



# VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



## FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

### Ride to The Barge, Newark - Sunday 22 Jan

The forecast was 4°C and fog but still 15 bikes gathered at CMC Chesterfield ready for a ride to the Barge at Newark. Some, like Pete and Lee Brown even travelled from Leicestershire to take part. And so a pleasant ride of about 30 miles was had along gently winding roads through the villages to Newark with varying amounts of sun and fog along the way. Road conditions were good barring the odd patch of mud.



at CMC before setting off

Arriving at Newark, we were met by others who had made their own way there, coming from all over our region; Nottingham, Lincoln, Derby, Rutland.....in total 28 hardened (in some cases with cold.....others were pleased to see us!!) bikers turned up. PLUS those having made their way by car.

The Barge was packed full of Lost Riders all getting a hot drink or a bite of lunch. The atmosphere was like a reunion party, even though we'd only seen each other 2 or 3 weeks before. Julie was also celebrating her 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of passing her bike test.

After about 1 1/2 hours and with the sun now broken through, some chose to go directly home but the convoy of now 14 bikes continued on its way up the east side of the Trent, over Dunham Bridge, then to Worksop and back to Chesterfield which made about an 80 mile round trip.



at The Barge, Newark

We only did one U-Turn and NO we weren't lost, it was due to an accident, so we opted for a small diversion. What great spirit our members have to achieve a 28 bike turnout on a cold January day. Well done everyone!!

Jayne (Ed)

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## 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**
- 19  **Ride-out**, leaves Clay Cross Power Sports at 11 am.

## MARCH

- 5 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
- 7 **VSOC C9 Meeting & AUTOJUMBLE** (see separate ad in this newsletter), **Grey Goose, Gedling**
- 8 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
- 13 **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**
- 22 *Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in the March newsletter.*
- 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.

## APRIL

- 2  **Ride-out** *More details later.*
- 4 **VSOC C9 Meeting and AGM at the Grey Goose, Gedling**

## 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 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.**



## Subject: Ferry Deal for Rally 2006

Hello All,

I've just received the details on the ferry bookings discount.

### Rally goers will need to:

1. Log on to <http://www.stenaline.co.uk/event>
2. Enter your first name, surname and the event code. The event code is EV075. (eee vee zero seven five)
3. Follow the instructions from there.

The amount to be paid for a bike, rider and pillion is **£70.00** on the fast boats or **£60.00** on the slow boat.

I would recommend that the Midlands and Northern centres go out from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire. The Southern centres can travel out from Fishguard to Rosslare (this is a slow ferry route only though).

Cheers  
Brian,  
Centre 2 Rep

## 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@hemscot1.net](mailto:jayne.bell@hemscot1.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!

## MEETING DATES & VENUES

### 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

Castle Inn.  
**CONINGSBY**  
from 12 noon  
**NEXT MEETING: 5th March**



# MILLS'S BIT

**H**i everyone in April it will once again be Centre 9's AGM, where any comments, criticisms (hopefully constructive) can be heard and any responses if necessary given, the financial status of the Centre will be announced and ALL positions within the Centre voted upon. Nothing is being taken for granted, free time is a valuable commodity and we all go thro' phases when we have more of it than at others - that's free time of course.

Our 'committee' for this year have done a brilliant job and if they wish to be re-elected or anyone is considering being elected for any position at all please let me know if possible by the end of this month. There should be no need to say it but all names will be held in confidence if so wished.

Below is my idea of what each job entails, remember tho', that it's only my impression and not necessarily that of the Centre Rep for 2006/7. To be eligible for any of the jobs you'll 'ave to be;



1. willing to work closely with (and co-operate with) the Centre/County Reps
2. to act within and support the 'rules and constitution' of the National VSOC



As the song goes 'it's not unusual' for some jobs to be shared, e.g. Mr Paul Burdass has been in charge of merchandising, but has had help in actually selling the goods.

## Centre Rep

- He or she will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and main contact for new and existing members and will offer advice and information on a local and national level
- Will promote the VSOC locally and nationally
- Will encourage members to participate in official VSOC events
- To liaise with other Centres when required
- To hold Centre meetings and attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- To attend as many VSOC Rallies as possible and to attend the rally meeting at the event
- Will write articles for the 'Clatter' and the Centre newsletter
- Continue the Centre meetings at The Grey Goose, Gedling

## Deputy Rep

- Will promote the VSOC locally and nationally
- Encourage members to participate in official VSOC events
- In the absence of the Centre rep to hold Centre meetings and attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- Will write regular articles for the Centre newsletter

## County Rep

- Organise and take control of local meets
- Organise, lead and advertise county ride-outs in the newsletter
- Inform Centre Rep of local events
- Attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- Contribute regularly to the Centre newsletter

## Treasurer

- To maintain all financial records for the centre
- To be responsible for all cash, cheques and the Centre's bank account

## Webmaster

- To regularly update the website with information relevant and interesting to Centre 9 members and prospective new members alike
- To attend as many Centre events as is practicable

## Newsletter Editor

- Work to a critical deadline
- To edit, produce and contribute to a newsletter with information relevant and interesting to Centre 9 members and prospective new members alike
- To attend as many Centre events as is practicable

## Merchandising Officer

- To have made at the best price and to make easily available a variety of 'Lost Riders' merchandising
- To work closely with the treasurer

## Ride-out Liaison Officer

\*\*\*\*\*NEW POST\*\*\*\*

- To liaise with Centre/County reps and advertise ride-outs in the newsletter and on the website
- To organise ride-outs if none already done
- To attend as many ride-outs as is practicable and to write about them for the newsletter and website



? *Have you filled in and sent off your voting slip for Lincs in/out of Centre 9, every vote counts and is needed. Don't leave it to someone else and don't think it doesn't matter, because it does.. Dig it out, fill it in and send it to Bill Mills. NOW ! ! ! !*



➡ *Please send in your membership renewals asap so as to avoid the April rush!*

# Virago Star Owners Club

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

E.Mail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### BIKE DETAILS

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis No: \_\_\_\_\_

Datag: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate to which VSOC Centre you would like your renewal details sent (one only please).

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centres 1 & 2 - SCOTLAND/IRELAND                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 11 - HOME COUNTIES<br>(Bedfordshire & Buckinghamshire)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 3 - STAFFORDSHIRE<br>Including Cheshire & surrounding areas   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 12 - THAMES VALLEY<br>(Berkshire & Oxfordshire)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 4 - NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 13 - NORTH LONDON & surrounding areas                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 5 - YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 14 - SOUTH LONDON & SURREY  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 6 - NORTHWEST & CUMBRIA<br>including Lancashire & Isle of Man | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 15 - KENT & EAST SUSSEX   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 7 - WALES   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 16 - SOLENT (Hampshire & West Sussex)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 8 - WEST MIDLANDS   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 17 - SOUTHWEST<br>(Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire & Wiltshire) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 9 - EAST MIDLANDS<br>Including Lincolnshire                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 18 - DEVON & CORNWALL   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre10 - EAST ANGLIA<br>(Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 19 - ESSEX  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre 20 - OFF SHORE  |

**PLEASE RENEW BY 30th APRIL 2006 AS AFTER THIS DATE A REJOINING FEE OF £5.00 WILL BE CHARGED**

Subscription for year ending 31st March 2007 remain at **£17.50**

Please make cheques payable to the **VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB** and send to:-  
MALCOLM BLAND (Membership Secretary)

103a Hunsworth Lane, Hunsworth, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 4DP

Remember that you do not have to leave the VSOC if choose to sell your Virago, Drag Star or Royal Star.  
**ONCE A MEMBER, ALWAYS A MEMBER!**

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# AutoJumble

**Tuesday  
7th  
March**

**at the  
Grey Goose  
Geeling  
meel**

Bring any parts, accessories, custom extras, spares, camping equipment, clothing, tools, bits you were bought for Xmas but don't want etc. - in fact anything you want to sell or swap. Bring them to the meeting and see if you can either raise some cash, make some space, or pick up a bargain!

## FUN TIME...FUN TIME...FUN TIME...



Three motorcyclists were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound. The BMW owner pressed his forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at him questioningly. "That was my pager," he said, "I have a microchip under the skin in my arm." A few minutes later the phone rang. The Honda rider lifted his palm to his ear. When he finished he explained, "That was my mobile phone, I have a microchip in my hand."

The BSA rider felt decidedly low-tech, but not to be outdone he decided he had to do something impressive. He stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. When he returned he had a piece of toilet paper hanging from his arse. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at him. The BSA rider glanced around behind and said....

"Will you look at that, I'm getting a fax!"

supplied by **Mik Lovett**

Subject: B and B  
Date: Sun, 1 Jan 2006

THE SANDPIPER HOTEL

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enquiries@thesandpiperhotel.co.uk www.thesandpiperhotel.co.uk

THIS INFORMATION WAS SENT TO YOU BY TASSLES AND SUNFLOWER CENTRE 18 CORNWALL.THE ACCOMMODATION IS BIKER FRIENDLY

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM WET AND WILD CORNWALL

**Biker Friendly  
Hotel**

**W**anted by the magazine **Used Bike Guide**, an owner with a **750 Virago**, to help with an article. The feature in the **USB** is to compare motorcycling in the **USA and UK**, the American rider owns several bikes including a **Virago**. The idea is to compare various aspects of motorcycling ie **insurance, accessories etc...**

If you fancy it give your Centre rep a bell and it will be sorted.

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.**

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**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:-**

**Terry Warren. 33 Cavendish Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4HY**