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

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## *Centre 19 meeting dates*

### **December 2019**

North meeting

8pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 [**Now Tuesday and not Monday**]  
The Anchor, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

### **January 2020**

North meeting

8pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The Anchor, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk CO7 6LW

South meeting

8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

## *Reps Ramblings*

North meeting 5.11.19

It was good to see Phil turn up all the way from his new home in Norfik [ said in my best carrot crunching accent ] and to hear that he has settled in well and become part of the speed monitoring team .very covert or some may say ' sneaky ' The raffle went well, took £5 and spent £5 on prizes, a good job we don't rely on that to eat lol, simple for accountancy purposes though. The North meetings are very cosy but could do with more support so come on you ' Southerners ' make an effort or even some more of the Northerners lol

South meeting 18.11.19

Usual suspects in attendance and the details of the National AGM were discussed,  
Peter announced that it was likely he would give up the VC role at next year's AGM after 12 years in the job, so if anyone has a burning desire please speak to him and watch out for the job advert. Next year will be a busy one again with 3 National rallies all advertised on the VSOC website, the C19 website, and in Clatter; plus an International rally in Finland.  
Any ride out suggestions to Trevor or myself as a ride out list will be put together early next year in the normal way.  
Just to say I will see a lot of you at the C19 Xmas meal on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and if you have any spare raffle prizes please bring them along  
Just leaves me to say Happy Christmas everyone and a healthy, happy 2020.

## YCCNL rally 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> September - from another perspective

A Group of us met at Mr K's house on the Thursday evening and left for Harwich ferry about 7.30 pm. There were 7 bikes and 8 riders.

Whilst waiting at the ferry terminal more of our club members arrived from all over the country.

The ferry was late so we didn't board until gone 10 pm so most of us were tired and after having a drink went to bed but a few stayed and made an evening of it.

We all had cabins to sleep in which were very nice and the shower was [great](#). [It](#) was a very early morning wake up call and then we went for breakfast before going back and vacating cabins with our stuff. Several Dutch members met us at the ferry port the other side and took us all to our destination where most of us were staying in a bunk house but some were in tents. Clive and I stayed in bunk house were there ended up with about 50 people staying. We didn't get much sleep with lots of people snoring the night away but everyone was very welcoming and a good time was had by all.

On the Friday we were all quite tired from the journey so got our bearings on the camp site and local area. The food was nice but I don't like raw meat so stayed away from meat dishes and sandwiches.

On Saturday it was going to be constant rain so a few groups of us went out on the tram for the day. We walked to a tram stop as we couldn't get a taxi but some got a bus there. We got the tram to The Hague and walked around town for a little while then we got a tram to Den Hague central and got a tram to palace promenade where we saw a big wheel, bungee jumpers, lots of quaint shops a long pier and lots of eateries, we stopped and had some lunch and then later all had an ice cream.

We then got the tram back to Den Hague station where we then went to Delft town where there are lots of sightseeing and so much to see.

We stopped in a pub for a drink and the barmaid was telling us some of the history of the area and of things to see which we then went and saw for ourselves, it was very busy.

Whilst we were in Holland and doing lots of walking we had to be careful as bikes and scooters have right of way on most footpaths and there were plenty of them. We bumped into a few of our other members here and there and they seemed to be having a good time too.

We didn't get back to camp till 6.30 very tired but it was good fun.

On Sunday morning we were all up early again as someone decided to put a light on in the dorm lol, so we were all ready and packed ages before we

needed to be.

Finally we were all ready to leave, there were 12 of us went to The Hook for the ferry, it was running on time so not too much waiting around. Once on ferry we all had something to eat and drink and then relaxed in the lounge were some people dozed off to sleep for little while.

Some of us had our dinner on the ferry as time was getting on we didn't leave ferry till 7ish and then we had a long ride home.

We had a great time, the food and company at the rally was brilliant .

Tina and Clive

Great write up Tina , you have got a job lol. Tina and Clive do not attend many overseas events, if any, so great to have Tina's perspective on this rally which is not hard to get to. I actually did 66 miles door to door as we didn't use the bikes once there due to inclement weather. Less than half a tank of petrol . Food for thought other C19 members.

### C19 AGM 20.10.19

The AGM was fairly well attended with the usual suspects in attendance so thanks to those who attended.

We had a few apologies but a lot we didn't hear from which is a shame, maybe next year ?

There were no real issues so it seems the members are happy with the way things are going.

We will be sitting down soon to discuss next years ride out programme so as usual we are asking for new ideas for ride out destinations, get those thinking caps on please.

Gary asked if the Retired Riders group could be started again, it started many years ago and quickly got renamed, the Retarded Riders group, can't imagine why, it then drifted in to oblivion for the last few years.

Therefore from April to September probably on a Wednesday once a month the Retarded Riders will ride again, destination to be decided on the day, maybe even the Donkey Sanctuary Gary !! weather as always permitting but then it can be moved to the next Wednesday, just saying !! You do not have to be retired to attend by the way so if you fancy a mid-week ride just turn up. All issues will be in the minutes aptly written by our first choice minute writer Dawn, clap clap clap lol.

## Minutes of C19 AGM 20.10.19

Top table Dave Enefer, Peter Gauntlett, Trevor Lathrope

16 members in attendance

Dave proposed approval of 2018 minutes, Bob Owen seconded it so minutes approved.

**Apologies from**, Phil Stephens, Dennis Gale, Gary Daisley, Fred van den Boom and Louise Roberts

Dave advise we have recently gained a new member, Karen (Kazzy) Austin as a result of the Museum of Power stand, we hope to see her out and about soon.

Thankyou's issued to Peter, Trevor, Alan, Clive and Tina for their support with things like ride outs, raffles and Seax etc.

Dave Commented on the general poor turn out through out the year.

Trevor has suggested that Clive and Tina and Terry and Christine help again with the ride out calendar, but again we need suggestions from everyone, general feeling was that if people don't offer suggestions, then they can't moan if the place/rideout chosen does not suit them.

Peter issued the accounts for last year and ran through the results, a copy is attached for reference. Whilst on the subject of accounts the members were advised that a donation of £100 was made to the family of the couple injured in the accident on the way to the Yorkies rally earlier this year, sadly the lady did not survive and the man is still in hospital so this money will be added to the VSOC collection of around £4k which will undoubtedly help the family in the run up to Christmas, this was approved along with the accounts in general.

**Seax**, we still need articles so it was suggested that a person on the rideout be nominated to do a write up so that there are different people contributing in future, rather than the same people all the time. This was agreed.

**Website**, we have had an offer to have the website hosted for free by a member from another centre, the domain name only costs around £8 per year so if we take this offer up the website will continue, Bob Owen was tasked with contacting the person behind the offer to find out more information and will respond by the next South meeting

**Merchandise** - Bruce handed this task back to the top table, Dawn volunteered to manage the ordering going forward. Bruce will email Dawn with the company details etc. Minimum 10 items are required to make an order viable.

All officers stood for re-election and all were voted back on to the committee.

**Events** - please be aware that in the future when making a ferry booking they will need your full name as in your passport and your date of birth, new rules due to Brexit.

**Inter centre bowling** date is 2/2/2020, venue to be confirmed, watch this space. The venue is likely to be the same as last year in Stevenage so we need a team of 10 players.

There was some discussion about the Mersea picnic in July, some people felt that since we changed from a BBQ the turnout has fallen, so a change of venue was suggested, it has been decided that there will be a BBQ at Alan Ward's (stainless) house instead, cars welcome although as it is a bike event, bikes preferred.

The museum of power will be booked for next year by Trevor

We will not have Brighton on the ride out calendar next year, there will not be a rally in a Hotel either

Rally dates are;

22/5/2020 Matlock, C9,

18/7/2020 Kendall, Cumbria C6

28/8/2020 Somerset C17

Bob will ensure the flyers are on the website soon

The International rally is in Finland in 2020 and there are also rallies in Belgium 8.5.20 to 10.5.20 and Holland usually in September but no date set yet.

### **Any other business**

Peter informed everyone about the accident in which C19 member Tony Harris lost his right foot Charity money - Alan suggested that no more is donated to causes outside the club or C19, there was general approval of this

Tina will continue with the raffle at the south meetings, Alan with the north, donations of prizes are always welcome please

Our Facebook admin will be Peter and Bob moving forward

**Retired riders** midweek outings are to make a come back, but probably only once a month for now, more to follow on that soon.

The booking for the Christmas meal was paid for on the night, with 28 people attending, date is 7/12/2019, please arrive by 7pm for 7.30 sit down. If you have anything suitable for the raffle it would be gratefully received on the night,

meeting closed around 9pm

AGM for next year is Sunday 18/10/2020 at the lodge, 7 for 7.30 pm

If anyone wants a copy of the accounts please contact Mr K. Thank you

## *Vice Chairman*

A lot of you will know that I have been Vice Chairman of the VSOC for many years now, about 12, but the time has come to think about stepping aside and let someone else have a go.

At the AGM in November it was decided to create a new post on the Executive Committee, Deputy Vice Chairman, the idea being that the appointed person will shadow me for the time up until the AGM in November 2020 and then step up to the VC role.

These ' Top Table ' positions will be for a maximum of 4 years now under the R&C's , something that was agreed at the AGM so you won't be in the job for a lifetime .

As things stand at the moment my intention is to give up the position next year assuming there is someone willing to take the Vice Chairman position, if no one steps up I will have to re think.

The job adverts, job description and person spec have been written and will be published shortly but in the meantime if any of you are interested in this very interesting job and ' getting involved ' then please give me a call so we can have a discussion.

The job will be open to full members of the VSOC and you must own a qualifying bike.

Anything else please ask. Thank you

Peter aka Mr K

### *From the Editor*

Don't forget Ride outs are back to 10.30am Boreham from 1<sup>st</sup> December

It looks like we are getting a team together for the Inter Centre bowling match with potentially 9 names already, doesn't mean to say we don't want reserves or supporters cos we do. I am happy to not bowl if someone else wants to have a go and I mean that lol.

Can those of you coming to the Xmas meal on the 7<sup>th</sup> December please note the time 7pm for 7.30 and if you have anything that would be suitable for a raffle prize please bring it along, other than that don't forget to bring yourselves along, [ a prompt for you Trev in case you forget ]

Thanks to Bob and Alan Johnson from C14 the C19 website will continue as Alan has offered free hosting as part of his IT company, don't ask me the intimate details as I haven't a clue but all I know is that the main cost about £80 a year won't have to be paid out of centre funds, Thanks Bob.

The last meeting of the year is the 16<sup>th</sup> December so it would be good to see as many as possible.

Just leaves me to say Have a very happy Christmas and a happy trouble free biking year ahead. 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 will revert back to 10.30am from the 1st December and back to 10am from the 1st March 2020, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course.