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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

September 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 4th September 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th September 2017

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

October 2017

North meeting

8pm Monday 2nd October 2017

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 16th October 2017

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

Reps ramblings

Calne bike festival

Having met at Brentwood Services for an 8am departure, we had a good traffic free ride round to Reading Services (M25/M4). After a quick pit-stop for tea/coffee etc. we headed off up the M4 to Calne – via Royal Wotton Bassett.



In total there was 6 bikes – Trevor, Clive & Tina, Dave, Dave & Bernie, Kevin & Tara plus the Hobbsies. Barney travelled round by car.

Once the bikes were parked in Calne everyone wandered off round the show – which was scattered throughout the town itself. We walked round with Clive and Tina, had a cheap coffee/tea/biscuit and cake in the old folks home for £3 – not bad considering it cost £8.70 for tea/coffee and two biscuits at Reading Services!

Got accosted by a Centre 17 member whilst getting ready to leave the show – he said did I know there was a club for people with these bikes and I said do you mean the VSOC which I am a member of! He was also a 15-year member.

Clive and Tina did the group proud by finding accommodation at Lydiard House.



Having arrived at the hotel by about 3pm – most of us decided to have a swim in the hotel pool and then either walk the grounds or relax. In the evening we took 3 taxis to the local Hungry Horse restaurant – good food, excellent company, shame about the rain !!!

The surroundings were fantastic and would recommend to anyone wanting a couple of days in the area.

Terry & Chris

6 bikes and 1 car met at Brentwood services. Tina and Clive. Christine and Terry. Trevor. Tara and Kevin. Dave Enefer. Dave Winning and Bernie. Barney came in his car.

We stopped at Reading services for a break, then travelled to Calne town for a bike festival. We walked around all the stalls as they were down different streets. They had a live band playing near a nice stream and bridge; we stopped and had a cuppa and cake. We saw a batman car and lots of different bikes big and small, most of us met back up at 2pm and rode on to Lydiard house where we were staying the night, we all went to our rooms for a cuppa and rest then most of us went down for a swim. We had the pool and sauna to ourselves, then we went back to our rooms, Clive and I went exploring round the grounds it was a lovely view, there were other things to see and do but had closed up by this time, so we missed out.

We all met up at 6 pm and got taxis to Brooke house farm for our dinner as it was pouring down with rain. Clive and myself, Terry and Christine had children's dessert so we didn't over eat, but it was plentiful. I had a mini mania and the others had chocolate brownie and ice cream. Trevor and Dave had apple crumble and custard and Trevor moaned we got our dessert cheaper lol.

All in all we all had a good time. We all went to breakfast at 8 ish. Clive and myself had to leave at 9 as I had to be home before 1pm but we left the

others there to enjoy the rest of there stay. Its a shame we couldn't have stayed and seen more but may have to go back another day.



From the Editor

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 September

3rd

Krazy Horse bike shop and cafe. this a joint ride with C13 and meeting with C10 at the cafe. If you have never been to Krazy Horse I strongly recommend it.

10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Halstead.

10th

Ace to Brighton burn up.

10.00 Thurrock

17th

Log Cabin Cafe, Abridge, Romford, RM4 1XB

10.00 Boreham

I won't be available for either of the last two rides so someone else is gonna have to lead, sorry.

23rd Saturday

C10 charity party

24th

Beccles, Norfolk.

10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Langham

October 1st Copdock bike show

October 8th The Fossils cafe, St Osyth Road, Clacton -on-Sea, CO15 3HA.

October 15th C19 AGM

December 2nd C19 Christmas Dinner – The Lodge, Rettendon