

SEAX

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Centre 19 meeting's date

December 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 4th December 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th December 2017

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

January 2018

North meeting

8pm Monday 8th January 2018 (Monday 1st is a holiday)

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 15th January 2018

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

Reps ramblings

Hi Crusaders and welcome to the last SEAX of the year, not forgetting that it will be Bi Monthly next year, so February will be the next one, if anything comes up I will just put out a general email.

Everything is in place for our xmas do on the 2nd Dec with 32 crusaders and 7 guests.

If you can't remember what you ordered there will be a list on each table.

Bowling competition

As mentioned in the last seax our annual inter centre bowling competition will take place on the 11 February (lunch time on a Sunday) at Freeport Braintree, so I need a team of ten and I am short by 6.

Sue S you are down so no getting out of it. Also a Saturday night in January will be planned for a practise and social gathering, if you don't play come along and gee up and take the micky and have a laugh.

As you know in November, I had to attend the National AGM up in Rugby, where all the reps and top table get together and discuss the current year and the future.

Rallies

Next year's rallies are all in hand and you can now find the flyers on the main VSOC website, along with ticket prices etc, and for the observant ones of you, you will notice that they are all on the coast.

2019 Rallies will be C12, C14 and C5

You may have seen on Facebook a survey for a rally in Scotland in 2021, either May or August, many people would love this and we could make a holiday out of it as well, so please if this takes your fancy let me know along with choice of month please.

Next year marks the 25th Anniversary of the club. So to mark this, pin badges and patches can be made up, in order to not have dead stock the merchandise officer Dan would like to know how much interest will be in these. So once again and it can be on the back of the same postcard let me know which or even both you are interested in so this info can be passed on ASAP

So as you are reading this why not reply straight away and then it is done and you wont forget.

All the rest you can read in the next edition of Clatter where the minutes will be included.

Just leaves me to say to you all Merry Christmas and a Happy new year

22nd October ride out

The three musketeers plus one left Boreham and took a country route to Burnham-on-Crouch via Little Baddow, Purleigh, Tillingham, Dengie and on to Burnham. Breakfasts all round, then we popped in to see Norman on the way home.

Another good Sunday ride.

Usual suspect !!

29th October ride out to Silver Ball Cafe

Again the three musketeers plus one left Boreham and took the country route through to Great Dunmow with a traffic diversion through Felsted. After passing Audley End House we had a pit stop for Trevor (wee) then followed the lanes through to Reed and approached the cafe from the opposite direction. Lovely country ride with sun shining just like a summer's day but a bit on the chilly side. On arrival at The Silver Ball Cafe the four of us had a drink and breakfast - scrambled egg on toast for Trevor and Sue, then egg, bacon, sausage and black pudding for Chris and egg, bacon and baked beans for me.

Decided to come home via the A120 route but there was a road closure so took the A414 to Harlow instead..

Good ride out Trev !!

Terry

Yamaha raider pull back handle bars

As some of you will know I recently imported a Yamaha Raider SCL from the USA, it is a large bike and quite long so like most others with similar bikes, I decided to opt for pull back drag bars, which I guess shortens the reach by about 6" .I am now riding with bent elbows instead of straight

I did a group buy from the USA and bought 6 sets ordered by other members so got a saving of £70 per set,

Changing bars on the modern bike is not as straight forward as you would think as all the electric cables have to be routed through the new bars, a job in itself and kindly done by Kev and Sally for me. I did most of the strip and re assembly but am very grateful to Kev for help and guidance.

I had to buy extended, brake and clutch pipes and longer throttle cables so now have all new braided hoses and a lot of new clips and stainless steel nuts and bolts. More bling !!

I finished the job today and am very happy with the end result. I am planning a few more mods over the winter so watch this space.

Peter

From the Editor

As Bruce said above, this is the last Seax of 2017, after that it will be every 2 months which may be a bigger version, well I hope so.

It is getting time to wrap the bikes up, carry out necessary servicing and repairs, thorough clean and water proof spray if kept in damp conditions, WD40 or SPF 50, it helps preserve the shiny bits and paintwork.

We will be working on a ride out calendar for 2018 shortly so any ideas please let us know.

There are 4 places left in cabin accommodation at The Danish International rally in June, save taking a tent, if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Just leaves me to say, A very happy Christmas to all who get this magazine and a happy, healthy 2018. I hope we see some of you members that we haven't met before.

Ride outs

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

Please note that Ride outs from Boreham will revert back to 10.30am from the 3rd December and back to 10am from the 4th March 2018, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course !!