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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

April 2019

North meeting

8pm Tuesday 2nd April 2019 [**Now Tuesday and not Monday**]

The Anchor, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 15th April 2019

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

May 2019

North meeting

8pm Tuesday 7th May 2019

The Anchor, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 20th May 2019

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

Reps ramblings

Hi All,

Let me start by apologising to Peter for not having this done in time. You know that me and writing don't really get on.

Well, we didn't win the bowling again, but we were quite close. I didn't want to have to dust the trophy for a year anyway!

It's nice to see some of you at the meetings, we even managed to get numbers up to 18 at one of the South meetings recently.

Trevor has organised some good ride-outs for us again this year and let's hope to see as many of you turn up and go on them as possible. If the weather is nice, we will be out on Sundays from now on and this Sunday – 24th March - we will be at Boreham for 10.am.

Carl and I went out one Sunday a few weeks ago and found a nice café at Stansted Abbots which was very clean and the food was tasty. The ride-out on the 7th April should be a good one, we are meeting up with Centre 10 and Centre 13 for a chinwag and to catch up on gossip. We can have a nosy round their bikes to see what extras they have added on to them over the winter break.

I don't know if anyone is in need of any of the club merchandise, we are going to see if we can put in an order in about a month's time. However, please bear in mind that Bruce, who is still in charge of the merchandising, will be a little bit **TIED UP** for a while.

We have received a lot of interest from members of other centres for the Summer Picnic at Mersea, so that should be a great event if the weather is kind to us this year. Fingers crossed for some fun in the sunshine!

Well, that's enough from me, I don't want to ramble on too much – Peter does that – and if I write too much he will expect this level of effort all the time.

Keep biking,

Dave (New Rep)

North meeting 5th March

What a good turn out for the North meeting with Clive and Tina coming up from the South of the county, good to see Andy Cullum again as it has been a while,

Not a lot going on at the moment so the meeting was more of a sociable chit chat,

Centre funds cropped up in conversation so watch this space

Ten pin bowling

We got a team together for the annual inter centre bowling competition and got to the bowling alley in Stevenage in good time after a scenic route with Alan as the A120 was shut at Bishops Stortford, good job I brought the mobile Sat Nav Alan !! Oh forgot to say that we did a small detour at the 2nd Braintree roundabout as well, Just saying !!

The first round was a mixed centre affair and bowling was much the same level from most , the final consisted of 2 members from C19, C10 and C13 with C19 taking the wooden spoon and C10 taking the trophy.....again !! I think they had been practising.

We then had a nice meal just across the road from the bowling alley as burger and chips in the bowling cafe didn't seem so attractive.

Well done everyone for taking part , it was an enjoyable day with fellow club members.

Travel and Breakdown insurance

I know most of you will have Travel Insurance and breakdown insurance especially with your bikes as it is offered with insurance these days

I am going abroad shortly in the car so thought I had better sort out these insurances as they had both just run out

I rang my previous Travel insurance company who quoted me £201 for a year and £69 for a single trip [was £16 last year] so I checked the Go Compare site and got it through Puffin a 4 start approved insurer for £56.10

I was quoted a silly price from BMW for breakdown in UK and Europe so got it through Green Flag [my previous insurer before I got a years free with BMW] and it was £75.04 , it would have been less without Europe included of course.

You are well advised to take out Breakdown and Travel insurance because you never know when you will need it, it is not compulsory for travelling abroad but you have been warned. Breaking down abroad without the appropriate cover will be very costly.

Peter

From the Editor

I hope you have renewed your membership by now, if not there is still time to join either on line by Pay pal or by post. If anyone has problems there is always help at hand, so just ask.

If anyone is not renewing their membership would you please let us know so we are not continually chasing you, thank you,

For those of you that have You Tube facilities have a look at the Virago Star Owners Club videos, the Malvern Hills Rideout 2018 contains pics of some C19 members you may know.

Your latest Clatter should have arrived by now, if it hasn't please let us know. Please note page 11, deadline for articles for the next edition of Clatter is 25th April.

If you are planning on doing any rallies this year it would be helpful if you pre purchased your ticket, they are available for all rallies now and it helps the cash flow for rally organisers.

Something I have noticed lately and has become a habit. Why do people either start the conversation/question with the word SO or answer a question starting with the word SO,.... SO annoying , just saying.

Bike care advice

Don't forget to give your bikes the once over and service for the coming season Lubricate all those moving parts and cables, check the brakes are working as they should, check tyres for wear and cracking, also check the tyre pressures as they drop over time, check brake and clutch reservoirs for correct fluid levels, check bolts as they can come loose, check brake pad wear, check engine oil level, check all bulbs and ensure all are working as they should, indicators blinking too fast could indicate an earth problem which in turn could be corroded wire, give it a good clean and apply some protectant/polish to painted/chrome surfaces, the list goes on but most checks can be done by someone with very little mechanical knowledge and save you having problem that may have been avoided with a little TLC.

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 10am from the 1st March 2019, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course !!

April 7th

Route 11 cafe, A11. Meet Boreham 10:00, Halstead 10:30 [Halstead is normally 10:45 but this is a joint ride out and we will be meeting up with centres 10 & 13 so we have to be prompt]

April 14th

Hendon RAF museum. Meet at Brentwood services 10:00 prompt again as there is a lot to see. [The museum is free, as is the Parking I think]

April 22nd - Easter Monday

Southend Shakedown. Meet Boreham 10:00. [I have 16 parking tickets, first come first served. I think you probably can get one in Southend on the day]

April 26th-28th

Rally in a Hotel

April 28th

Holly's Diner, Latchingdon, Essex. Meet Boreham 10:00

May 6th Monday [Mayday]

Hastings 1066 bike event. Meet Thurrock services 10:00

May 10th-12th

Belgium Rally

May 12th

Krazy Horse Cafe, Bury st Edmonds, Suffolk. Meet Boreham 10:00

May 19th

Ongar and Epping Railway, North Weald, Essex. Meet Boreham 10:00

May 24th-27th
C12 Rally, Thatcham, Berkshire

June

1st [Saturday] Charsfield fete, IP13 7PZ [Alan Ward for details]

6th-9th International rally in Germany

9th Cafe Newt, Gillingham, Kent

16th Felixstowe

23rd Impromptu

30th Herne Bay, Kent

July

7th Maldon vehicle show, Essex

14th C19 picnic, East Mersea, Essex

19th-21st C14 rally, East Grinstead, East Sussex

28th Shotley Marina, Essex

August

4th Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Essex

11th Reedham Ferry, Norfolk

18th Saffron Waldon vehicle show

23rd-26th C5 rally, Pontefract, Yorkshire

September

1st H's cafe, Canterbury, Kent

6th-8th YCCNL 25year celebration rally, Netherlands

8th Air ambulance, Harwich, Essex

15th Impromptu

22nd The Bike Shed, London

29th Horse and Donkey Sanctuary, Horning, Norfolk

October

6th Copdock bike show, Ipswich, Suffolk

13th Brightona, Brighton, East Sussex

20th C19 AGM.