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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

February 2019

North meeting

8pm Tuesday 5th February 2019 [**Now Tuesday and not Monday**]

The Anchor, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th February 2019

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

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Reps ramblings

A good attendance at the South meeting on the 21st January although I have noticed that lately some regulars have been missing, you know who you are.

We have got an inter centre bowling match at Stevenage on Sunday February 17th PM and we need an 'A' team to compete. We are a couple of players short so if you can bowl or even if you cant bowl please contact me to make up the numbers, it is a good social afternoon and even if you definitely don't want to bowl please come along and support. Thank you.

We had a good Xmas party at the Holiday Inn, Colchester and 39 attended, food was good, decorations were good and I think a good time was had by all. Thanks to Mr K and Helen for providing the music at a level so we were able to talk !!

There is still time to consider doing the International rally in Germany in June, details on the national website or contact Peter G for more info. You may want to include an extended trip to justify the ferry costs etc, lots of us do.

Beds are getting booked up at the Dutch rally [details on the website] in September so if you are thinking about it I suggest you register and book a bed before they are all gone, again, more info from Peter G. My PA lol

Don't forget the North meeting is now on the first Tuesday of the month instead of the first Monday, e mail already sent with this info.

Finally, you can renew your membership now either online or by snail mail, but please do it before the end of March. Thank you to those that have renewed already. Also it would be good to meet some of those members that we have never met so please try and get to a meeting, ride out or event this year, you will be made very welcome. Take care Dave, Centre rep.

C19 Xmas party 5th January

The arrangements were made for a post Xmas party at the Holiday Inn, Colchester, a venue we have used before with no problems

Numbers were a bit low this time inspite of our best efforts, nevertheless 43 booked and paid including several booking rooms for the night, unfortunately 4 couldn't attend so numbers were diluted a bit on the night

The ' events ' room was decorated in festive fashion with crackers, balloons and streamers on the tables, all looked very nice.

Although we didn't have a disco, I recently purchased a blue tooth speaker which was adequate for our needs, so music was played off several mobile phones, technology huh !!

The food was very good and plentiful with potatoes and veg in bowls rather than on the plates, something I prefer, I don't know about others. The staff looked after us very well and seemed happy to do so. I have written to the hotel thanking them for hosting us and a thank you to the staff.

It was Jan Norfield's birthday so a cake was purchased with candles and a Happy Birthday sung to her on presentation of the cake, she was a bit surprised I think. I am not giving her age away !!

A bit of random dancing finished off the evening and I think all went very well.

Shame for those of you that missed it.

Peter

Ever ride your bike into London?

From time to time, I ride my bike into central London and always get pleasure from the fact that motorcycles are exempt from the Congestion Charge. However, things will change from April 8 this year with the introduction by Transport for London (TfL) of the Ultra-Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ). This new charge will be aimed at more polluting cars and vans and will be £12.50 a day for most diesels made before 2015 and for most petrols before 2006. The sting in the tail is that it will also apply to older motorcycles/mopeds/trikes of any engine capacity that do not meet, or better, Euro 3 emission standards. Charges will apply 24/7 to the area that is covered by the present Congestion Charge. From October 2021, it will apply to the entire area within the North and South Circular roads. For trucks, the charge will be £100 per day. Historic vehicles (over 40 years old) that are Road Tax exempt will not be charged.

Enforcement will initially use the cameras already used for the Congestion Charge (about 1,000 of them). New cameras will be installed when the area is extended. Be aware that many TfL buses have ANPR cameras used to detect prohibited vehicles in bus lanes and that these can be used for Congestion Charge and ULEZ charges.

The TfL web site has a "type your number plate and we will tell you if it applies to your vehicle" section. Search the web for "TfL ULEZ". Have done it for my cars which are both exempt, but my 2005 RoadStar XV1700 falls foul of the new charge.

Bob Owen.

My 2007 Roadstar is not exempt but my 2013 Raider is exempt, guess I will have to use my Raider for trips to central London in the future NOT !! Peter

Please note that from February the North meetings will be the first Tuesday in the month so 5th February, same venue, the Anchor Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW.

From the Editor

Please note that all the National rally flyers are now on the VSOC website , pre purchased tickets help the organisers with cash flow and food so always very helpful. Details of 3 ' foreign ' rallies are also on the website for the more adventurous ones.

Some of us will be going to a celebration party in September for the Dutch National club YCCNL who are 25 years old this year, We will be going from Harwich to the Hook of Holland, exact details not decided yet but the rally is in the Hague which is about 8 miles from the Hook so why not do the rally on a tank full of petrol !!

You will be required to register for this rally and if you want to sleep in a bed rather than a tent you need to book one which can be done on the registration form from this website <http://yccnl.nl> it will give you a list of options across the top of the page so hover over ' evenementen and go to the bottom of the drop down menu where it says 6,7,8 September and click on it , a registration form in Dutch [change it to English] will appear which is easy to navigate , fill it in and you will then get a confirmation e mail from the YCCNL, any questions please ask

Update. The beds are being booked very quickly so if you want to go and sleep in a bed I suggest you book now rather than later.

In the event of a no deal Brexit, International Driving Permits will be required to drive in some EU countries from March 28th. From February 1st Post Office will be providing this new IDP service offering the 3 versions (1926, 1949 and 1968), across 2,500 branches. The required IDP for your country of travel can be purchased up to 3 months in advance so you can plan your travels. This web page will be updated to help you choose the correct IDP and additional support can be provided at Post Offices offering the IDP service.

I have had a look at the IDP website and it looks as if a lot of EU countries do NOT require an IDP but Spain does by the look of it. Correct me if I am wrong please as I don't want to give out false information.

When you renew your membership this year you will receive an enclosed BMF leaflet, there is a BMF membership card with the leaflet and our membership code is CLB19FJH, please write it on the card, also read the leaflet as it contains contact details for BMF insurance which you may find

useful

There is a meeting on the 3rd February to decide ride out destinations so I will send the details out once this is decided. I wanted to get Seax out by the end of January. Usual question but if anyone has any good ideas about Sunday Ride outs please let Trevor and Dave know before the 3rd February AND as above , if anyone can join the C19 bowling team please let Dave know Thank you

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 are at 10:30 but will revert back to 10:00am from the 1st March 2019 and then back to 10:30am from the 1st December 2019, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course !!