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Centre 19 meeting's date

June 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 6th June 2016
The Crown. Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR,

South meeting

8pm Monday 20th June 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

July 2016

North meeting

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 18th July 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

Reps ramblings

Hi Crusaders hope you are all well and got those bikes raring to go. The first rally upon us and all being well a dry one, more on that in the next issue. I know it get repetitive but only last week Peter mentioned that he had no write ups for this issue, believe me I know how hard it is to try and do a write up, as I have to do this every month plus the clatter and it is always the same people donating to the SEAX. so put down what you can and Peter can always edit it if that's what it takes to get some fresh views thank you. Good news, our 2017 rally site has been confirmed and agreed the rugby club at Woodbridge Suffolk, with just the contract to be drawn up and signed. At last weeks south meet it was suggested at having a country and western theme for the Saturday night, I know it was done maybe a good 10 years ago and it was a hit. so please don't just read this and let it pass, thoughts on this is important as it is your rally. June 5 is the Southwold ride out which is going to be a dummy run for the rally so it will start at the rugby club, we need as many as possible to turn out for this, yes I know it's early but Alan needs to work out any problems and will need more trials to get it right . Those going to Sweden if I don't see you have a great time.

Ace Cafe Yamaha day.

Well what a lovely morning to get the bike out, no leathers just my protective jeans and jacket and summer gloves, yes I did say summer.

Ten of us left Brentwood services for a nice ride round the north circular via the M11, with no traffic, well that's a first.

On arrival, we met C13 who had set up a stand with just enough space for our bikes, with about 30 in all.

What a scorcher of a day, couldn't be better, well yes it could as we were given a free tea voucher. We even had some Scrumpties travel up and a mad axeman.

Well it was good to catch up with our friends and it was time to head back and get that BBQ going, great day had by all. **Bruce.**



Sunday lunch in Waldringfield

Ten bikes, twelve people left Langham ably led by Alan coming off the A12 at the Copdock slip on to the B1113. Continuing on the B1113 to the B1078 which took us across the A14 and on through some lovely Suffolk villages Coddensham, Ashbocking, Gibraltar [no not that one] on to Wickham Market, turning off the B1078 at Wickham Market onto the B1438 through Woodbridge to a C road to Waldringfield.

The Maybush PH overlooks the river Deben, good choice Al. Peter went by car so drove directly there along with Barry and were already eating their lunch when we arrived, very disrespectful.

Alan had pre-booked a table for eight so Clive, Tina, Effing Dave and Sue Don't Pay all sat outside with Peter and Barry.

After a very pleasant lunch and the obligatory photo shoots Terry, Chris, Phil and I had a short walk along the beach back to the car park and the bikes.

Once everybody was back at the bikes we all left together directly onto the A12/A14/A12 and home.

Good weather, good food, good company, lovely ride, great day.

Trev.

Two Fetes in one weekend.

When I say two Fetes, I really mean one fete and one garden party.

On Saturday [21st] seven of us on five bikes met up at Langham for a ride to Alan's [Stainless] house in the village of Charsfield [Suffolk] for the annual village fete. It started well enough, came off the A12 at the Copdock turnoff onto the B1113 with the intention turning off onto the B1078 through to Charsfield, but the bloody satnav had other ideas. It turned us off at Sroughton instead of straight through which subsequently took into Ipswich but Effing Dave saved the day and guided me to the ring road and then was able to find the B1077 which finally led to the B1078 and Charsfield.

Once at Alan's and parked on his drive we enjoyed a gastronomic delight of chicken, sausages, beans, onions, cheese and jacket potato prepared by Alan himself. Once sated we rode the bikes the couple of hundred yards to the field of the fete to put on display. Typical fete, plenty to do AND the rain held off.

Trev.

Ride out to Ashridge House 22.5.16

Another stunning day of sunshine, much better than last year and a much bigger turn out of bikes for this charity event for the Hospice garden party. 3 of us left Brentwood services Trevor Dave E and myself to meet up at a pub in potters end, a quick ride around the M25 and A41 some nice country roads and we arrived, a couple there already but it wasn't long before a load more came, C12, C14 C10 and of course C19.

After tea and biscuits we set off for Ashridge house which is where they filmed some of Harry Potter, the famous moving stair case.

19 bikes on display on the main lawn , and it got busy quick the SUN bringing everybody out and the chrome was a great attraction raising loads of money at the same time, (amount to follow soon) all we asked was a donation to sit on the bikes not just the kids either, from toddlers to an 87 year old lady with some help managed to get her leg over a bike. I know it clashed with Belgium but I am sure it would have been a lot shinier had it not, a great day in all well done to everybody.

Last years C10 charity party raised a £1000.00 for the hospice which was presented to the new head of the charity. A nice group photo of us all is shown.

Bruce.



Presentation of £1000 charity party cheque



strolling around.

Air Ambulance "Ride to Remember" June 12.

On the 12th June you will see the ride out is the Air Ambulance's Ride to Remember from a kind of a show near Stowmarket. It's a typical Air Ambulance affair with stalls bands and family fun, and the ride is a 75 mile round trip. For those interested in the ride it's £8.00 including entry to the fair or £5.00 for the fair only. Try and come, it is for a good cause, hopefully you'll never need the Air ambulance but you never know.

Trev.

Belgium rally May 2017

I woke up on Friday morning to the sound of rain, so not a good start. By the time I left it had stopped and the sun was out, result !!

I arrived at Thurrock in good time for a meet with 7 others and left at 10.15 for a spirited ride to Eurotunnel picking up another 4 on the way.

The train was late leaving so no surprise there, after a bit of a de tour we arrived at the rally site in Lichtervelde about 4.30pm

Several of us had booked beds in a bunk house and they were in the form of bunk beds 3 stories high, I was warned I needed a ladder and a comical old Dutchman had thought it hilarious to put me on the top bunk, ha ha, no ----- way was I going up 3 floors and sleeping near the ceiling, fortunately it was a joke and a bed had been reserved on the ground floor. On the negative side I did have a Ginger Ninja on the first floor over me !!

The ride out on Saturday took us along side roads, pretty villages, Ypres and the Menin gate on the way back, cobbled streets, sharp bends and aggressive marshalling done by all riders, finishing off at the usual eatery where we all sat outside in the sunshine for lunch. 73 miles in all at a very leisurely pace !!

We also stopped at a War cemetery on the way back , some nostalgia there.



Entrance to the War graves cemetery

Rain was forecast for Saturday night and Sunday which prompted a few to go home early, some of us braved it and the forecast was sort of right as Sunday it was raining, not hard but enough to do damage. Oh well , no choice and we had planned to leave at 10am by which time the rain had stopped and the roads were dry and that is the way it stayed for the rest of the journey on the Continent, a bit of rain in the UK but no damage done and I was home by 2.45pm after catching the 12.20 [uk time] train.

It was a small event and the Belgium club only has a few members who always put on a good show with a lively band on Friday night who played for 2 hours non stop.

Mileage was a minimal 450 for me and a nice way to start the season.

Ta ta for now

Mr K.

Allison, Jane & Fleur chatting



Nick at the cemetery

Bass &



Theme for our 2017 rally.

I was thinking we didn't have a theme for the Saturday night at our Rally next year, so maybe Country and Western if we can find a suitable band. Any feedback or any other suggestions would be welcome. Email Bruce, Trev or Alan [Via Dawn].

Trev

What about Rock and Roll on Friday night?

From the Editor

Dont forget the C9 rally at Sleaford this weekend, a four day one if you want to stretch it out, meet at the Rest Area on the A120 at 10am

See Trevor's request for the rally dummy run in Ride outs. The centre does need marshals for this ride out so please try and help.

Rideouts

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

June ride outs

5th

Rally dummy run to Southwold. It would be good to have a good turnout for this as the idea is for those that are prepared to martial the ride can be familiar with the route. 10am Boreham, 10.45am Langham

12th

Burnham on Crouch scenic route 10am Boreham

19th

Air Ambulance memorial run from Stowmarket 75mls back to Stowmarket. There'll be a country fair, live bands, refreshments and fun for all the family, so if you don't want to do the ride you could just stay at the fair.
10am Boreham, 10.45am Langham

17th-19th

Swedish International Rally

26th

Walton on the Naze 10am Boreham

July 3rd Maldon Classic vehicle show. 10.00 Boreham

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

August 7 Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Maldon. C19 has 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

Sept 4 TBA

Sept 9-11 Dutch international rally

Sept 11 Harwich Air Ambulance. 10.00 Boreham

Sept 18 TBA

Sept 24 [Saturday] C10 charity party

Sept 25 Shotley marina. 10.00Boreham

Oct 2 Copdock bike show. 10.00 Boreham 10.45 Langham

Oct 9 Brightona, Brighton. 10.00 Thurrock