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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 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 4th April 2016
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th April 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd, SS117QT

May 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 9th May 2016
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,
The 2nd May is a Bank Holiday.

South meeting

8pm Monday 16th May 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd, SS117QT

Reps ramblings

Hi to all you Crusaders out there, lets hope you have all got your bikes taxed, MOT, and serviced ready for another year fun and I wont say sunny but at least dry weather for another season of Trevs tours. not forgetting of course the renewal of your membership.

You should all have received your Clatter by now with the form in plus all the rally fliers.

I have booked Mersea for our picnic and its lucky as the week after Dougal has a party of 300 for their BBQ.

Apologies to Terry and Chris who were the only ones to turn up at Thurrock for the egg run but decided to go anyway only to find out it was the week before. The good news though is that Southend is back on as the retailers have put up the cost for the policing of the event, so 10am at Borham.

9 of us have managed to get a place for the Saracens on Saturday for a big show of our bikes and to promote the VSOC about 50 in total, so watch out for our ugly mugs on the TV.

Chas I bet you can't wait for those chicks to grow, but don't get too attached.....

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Hi everybody,

I hope you are all well and poised on the verge of riding your motorbikes for the new season.

Mine is ready, clean and polished, it keeps looking at me every time I go into the garage, so as soon as the weather permits and there is no salt on the roads I shall be out there, I hope you will all be out there too!

As you know we have decided to start an advertising campaign to try and acquire more recruits to boost the ranks of our flagging membership. Posters have been designed and are now being printed, they should be with us shortly.

The idea is to display as many as possible. Naturally we shall approach the main dealers in our area in the hope that they will display one in each dealership. In addition to this there are a host of other possible venues where we could advertise, places such as independent bike shops, second hand dealerships of all sizes no matter how small spring to mind, there are garages which MOT bikes, biker cafes and bike pubs which are all possible targets to display our posters.

You, the members, are spread the length and breadth of the county and your information regarding the whereabouts of such venues is vital to the club, so please get your thinking caps on and hopefully we can get a list together to target these venues.

Please relay any information on this subject to the reps, we need to get cracking on this task as it is spring already if we are to only half a dozen new members it will be worth it.

See you all soon on the ride outs

Regards Stainless

WHITSTABLE EGG RUN - THAT WASN'T

Having arrived early at Thurrock to refuel, Chris and I noticed that there were no fellow C19 bikers to be seen. We waited until about 10.15am and then decided to make our own way to Whitstable.

I took the direct route, M2 and then A299. On arrival in Whitstable we prepared ourselves for the full car park, only to find it completely empty of bikes and only a few cars parked. A couple of local women asked if we were lost as both Chris and I were now looking very bemused. I said we had rode round from Essex for the Children's Charity Egg Run, to which they replied that they were not aware of the event. Having checked her hi-tech phone, we then discovered that the event actually took place LAST Sunday, 13th March we then discovered that it had moved to the local Fire Station car park so we would have been in the wrong place.

Not a good start for the first ride of the season but hopefully things can only get better !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Terry

PS - the only upside is that Chris and I now have a large Easter Egg each !!!!

VSOC at Saracens Vs. Exeter Chiefs rugby

A lot of planning by Kev Blythe C13 had gone in to the event, meetings with the Saracens Committees, risk assessments, marquee, bunting, names of attendees but Saturday 26th March was the day.

There was 6 from C19 eventually who met at Brentwood Services for 10.30 and cold it was too. Trevor came along on his Indian as Exeter fans wear Indian head dresses and it was felt that having an Indian bike along would be appropriate.

We arrived at South Mimms for an 11.30 departure and by that time there were members from C10, C12, C19, C4, C13 totalling about 35 in all.

It was very windy in the stadium and kept spitting with rain with the threat of heavy rain about 5ish, just when were to go home after the match, we decided to head off at half time so I was home by 5.30 and relatively dry !!

The bikes were a huge attraction and cameras were flashing most of the day with kids sitting on the bikes for a family album photo, all good fun.

About 14.45, 10 bikes formed a guard of honour to welcome the Saracens rugby team on to the picture, again, the club got a lot of attention, It was a good day, spoilt slightly by the weather but achieved what was intended in good spirit. A good day had by all.



Peter

Poem - Daftland

We live in a country called Daftland
The Britain we knew is no more
Where sensible people do ludicrous things
Or risk breaking some Daftland law.

In Daftland we've police dogs with muzzles
Less the villain has cause to complain
And to steal from a shop and say 'sorry'
Means your free with no stain to your name.

You had better leave lights on in buildings
When you lock up and go home at night
'cause the burglars might hurt themselves entering
And there's no way you'll be in the right.

When speaking be wary in Daftland
As some terms that you've used all your life
Now have connotations unintended
And you'll end up in all sorts of strife.

We elect politicians in Daftland
To give us the laws of the land
Yet eight laws in ten now come from abroad
The whole thing has got out of hand.

The borders are open in Daftland
And of migrants there's no keeping track
Just a few of the thousands illegally here
Will ever be caught and sent back.

The exception to this is the hero
Who fought for this land in the war
He's old and he's sick, he might cost us a bit
So he's not welcome here any more.

When the history is written of Daftland
Historians may just recall
That the craziest people in Daftland
Were the public who put up with it all.

For Sale

8 foot diameter trampoline, suitable for children to teenagers or adults if you feel the urge, complete with bumper surround and safety net. In good condition

£30 Peter 07531614887

From the Editor

Do you know when your car/bike road tax is due, I bet some of you don't and we have no disc to give us a clue now, why don't you make a note in your phone log or diary, just in case the reminder goes astray. Or go to www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax

Membership renewal is now due, so please pay by the end of April to avoid the additional £5 surcharge. Thank you

Rideouts

If the weather is inclement can you phone the reps to see if the ride is still on.

April 3rd

Impromptu, Boreham 10.00. Any suggestions would be helpful

April 10th

Comfort Cafe with C13. Boreham 10.00

April 17th

Box Hill, Surrey. Thurrock 10.30

April 22-24th

Dutch S of S and C6 Jumpstart Party

April 24th

Log Cabin, Abridge, 10.00 Boreham

- May 1 Air Ambulance show North Weald.
- May 8 Ace Café Yamaha Day 10.00 Brentwood services
A12/M25
- May 15 Maybush PH, Waldringfield, Suffolk for Sunday lunch
10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Langham
- May 20-22 Belgium rally
- May 21 [Saturday] Charsfield village fete, 10.30 Boreham,
Langham 11.15
- May 22 Hospice garden party, Ashford House, Herts. 10.00
Boreham probably
- May 27-30 C9 The Lost Knights rally at Sleaford
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- June 5 Barton Mills and Crazy Horse. 10.00 Boreham
- June 12 Stowmarket 70 mile round trip, Air Ambulance.
Arrangements to be announced
- June 17-19 Sweden international rally
- June 19 C19 rally dummy run to Southwold, 10.00 Boreham
10.45 Langham
- June 26 Burnham on Crouch scenic route. 10.00 Boreham
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- July 3 TBA
- July 10 C19 picnic, Cudmore Grove, East Mersea.
- July 15-17 C6 Goes Dutch rally, Lytham St Annes
- July 24 Parham air museum. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham
- July 31 Silver ball café and Finchingfield. 10.00 Boreham
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- August 7 Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Maldon. C19
have a stand.
- August 14 Bexhill Motofest, Bexhill on sea. 10.30 Thurrock
- August 21 Walton on the Naze. 10.00 Boreham
- August 26-29 C10 rally at Holt, Norfolk
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- Sept 4 TBA
- Sept 9-11 Dutch National Rally
- Sept 11 Harwich Air Ambulance. 10.00 Boreham
- Sept 18 TBA
- Sept 24 [Saturday] C10 charity party
- Sept 25 Shotley marina. 10.00 Boreham
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- Oct 2 Copdock bike show. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham
- Oct 9 Brightona, Brighton. 10.00 Thurrock