



# VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



## MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

### RIDEOUT TO WEBBS OF PETERBOROUGH 26th March

It was to be my first time leading a ride in so I carried out my preparation carefully. Tuesday morning saw me setting off, map in hand to find Gunthorpe and it's Bridge, the meeting place on the day to join other members of Centre 9 who would be riding with us. I was quite pleased with myself, found it easy! (The AA route planner helped as well.) Feeling pleased with myself I also searched for and found Bottesford and Holme Pierpoint which will be meeting points in the near future. So back home to wait for Sunday.

Remembering to put my clock forward so as to be on time. I was up nice and early got the bike out and glanced to the sky. B----r! I forgot to order the riding weather! Black clouds or not I have got to go.

Four of us set off from Dusty Miller, to be joined on route by another Derbyshire rider to meet up at Bottesford with the



other members of the group, three in number, and two of those from the Derbyshire Clan. So where were the rest of you? Anyway I had done my bit and Malc Clarke was going to lead us on to Webbs at Peterborough.

The ride was getting better by the minute, they must have been Derbyshire Clouds! we were leaving them behind and the 50 mile ride to Peterborough was great. Even though the Triumph Do was not on, we all had a good look around, partaking in bacon rolls and tea from the excellent van on site, chatting and looking round the bikes etc. on offer. The ride back to Gunthorpe was in the most part in sunshine, and most enjoyable. We said our farewells and split up at Gunthorpe, me taking over my duties once again and leading the group back to Derbyshire, well thanks to all those who made my first time as lead bike an enjoyable one and I look forward to doing many more in the future.

Ken (Derbyshire Rep)



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# WOTTS-ON?

## APRIL

- 30**  **Ride-out to join C4 at the Anchor Inn Friskney, then on to Skegness.**  
Leaving the (nor closed) Little Chef car park A46 east of Newark, picking up at the Cherry Tree Café, Sudbrooke (A158) at 11am.  
Derbyshire ride into join the Friskney/Skegness ride - leaves the Dusty Miller at 10am.

## MAY

- 2** **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling**  
**3** Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - Red Lion, Redbourne & Black Swan, Horncastle  
**8** **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**  
**10** **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**  
**10** **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**  
**10** Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - The Waterfront, West Stockwith & Red Lion, Broughton  
**12-14** **Centre 18 (Peninsula Pirates) Clotted Cream Party,** Camborne Rugby Club (Off the A30, Cornwall)  
**13** Nick & Jane's pre-wedding bash 7pm until late, at the Firebug (upstairs), Millstone Lane, Leicester. Phone Nick & Jane on 0116 239 0779 to let them know how many are attending.  
**14**  **Ride-out leaving CMC Chesterfield at 11 am for a ride into the Peak District.**  
**17** Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - Castle Inn, Torksey & Blacksmiths Arms, Rothwell  
**19-21** Memba Rally (Friday) plus the BMF Show, Peterborough Showground.  
**20**  **Ride-In to the BMF - leaving the Dusty Miller at 8.00 am. calling at the Little Chef at Newark (junction A17 & A46) at approx. 9.00 am. and following the A1 to Peterborough (see separate item for contact details)**  
**24** *Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in the June newsletter.*  
**24** Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - White Hart, Crowle & Rose and Crown, Upton (Gainsborough) & Red Lion Redbourne.  
**26-29** **Centre 7 Mutton Molesters Rally, at Tonna Rugby Club, West Glamorgan.**  
**31** Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - Old Mill, Barton & Trent Port, Gainsborough

## JUNE

- 6** **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling**  
**9-11** **Danish International Rally, Klinteborg.**  
**10-11** BMF GEMS Show, Kent.  
**12** **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**  
**14** **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**  
**14** **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**  
**17** Nick & Jane's Wedding - Motorcycle Escort required  
**CAN YOU HELP?** [Contact Nick@nlappage.freestore.co.uk](mailto:ContactNick@nlappage.freestore.co.uk) or phone 07881 536454  
**23-25** **Cottesmore Camping Weekend, same format & venue as last year. TICKETS on Sale NOW - Contact Roy Foster**  
**30-2** **Centre 13 Roadrunners 'Easy Cruising' Rally.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON LINCOLNSHIRE BIKE NITES - GO TO : [www.spen-crowson.co.uk/lincs\\_bike\\_nights.htm](http://www.spen-crowson.co.uk/lincs_bike_nights.htm)**

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 Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm

### LINCOLNSHIRE

Castle Inn.  
**CONINGSBY**  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
from 7.30pm

## LINCOLNSHIRE MEETING

Sunday 9 April

After my first meeting as Linc's Rep at the Castle Inn Coningsby on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 06, I would like to thank all of those who joined me.

Following a discussion we agreed that a formal meeting would be set for the second Wednesday of each month, so that information from the Centre meeting at Gedling could be passed on to the County members, leaving Sundays for informal meets and arranged rides around the county.

A meeting has been arranged for

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7.30 pm**

still using the Castle Inn at Coningsby as our meeting point. I look forward to meeting you all there and hope once again we can fill the car park with bikes and riders.

Thank you

Roy

(Lincolnshire County Rep)

## GET IT A WEEK EARLIER!



We are now able to email the C9 newsletter. It can be sent to you as a 6 page 'Word' file of about 2 or 3 mb size (the smallest I can make it I'm afraid) and is in full colour - much better for looking at the photos!

If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please email me at: [jayne.bell@hemscott.net](mailto:jayne.bell@hemscott.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](http://www.vsoc.org.uk)  
[www.lostriders.co.uk](http://www.lostriders.co.uk)

**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 10 MAY**



# MALC'S BIT

Hi everyone I hope you're all fit and well, last month at Gedling at our Centre meet we held our AGM. I'd like to thank last years post holders and welcome this years. Everyone is looking forward to this season and it starts **NOW**, by the time you'll get this newsletter we'll have had our Gathering of the Clans, organised by your new Deputy Centre Rep, and Lincolnshire Rep, Roy Foster. Please remember its not a Centre organised event it is normally a County run event, but in this instance it's organised totally by Roy, Julie and joint Notts Rep Mark Winterbottom. Much effort and time goes into organising this type of event, so our thanx goes to them.

It's encouraging to know that all over the Centre our County Reps and their members are coming up with ideas - and putting them into action for this summer. These are the guys who will organise ride-outs, bbq's and anything else you can think of.

This month I have attended all our County meets and enjoyed every one. The Lincs meet - not Lincs/Rutland as was suggested (and later used incorrectly in an e-mail banded around recently), was very positive, if my memory serves me right about 16 members attended, the big majority being Lincolnshire members, they were very keen to hear what's happening elsewhere in the Centre and keen to start the new season. I'm sure ideas will come thick and fast for Roy and Trevor, they're in for a busy time.

The Derbyshire meet was special as it was their sixth anniversary and special buffet had been organised by Ken the new County rep. Ken informed members that he had just booked a Camping Barn near Pickering for a weekend in early August, names and money came flying in pretty quickly, contact Ken if you want any further information.

Down in deepest Walcote was Leicestershire/Northants Counties meet, this is a more informal meet, the big majority combining their evening meal with a laugh and joke, it was a very pleasant enjoyable evening out. By the way, the food-delicious.

That's it for me this month, enjoy your read from around the Centre, please remember tho' if you haven't renewed your membership this ones for free, if you do and you don't receive next month's contact me asap and I'll send one out to you, thanx for you support over the last year, bring on the summer.

*Malc  
Centre 9 Rep 'The Lost Riders'*

Meet the new Lincolnshire rep....



.... is that a comment about you or us Roy ???

## RIDE OUT AND EVENTS LIAISON

I heard that Malc (centre rep) was going to set up a ride-out and events liaison.

I didn't know what liaison meant, the dictionary says "union; connection, liaison officer - a person who keeps units of people in touch with each other".

I put my hand up for the job, mostly because I like to chat and this job would give me an excuse to phone folk up, also I have a great time doing stuff within the club and it's about time I paid something back by helping the people that work so hard for all our benefit.

So if you want to see a ride-out or event happen tell your county rep (it would be good to get enough notice to get it in our centre newsletter) he or she will tell me and I will chat about it to the other counties, to see if they want to either join you at the destination or on-route for a ride-in.

We can make this happen and have a great year in front of us of 'doing stuff' on our bike's, because it is what we all want.

Pete, Leicestershire county rep is already planning a trip to Ace Café for later in the year. I'm sure others have some destinations in mind.

Our contact numbers are on the front of this newsletter. **Where shall we go next?**

Little Malc







# NIGHT PASSES NOW AVAILABLE For The SHERWOOD SHINDIG

Night Passes valid for one night are now available and priced at just £3.00.

They are to allow members/guests alike to come to either of the night time band/disco entertainments.

Contact Terry Warren (our new Webmaster) with your requirements at: 33 Cavendish Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4HY

(phone nos. on front of this newsletter)

## Sherwood Shindig

Friday 14th or Saturday 15th July '06

NIGHT PASS VALID  
FRIDAY or SATURDAY



Admit ONE Adult  
£3-00

Alfreton Leisure Centre,  
Church Street, Alfreton,  
Derbyshire, De55 7BD.

### Ride-In to the BMF - Sat 20 May

Ken Collingwood will be leading a ride to the BMF on Saturday 20th May.

Leaving the Dusty Miller at 8.00am calling at the Little Chef at Newark (junction A17 & A46) at approx. 9.00am.

The route will follow the A1 to Peterborough and he would be pleased to have anyone going that way join him.

If you are interested in joining the ride,.

Contact Ken (Derbys rep) or Little Malc (liaison)

### Lost Riders Web Site

Those of you with internet access may have noticed that the Lost Riders website has not been updated for some time - BUT BEAR WITH US - we have appointed a new Webmaster (Terry Warren) who is experiencing delays in the hand-over from our last Webmaster. Until the site is 'live' again please go to the main VSOC website for news etc. We appreciate that this is not ideal but are confident that normal service will be resumed shortly.



BMF SHOW, PETERBOROUGH 20-21<sup>st</sup> May 2006

It's a great opportunity to remind you about one of the biggest biking shows in the area just about to burst open and invite you to a great weekend! The VSOC has a stand at the show (pitching up Friday afternoon till Sunday evening). The stand is our external marketing opportunity and voice in the market place to promote the club overall and provides a place for you to come along and meet with fellow members at the show, have a coffee, catch up on news, buy club merchandise if you wish, and encourage fellow owners of Virago and Star machines to join us (there are many machine owners who do not know about the club's existence yet!).

If you would like to put your bike on the Club stand for the day (or w/e) it will be great to include it on display. If you are staying over the w/e, there is an overall space (15m x 20m) behind the club stand for camping. Tickets can be purchased for the evening entertainment if you would like them @ £5.00 each from site office.

Please let me know: (1) If you'd like to display your bike (what bike, what day(s)).  
(2) If you want a space to pitch up your tent overnight behind our club stand.

Show entry ticket allocation for owners of bikes on the stand will be sorted nearer the show date (limited number)

VSOC Stand location at the show:

Stand area B12 19A. Gate entry 2 + 3- once through the gates, turn left and its 4<sup>th</sup> row on the right.

Don't forget the other show dates for this year: Tail End Event, Peterborough, September 16-17<sup>th</sup>, and the International Motorbike & Scooter Show, NEC, Birmingham, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. All club members welcomed to be part of both shows with their bikes as well! For more info, please get in touch with Polly.

You can catch me on email: [sales3@vsoc.org.uk](mailto:sales3@vsoc.org.uk)

or ring me on: 07967639381

Ride safe and enjoy! Polly x VSOC Merchandiser





*Here are a few piccies taken at the Gathering VI on Sunday 23 April. Although the weather wasn't kind, around 70 bikes turned out for the ride around the Vale of Belvoir. Full report next month.*



**FROM VSOC WEBSITE:**

**Irish Rally Ferry Bookings - Warning!!**

Anyone traveling to the Irish rally... Warning! Check your bookings. Motorsport have advised that the bookings some of us made for 26th July (going out early to help out) are now changed as Stenna have cancelled the 12:00am high speed crossing from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire. We are now travelling on the 16:00 crossing. Not sure what other crossings are affected but best to check.

Thanks, Bob Aldam

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MINIBUSES UP TO 16 SEATS

MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED ON PRE BOOKINGS LOCAL - LONG DISTANCE PARCEL DELIVERIES CONTRACTS WELCOME

Nick & Jane need to know numbers of how many will be attending their pre-wedding bash on 13th May and also how many will be forming the Motorcycle escort at their wedding on 17 June.

Please contact: [Nick@nlappage.freemove.co.uk](mailto:Nick@nlappage.freemove.co.uk) or phone 07881 536454 or 0116 239 0779

Thanks.

**Octoberfest at Calpe in Spain - 9th to 12th October**

I am not sure whether the Club is aware of the Octoberfest at Calpe in Spain which runs from the 9th to 12th October each year. Bikers show off their bikes, there are rock bands and a beer festival. The weather is usually very good and a good time is had by all. Steve and I went last year to have a look at the bikes and sample the beer as we now live permanently in Calpe. We were once bikers and attended the bike meetings at The Grey Goose, Gedling. There are several campsites in Calpe, the closest to our home being the La Merced campsite which is just down the road from us.

Please give our regards to everyone who knows us from the past and it would be nice to see some familiar faces if anyone wants to make the trip to Spain.

You can contact me at:- [linda@melonholidayhomes.co.uk](mailto:linda@melonholidayhomes.co.uk) if you want to know any further information etc.

Our regards and best wishes.  
Linda Green and hubby Steve.

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A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates.  
Have you ever done anything of particular merit? St Peter asked.

FUN TIME... FUN TIME...

Well, I can think of one thing, the man offered.  
Once, on a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, threw it on the ground and yelled, Now, back off or you'll answer to me!

St. Peter was impressed: When did this happen?  
Just a couple minutes ago!

supplied by Malc N



## Derbyshire Area



## New Derbyshire Rep

Having just taken over as the Derbyshire Rep, I thought I had better introduce myself. My name is Ken Collingwood, 63 years young this year. I was recently asked if I was a "born again biker", I answered no! the umbilical cord was never cut!. I cocked my leg over my first bike in 1958 a 1949 BSA Bantam, and since that day there has never been any long periods when there hasn't been a bike lurking about in shed or garage, of all varieties, from Dot Demons to constellations with chair, it never leaves you.!

I joined the Royal Marines when I was 18, did the Commando bit for 6 years then trained as a mechanic and electrician, and my best job was working on the R.M. display teams Triumph Tiger 100SS, and I made sure they had to have an extended road test at least once a day, twice when it was sunny!

Civvy street brought a few jobs still in engineering until I opened my own garage and ran it for 26 years in Salisbury in Wiltshire. I had always intended to retire to Derbyshire, having fallen in love with the area during visits to an old service mate here, so in 2002 we made the move!

A scare with my last bike a Honda VF 400F had me looking for something more manageable and rideable. A visit to CMC had me drooling over a new 535. I bought it straight away! Tucked under the seat strap was a joining form for VSOC, the rest as they say is history! Three years later it's a 1100 Dragstar and I am County Rep! My wife Gina and I have been made welcome more than we could have expected since moving "oop north" from "Daahn Saaf" and we've made so many new friends we feel as if we have always lived here and for that we thank you. I will try and serve you all as best I can and look forward to many more years on two wheels.

Ken (Derbyshire County Rep.)

## Derbyshire 6th Anniversary Meeting 10th April

About thirty members met at the Dusty Miller Pub at Barlborough, plus a few visitors from other parts of Centre 9 area, and as always were very welcome. I had asked for members to donate raffle prizes for a grand fund raising raffle, and they certainly did that! the table was groaning with goodies! The funds raised are for Buffets and BBQs etc.

We had a buffet laid on by the pub and I for one thought they did us proud as always. This gave me a chance to do my bit and talk about events past, present and future whilst the group was kept quiet eating. I gave mention of the people who had kindly stood for re-election at the AGM as without these people who toil away in the background, we wouldn't have such a great Centre.

The formalities over, the evening continued in great spirits lots of chatter and drinking, and all too soon it was time for the party to break up and go our separate ways once again. Don't forget all of Centre 9 are always made welcome here, now the summer is getting nearer, it's a nice evening ride out to give us visit.

Ken (Derbyshire Rep.)

