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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

October 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 2nd October 2017

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

South meeting

Cancelled due to AGM on the 15th October

November 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 6th November 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 20th November 2017

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

Reps ramblings

Hi folks,

Where has this year gone? Don't forget Monday the 16th Oct South meeting is cancelled due to the AGM on Sunday the 15th at the Lodge Inn at 7.30pm, and this is also the cut off date when I open up the xmas meal toother centres, so if you haven't already booked you need to get in quick and also send me your menus please as I need to give this in on the night of the AGM along with payments, to those that have, thank you.

The Agenda for the AGM will be out in a couple of days, it should be a short meeting lol.

As usual, please bring along any ideas for the ride outs next year.

See you all at Copdock on the 1st October, it looks like a dry start at least, pop in and see us at the stand in the shed, and if you are lucky you might get a free cuppa.

Centre 19 Rally August 2017

Plans had been in hand for probably 18 months, sorting out a venue, bands, DJ, portaloos, skip, rally patch, plus all the little extras needed to support a good rally.

The venue was chosen as Woodbridge [near Ipswich] Rugby Club, C10 territory really but don't tell them !!, a contract was written and signed by both parties, just as well really as a change of management later in the day thought they would dictate the terms, WRONG !!

Several bands were looked at and eventually 2 were chosen to accommodate all tastes, people on the dance floor is always a good sign. Moving on, August bank holiday week end arrived and several C19 members turned up to the rally site in rural Suffolk on Thursday morning to ' set up ', which went very well in glorious sunshine, taping off the main rugby pitches, erecting the welcome tent and tea tent, filling the rally bags, sorting out the tea and coffee making facilities using the new self filling hot water gizmo providing permanent hot water as long as the supply container was kept topped up, it worked very well with no problems.

The catering van turned up by late afternoon so food was available for the early birds to get fed and us of course.

By the end of the day approx 100 members had turned up so the party was on. Still dry and sunny !!

We had pre sold 199 tickets so all was looking good for a large turnout for the last rally of the year, we then sold a further 71 tickets on the gate so 270 in all through the gate, slightly more with a few concessions.

We had 24 from abroad, 6 from Sweden, 1 from Norway and the rest from Belgium and Holland, thank you for that.

Friday saw members from all parts of the country turn up over the course of the day with the furthest travelled being Dougie Kitt, centre rep from Scotland who travelled 490 miles, well done Dougie, a great effort. Frank Kikke travelled all night from Scotland and was with us by mid-morning, also deserves a mention.

Friday evening arrived and secret arrangements had been made to present Kevin Hoyte the retiring Chairman of the VSOC with several bits and pieces to mark his 20 years at the helm, it turned out to be a lot more as our foreign friends also contributed with gifts from Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Finland and Denmark, the VSOC presented an engraved trophy, 2 cakes made by our very own cake maker Debbie Jones from C13, she also made lots of smaller cakes, which by the looks of the plates at the end of the night went down very well.

Kevin was also presented with a certificate giving him life time membership of the VSOC and we were also blessed with a visit by John Brynning membership number one and founder of the VSOC nearly 25 years ago who gave a speech at the start of the festivities and presented Kevin with his own gift. Thanks John.

Not forgetting of course that our guests from Sweden are personal friends of Kev's and came without his knowledge, another surprise for him. I dont think the evening could have gone any better if it had been rehearsed, well done everyone involved.

On the Saturday we had a well-represented Reps meeting followed by an arranged ride out to Southwold, just up the coast where arrangements for parking had been pre-arranged, I believe there were 80 bikes on the ride out and judging by the comments went very well with 50 bikes returning with Alan following the day in Southwold.

Saturday evening was fancy dress night with many dressing for the theme of the rally, some pretty sights let me tell you , there were also leprechauns from Ireland at the rally, so well done everyone.

The whole weekend was dry and sunny so always an advantage when hosting a rally, the atmosphere was good, the feedback was good and all in all I think and hope that everyone had a good time, packing up was done in double quick time by the C19 team and all worked like clockwork, the venue

was left clean and tidy so thanks go to everyone for that and we have been invited back for future events if required.

Looking forward to 2018 starting with the Rally in a hotel in April, C15 rally in Folkestone in May, C7 rally, Wales in June and C4 rally in Redcar in August and not forgetting the International rally in Denmark where arrangements area all well in hand. See you all in a field somewhere in the future
Mr K.

From the Editor

Please remember that there is no South meeting on the 16th October due to the AGM the day before. Thank you

It would also be nice to see as many as possible at the AGM, it is the time to have your say and structure the centre for another year.

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

Ride outs for October

1st

Copdock bike show

Boreham 10.00, Langham 10.45

8th

The Fossils Cafe, St Osyths Road, Clacton

Boreham 10.00, cafe at the A120/A12 Marks Tey 10.30