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

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February 2018

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8pm Monday 5th February 2018

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South meeting

8pm Monday 19th February 2018

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

March 2018

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Reps ramblings

Hello there Crusaders, I hope you are all in good health, I know there is a lot of flu about so that means a good excuse for a warm tippie.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW DUE although you can't do it online until 1st February

Please get your renewals in early so it is out of the way, especially if you are going on VSOC organised events, if you are off to rally in a hotel in April you need to make sure you have renewed your membership.

I haven't been out on the bike for ages so let's hope it gets warmed up soon and blow out those cobwebs, I was hoping to get out on Sunday, but no the weather had other ideas, it snowed.

We have our bowling night on Saturday at Freeport, so please get there early so we are ready to play at 7pm. I have 3 lanes booked for this, just come along for a bit of fun if you don't want to play.

And on the same note the competition on Sunday the 11th February at 1pm, get there early please.

The ride out list is now prepared and should be below, so get your diaries out and mark in your events so you don't double book, hopefully something for everyone this year, thanks to Trevor ,Alan and Peter for doing this.

Lastly as you all know Ray Pye has passed away, as yet I have no final details but will keep you posted, and for those that are rally goers will remember Roger the scarf from C16 who has passed away they will be sadly missed.

C19 Xmas party 2.12.2017

The arrangements were well in hand for the annual C19 Xmas party, a few of the regulars were missing I noted so I guess you had your reasons, I did note several of our new members attending so hope you all had a good time.

We had guests from C15, C10 and C13 so thanks to them helping to boost the numbers.

It was a civilised affair by normal standards as no one was 'staying over' for the night so drinking was to a minimum, may have been different if Grumpy was there !!

There were plenty of raffle prizes to be had and I saw several members with arms full on the way out, I must have got that wrong as I helped put the tickets on the prizes and didn't do very well !! It always amazes me when we have a captive audience and there were so many prizes left over, their loss is one of next year's rally hosts gain.

The feedback about food was good so 'The Lodge' didn't let us down there, plenty of it, hot and tasty, served in good time, what more do bikers want ?

As usual it was nice to chat and catch up, especially this time of year when not a lot is going on

The celebrations finished in good time and I assume everyone got home safely as I haven't heard to the contrary

Next years party will be a joint celebration between C19, C10, C13 and C15 and is already booked for the 5th January 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Eight Ash Green, Colchester, just off the A12 so please put the date in your diary now, I know, you havn't got a 2019 diary yet so we will just have to remind you.

Peter

Hello there Crusaders,
it is with sad news that I have to tell you that Ray Pye has passed away, It is not yet known how.

The funeral is on the 8th of Feb at Southend crematorium 2pm, the family



would like some bikes to follow the cars from the home to the crematorium, times and details will follow when I get them, the photo is from our Christmas party in December along with best pal Laurie.

Ray is the taller one for those that never had the pleasure of meeting him.

R I P Ray

From the Editor

Please note that the next Seax won't be until April 2018 so plenty of time to give me something for the magazine.

It is with deepest regret that I have to tell you that Roger Carter affectionately known as Roger the Scarf died in the early hours of Saturday 20th January. Roger had Parkinsons for the last few years, as a result he had to move in to a care home in the last year

Roger was Rep for C16 for probably 10 years and only gave up due to bad health, he was awarded a life time membership of the VSOC, a club he was very passionate about, he would have been a 25 year member this year as he was one of the originals so to mark the occasion it has been agreed to award him posthumously, his 25 year patch and framed certificate.

A gentle, softly spoken, caring man whom everyone loved and will be sorely missed.

The funeral is at Portchester Crem at 10am on the 16th February will be a full blown ' biker funeral ' which was his request and fully endorsed by his family so I hope he gets the send off he so deserves

RIP Roger

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 2017 and back to 10am from the 4th March 2018, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course !!

Centre 19 Rideouts 2018

April	1 st	Impromptu – Boreham BP Services, CM2 5PY - 10:00
April	2 nd	Southend Shakedown
April	8th	Full Throttle cafe. Clacton
April	15th	Shotley Marina
April	22nd	Sunday lunch, Venue to be decided, any ideas
April	27 th to 28 th	Rally in a Hotel
April	29 th	Impromptu

- May 4th to 6th Belgium rally
 May 6th Yamaha day at the Ace cafe
 May 13th Rye
 May 20th East Anglian Childrens Hospice, charity presentation
 May 22th to 27th C15 Rally Fubar in Folkestone
- June 3rd North Weald
 June 8th to 10th International rally Denmark
 June 10th High Beech
 June 17th Krazy Horse
 June 24th RAF Museum Hendon
- July 1st St Ives bike show
 July 8th C19 picnic, East Mersea
 July 15th Bawdsey Quay & Sizewell cafe
 July 20th to 22nd C7 Rally, Aberaeron, Wales, Where the flock are we.
 July 29th The Bike Shed, London
- August 5th Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Maldon. C19
 August 12th Norfolk Tank Museum
 August 19th Aldburgh
 August 24th to 27th C4 Rally, Redcar, Fourgasm four.
- Sept 2nd Greenwich
 Sept 9th Gorleston & Beccles
 Sept 16th Route 11 cafe
 Sept 23rd Silver ball cafe & Finchingfield
 Sept 30th
- Oct 7th Copdock Bike show
 Oct 14th Brightona
 Oct 21st C19 AGM