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Centre 19 meeting's date

May 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 8th 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

June 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 5th June 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 19th June 2017

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

Reps ramblings

Hi to all you Crusaders out there, well we have had some nice weather and it's good to see you all out there.

The ride outs have now started so keep an eye out for what's going on and any changes that may occur which isn't always in our control.

Those going to the rally in a hotel don't forget you posh rags for the Saturday night.

Membership you have 1 week left to get that in if you haven't already, otherwise it's an extra fiver, or if you look at it another way that Sunday morning fry up.

Southend

Well all the moans about cancellation as we can't afford it or not paying policing, 15 of us decided to go and see, well the prom was from end to end practically full of traffic wardens stopping you parking, SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE they still had to pay them, we managed to get parked up by the casino, only just. Most of us went to the rose café and had a nice big fry up and the usual wander around. Will it be back next year we will have to wait and see.

I mentioned before in earlier issue about location for Christmas party 2017 well I had no response at all so last night at the south meeting I found out what was available and put it to those members in attendance and it was decided that the 2nd of December 2017 at the Lodge Inn will be our place for this year, and on that subject last year there was no music/DJ this is being looked into for this year.

All details to follow when I have them.

Stepping down

After 6 years as deputy rep for the South and 5 years as ride out leader I have decided to stand down at the AGM in October. Anybody who fancies having a go, please contact Bruce.

Trev

Ride out to Aldeburgh

Just Terry and myself met at Boreham on Sunday 23rd, but the ride to Langham was severely compromised because they closed the A12 from junction 23 [Kelvedon] to junction 25 [Marks Tey]. So a diversion via Braintree was necessary which is a good few miles extra. We arrived at Langham about 10.55, so not too bad, with Alan, Phil, Dave and Peter waiting. After the hello's and a wee we got underway with Alan leading us on a fantastic route through the Suffolk countryside. I couldn't tell you exactly where we went but he took us through some very pretty villages on some nice twisty B roads. On arriving in Aldeburgh Alan waved me through to lead us to our usual parking spot by the beach. Peter had bought his own packed lunch so the rest of us had a stroll first for a welcome wee, it had been nearly two hours since Langham, and then to the fish and chip shop. Once the grub was purchased back to the Bikes and to sit on the sea wall in the SUN, though it was a bit chilly, to eat it. Afterwards we, except Peter who decided to wait with the bikes again, went for a walk along the seafront for the obligatory ice cream. On returning to the bikes it's helmets on and get back on the road. I led us back the usual way to Woodbridge on to A12 and then the A14 and off on to the A137 through Manningtree to Colchester. By the time we reached Colchester there was only Terry, Dave and me left the others peeling off as it suited them, once we reached Tiptree we lost Dave. Terry and I parted company at Maldon.

An excellent day, I think I did about 160 miles. Well done Alan.

Trev

Wedding Invite

Chris Dear and Sue Haynes invite you all to celebrate their wedding on Saturday 12th August 2017 at Cambridge registry Office CB3 0RH at 4pm then afterwards at a reception at Eternit Sports and Social Club, Whaddon Road, Meldreth, Royston. S98 5RL. RSVP by 31st July to 3 Presses Close, Bluntisham, Huntingdon PE28 3LX

Free camping is available at the Social Club on the Friday and Saturday nights

Dan Dickinson memorial

Some of you may remember Dan Dickinson from C12 who passed away in unfortunate circumstances last year.

Dan was a regular rally goer for many years and an active member of the VSOC so after his passing the family had a private funeral but decided to celebrate his life with a memorial service on the 7th April 2017 at Beaconsfield.

I left to meet up with others at South Mimms Services at 6.45am and b cold it was to !! I just thought I would mention it, as it is probably head line news in the News of the World by now that I missed the turn off for the Services, no damage done as we were then meeting up for a cuppa just off J17 M25 in Rickmansworth, a quick phone call and all was resolved.

We then met up with the majority of C12 at Beaconsfield services, ready to leave by 10.15am

The service was a sombre affair with lots of bikers, friends and family followed by drinks and eats in a pub not too far away.

It was warm and sunny by lunch time so the ride home was a pleasure and no cold fingers, arriving home about 3.15pm and another 200 ish miles done on the new bike , which I am now getting used to.

Peter

On the 7th May, the weekend of the rally in a hotel, the alternative is Yamaha day at the Ace Cafe. We are meeting at Boreham at 10.00 instead of Brentwood because if we want to change our minds and go somewhere else we can.

Trev

This coming Sunday, 30th, the ride is to the cafe at North Weald Aerodrome. In case anyone is interested there is a car sprint event on and Terry has got the OK for us to attend. It's otherwise closed to members of the public. Should be good.

Trev

And the award for most reliable motorcycle, at least according to *Consumer Reports'* 2015 survey, goes to **Yamaha** (and it's **cruiser** offshoot, **Star**), with an 11% failure rate, the lowest of the manufacturers accounted for.

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

Spot the deliberate mistake. The North meeting is 8th May and not the 1st May as published in the last Seax... due to the 1st being a bank Holiday.

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

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.

April 30th North Weald Airfield, Boreham at 10:00.

May 5th to 7th En-suite rally in a hotel

May 7th Yamaha day at the Ace Cafe see above - Boreham 10.00

May 12th to 14th Belgium Rally

May 14th Wesson's cafe [Ogri's] Horam, E Sussex TN21 0ER
Thurrock 10.30

May 21st The Lollypop Diner, Hepworth IP22 2PY, on the A 143.
Boreham 10.00, Halstead 10.45

May 26th-28th C3 Rally, Denbigh LL16 5US

June 3rd [Saturday] Charsfield fete, Suffolk

June 4th Hollyville cafe, Sevenoaks, Kent

June 9th-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 16th-18th C8 Rally

July 23rd If weather is inclement on the 18th June and are unable to do the rally dummy run the 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 25th-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

December 2nd C19 Christmas Dinner – The Lodge Country Inn, SS11 7QT.