sup>th</sup> Log Cabin cafe, Abridge

September 23rd [Saturday] C10 charity party

September 24<sup>th</sup> Beccles, Norfolk

October 1<sup>st</sup> Copdock bike show

October 8<sup>th</sup> The Fossils cafe, St Osyth Road, Clacton

October 15<sup>th</sup> C19 AGM.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> C19 Christmas Dinner at The Lodge, Rettendon