



VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone welcome to 2006, didn't last year go quick, a little bit too quickly if you ask me - or is that me getting old?

We finished last year in fine style with our Centre party at Gedling, almost 80 tickets were sold and we were entertained by an excellent band and our own Paul Harrison doing the honours with the disco.

The next couple of months will be our quietest but there will still be things that need to be done, the bikes need servicing, polishing and all the goodies we've bought ourselves for Christmas have to be fitted.

This month sees the bike show at the Springfields Exhibition Centre at Spalding and next month we have our spot booked at the Japanese Bike Show at Donington. As normal I am looking for a good number of people to bring their bikes along, this is an excellent two-day show and it's indoors. Last year two of our County Reps won cash awards and trophies and our stand was very busy, one of the busiest of the show.

This is the time of year when we start to plan our Rallies and parties for the year. I know you're going to get fed up with me wittering on about this, but this July we are holding our first National Party. Many things are already in place including our flyer somewhere in this newsletter, also

booked are the bands and because we have all the facilities of a leisure centre at our disposal we have already booked the main hall for basketball /5-a-side football/table tennis and badminton (all equipment supplied) and also the swimming pool for our sole use. Please book your tickets early, it's a couple of weeks before the Irish Rally so come on, you can do it. Put it on your calendar and remember to keep your tickets safe.

That's it for me this month, I'm afraid I've been far too busy this month with work, work, Christmas and work, so enjoy the rest of your newsletter.

*Male
Centre 9
Rep
'The Lost
Riders'*

Here are a couple of pictures taken at the Centre 9 Xmas Party in Gedling. The girl on the far right is Vicki, Martin's (Malc's son) girlfriend who was taking part in the Derbyshire X-Factor. She also sang for us at the party.



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JANUARY 2006

- 3** VSOC C9 Meeting, Grey Goose, Gedling.
9 VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough.
11 VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote.
14-15 Springfields Motorbike Show, Spalding, 10 am to 4.30pm
18 Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in February's newsletter.
21 VSOC Lincolnshire Area New Year's Party - see separate flyer in this newsletter.
22  Ride-out to the Barge at Newark. Leaving CMC Chesterfield at 11 am.

FEBRUARY

- 4-5 Classic Japanese Bike Show at Donington. Exhibitors wanted for either days - contact Malc for more details.
7 VSOC C9 Meeting, Grey Goose, Gedling.
8 VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote.
13 VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough.

MARCH

- 29** VSOC Centre 6 Jumpstart Party. Tickets are available from the 1st December 2005 and normally sell very quickly. Price **£7.00 each** and limited to 180, available form HD on 01704 562025.

MAY

- 1** Centre 4 Northern Raiders to come to the Anchor Inn, Friskney. More details later.
12-14 Centre 18 (Peninsula Pirates) Clotted Cream Party, Camborne Rugby Club (Off the A30, Cornwall)
19-21 Memba Rally (Friday) plus the BMF Show, Peterborough Showground.
26-29 Centre 7 Mutton Molesters Rally, at Tonna Rugby Club, West Glamorgan.

JUNE

- 9-11** Danish International Rally, Klinteborg.
10-11 BMF GEMS Show, Kent.
23-25 Cottesmore Camping Weekend, same format & venue as last year.
30-2 Centre 13 Roadrunners 'Easy Cruising' Rally.

JULY

- 14-16** Centre 9 National Party - The Sherwood ShinDig (see separate flyer elsewhere in this newsletter)
28-31 Centre 2 Ireland - Laughin' Leprechaun Rally. Bike ferry places limited - don't leave it too late!

AUGUST

- 25-28** Centre 4 The Northern Raiders
FOURGASM II Rally (The Second Cumin')

JUNE 2007

- 27-29** Centre 9 National Rally.

NEWS

from the VSOC website



Malcolm Tibby Update

Centre 5 (Yorkies) member Malcolm Tibby had a severe stroke on 15th December and is in Liverpool hospital.

The latest update is that he is a little better, and the doctor has written a letter for transfer and they are now waiting for a bed at Doncaster.

I am sure that he would appreciate having visitors. If anyone either lives or is currently staying in the area, even if it is only for 10 minutes or so. Malcolm is a regular VSOC rally goer (his 650 Drag Star won the best of its class at Centre 8's rally 2005).

It must get lonely in hospital, especially so far from home at this time of year...

Steve Reynolds

GET IT A WEEK EARLIER !



We are currently trialing an emailable version of the C9 newsletter.

It will be in the form of a 6 page 'Word' file of about 2 or 3 mb size

and be (in part at least) in colour.

If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please email me at: jayne.bell@hemscoll.net and I will add your name to my circulation list.

The emailed file should reach you up to 5 days before the Gedling meeting. PS: PLEASE ASK FOR A READ-RECEIPT ON YOUR REQUEST SO YOU KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED IT!

WEBSITES

www.vsoc.org.uk
www.lostriders.co.uk

CENTRE 9

Grey Goose Public House
Gedling, Nr Arnold
NOTTINGHAM
1st Tues of the month from 7.30pm
includes FREE BUFFET

DERBYSHIRE

Dusty Miller Public House
BARLBOROUGH
(just off J30 M1)
2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm

LEICESTERSHIRE / NORTHANTS

The Tavern Inn
WALCOTE,
Nr Lutterworth
1 minute from J20 M1
2nd Wed of the month from 7.30pm

LINCOLNSHIRE

**NO DATES AT THIS STAGE -
- TO BE NOTIFIED VIA THE
WEBSITE OR PUBLISHED HERE**

Here are a few piccies taken during the Radio Derby Money Mountain Appeal in November.

Despite a 'changeable' weather forecast, the day stayed dry and nearly £800 was raised for Charity.

Afterwards a dozen or so Lost Riders went back to Rick's house for a buffet lunch which was much appreciated by everyone.

Thanks Rick.



Yamaha XVS 250 DRAG STAR

A rare opportunity to buy a pearl of this scarce limited edition bike.

- ★ First registered in 2003
- ★ Only two owners from new, and cleaned/garaged after every run.
- ★ Colour scheme black and chrome.
- ★ Currently 6800 miles on the clock and ridden in the sun.

FOR SALE



- ★ Regularly serviced - in short this bike is in pristine condition and lovingly cared for.
- ★ Extras include a genuine Drag Star Screen and Datatag.
- ★ Runs like a dream and all it needs is someone to enjoy the ride.

Absolute genuine reason for sale.

Offers in the region of £2600.00

Please contact: poshbiker@googlemail.com
or ring on 07967639381 for more details.

A typical German town in the Harz Mountains



Outside the Hotel Harmonie in Bad Grund (where we stayed)

A couple of pictures taken during 'Tessa & the Two Johns' Germany Trip

Does Motorcycling Make Your Crotch Moist?



Whatever it is that turns you on, most of us fantasize in one way or another about something or other. It might be Film Stars, Pop Stars, Fast Cars, Exotic Holidays, after all it's how most of us (that don't have the aforementioned) get through life.

I get my kicks riding my motorbike and I'm sure a lot of you do the same, otherwise you wouldn't be reading this. It's the freedom - the call of the open road and places to explore. The exhilaration of speed - wind in the hair, bugs in the teeth.

I'm not generally known for my optimistic outlook on life but I love riding my bike, it cheers me up no end. If there's somewhere to go, a ride-out, a nice day, or not even a nice day, I'll be on my bike and I don't put it away for the winter either, I wouldn't call myself a serious biker if I did. So whatever the time of year with time to spare, I'll be out there braving the British weather. And it can all change so quickly, old proverbs like "Morning Sunshine, Crap by lunchtime" and "Sunny Day, Won't stay that way" spring to mind.

It doesn't seem to make any difference to me. I take the view 'what's an isolated shower between friends?' - I'll dry out in between, and so it's rare that I ever take waterproofs with me (or at least bother to wear them if I do). It's a bit of a defeatist attitude to

'give in' and put the waterproofs on, so in truth I often don't bother.

And so the familiar sequence begins. First the clouds start to gather - no problem. Then they thicken up - ominous but still optimistic. Then fine rain - it won't last! Rain becomes heavier - there's a brighter bit up ahead! Finally, with prolonged and heavy rain it's too late to put those waterproofs on. I've already gone through that oh-so-regular chain of events: "Ooh I felt a drip" (as the first dampness runs off my jacket and onto my jeans); through "It's starting to become a trickle"; to "I feel as though I've stood waist deep in a river".

When we arrive at our destination or make our next stop the inevitable comments begin. "Didn't you bring any waterproofs?" and pitying "Here borrow my (hideously large) spare pair". Doesn't seem any point quite frankly because my crotch by now is 'moist' to say the least.

It's become a way of life really, a sort of defiance of the British weather - go on, do your worst, I don't care! I simply refuse to stop and interrupt my ride to put on waterproofs, in fact I find it tedious when others want to pull over at the first hint of dampness to don their wet gear. If you're bothered about getting wet then you should have put it on before you set off!

Consequently motorcycling DOES make my crotch moist! How about you?

by Jayne Bell, (Ed)

21st JAN from 7.30pm



LINCOLNSHIRE NEW YEARS PARTY

STARTERS

Tomato (gin sling) Soup

or

Prawn Cocktail.

MAIN COURSE

Roast Beef and trimmings Yorkshire puddings plus choice of vegetables etc

Roast Lamb plus choice of vegetables etc

Vegetarian Option available

AFTERS

Various Desserts

followed by coffee

ALL FOR £8.25

To book, contact Geg's on 01526 343875

Cheques payable to the Castle Inn

Moneys must be up front for meals.

& post to G. Hall, Caranby House, New York Road, Dog Dyke, Lincoln, LN4 4UR

Overnight accommodation at £15 per head includes breakfast

to be booked direct with the pub

Contact Linda or Dave on 01526 342336

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members from around the county. have a beer or more. sleep it off if you feel the desire.

Suggestions for the night for meeting places during the winter months please on the night.

Come and join your fellow Centre 9 members!

Cottesmore Camping Weekend

**£6 per tent
per night,
for further details**

23rd, 24th & 25th JUNE

at

Cottesmore Sports & Social Club

**Nr. Oakham,
Rutland**

contact
**Roy or Julie on
01780 460698**

All facilities on site.
Tea & Coffee

Breakfast on site courtesy of Cottesmore Scouts
(price to be arranged at a later date
but no more than £4 each).

A Ride-Out through some of Rutland's
finest countryside.

Club and Pubs within walking distance
for a variety of food & drink.

Bring
yer
own
mugs



DIY BBQ

on

Saturday

night



Centre 9 Invites You To The



National Party 2006

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th July 2006

At

The Alfreton Leisure Centre, Church Street, Alfreton. DE55 7BD.

Live Bands & Disco. Rideout into Beautiful Derbyshire. Hot Food.

Exclusive To Us, Leisure Centre Facilities.

5 mins walk from town centre.

Ticket Prices.

£10 in Advance, or £12 on the gate.

Can I Have ____ Tickets at £10.

Name:- _____

Address:- _____

Membership No.:- _____

Cheques Payable to:- VSOC Centre 9

Please Send Completed Form with SAE to:-

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