



VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

Sherwood Shindig Awards

In view of the time and effort put in to make the Sherwood Shindig the special event that it was, it was decided that some recognition be made of that extra-special effort made by certain individuals.

So at the Derbyshire area meeting last month awards were made to Ken, Malc and Liz for 'going beyond the call of duty', and they each received a specially engraved medal. Also Malc and Liz were each awarded a Certificate of Leadership (see below).

A cup was also given to Carl for 'Man of the Match' in the football event (see Ref's Report' page 4), and Roz (The Ref) received her very own whistle for her organisation and control of the football event.



Shelagh & Paul's 25th Wedding Anniversary Surprise Dinner

Liz and Malc organised a surprise dinner for Shelagh and Paul to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Their 1st surprise of the evening was a stretch limo which arrived to pick them up, and the 2nd surprise was that they had no idea we were all waiting for them at the Badger Box, Kirkby-in-Ashfield to help them celebrate. Congratulations to you both.

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WOTTS-ON?

SEPTEMBER

- 3 St Andrew's Children's Hospice Annual Bike Run.
Start Willingham Woods - 11.00am; The Bridge Inn, Saxilby - 11.45am
Jubilee Park Cafe, Woodhall Spa - 1.00pm; The Splash (Royal Oak) Little
Cawthorpe - 2.00pm. Entry £3.00 per person. Barbecue, Auction & Raffle.
Further details contact: Mike Lee 01507 451100 or Angela Greenfield 01472 350908
- 5 **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling**
- 6 Lincolnshire Bike Night: Black Swan, Homcastle / Mowbray Arms
Epworth.
- 8-10 **VSCN Dutch National Rally** - see VSOC website for flyer.
- 8-10 **Yorkies Bonding Party** at Hirst Courtney, Selby, N Yorks.
- 11 **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**
- 12 Ashby Foleville - a gathering of bikes & cars -classics and customs
alike, from mid-afternoon onwards.
- 13 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
- 13 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
- 13 Lincolnshire Bike Night: Sun Inn, North Wheatley / Stirrup Inn,
Willoughton.
- 16-17 BMF Peterborough - Tail Ender
- 16 **Ride-In to the BMF (above) leaving the Dusty Miller,
Barlborough at 8am.**
- 17 **Leicester and Northants ride-out to the ACE CAFÉ LONDON.
See separate ad in this newsletter.**
- 17 **Ride-in to join the Ace Café run (above) leaving the Dusty
Miller, Barlborough at 8.45 am.**
- 20 *Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in next month's newsletter*
- 20 Lincolnshire Bike Night: Talbot Inn, Caistor / Barge Inn, Keadby.
- 27 Lincolnshire Bike Night: White Hart, Crowle.
- 30 Halfway Heroes mcc - Leathered in Lincoln Bike Rally at Lincolnshire
Showground. Tickets £12. Bands/ Camping/ Bar/Stalls. For info
call: 01522 511652 or visit website www.halfway-heroes.co.uk

OCTOBER

- 3 **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling +
AUTOJUMBLE NIGHT** - see separate ad.
- 6-8 **Outriders Party** at the Packhorse on A5 nr Kensingthorpe, Beds.
Buffet included Friday Night. Pub Food available on Saturday.
Cooked Breakfasts available from the Pub All the usual fun.
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Contact Geoff 07771 751177 to reserve your place.
- 9 **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**
- 11 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
- 11 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
- 9-12 Octoberfest at Calpe in Spain. Contact:
linda@melonholidayhomes.co.uk
- 21-22 13th Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show, Stafford County
Showground.
- 28-5Nov International Motorcycle & Scooter Show NEC Birmingham

MAY 2007

- 25-28 **VSOC Centre 5 Yorkies Rally - Return of the Peacock.** Doncaster
Rugby Club, Castle Park.

JUNE 2007

- 29-1Jul **Centre 9 National Rally - Sherwood Shindig II.**
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	1st Tues of the month from 7.30pm <i>includes FREE BUFFET</i>	2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm		
	DERBYSHIRE	LINCOLNSHIRE		
	Dusty Miller Public House BARLBOROUGH (just off J30 M1)	Castle Inn. CONINGSBY		
	2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm	2nd Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm		

**Leicester and Northants
Presents:**

**A ride-out to the
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Sunday 17th Sept 2006

Meeting at the Walcote 10am
setting off promptly at 11am

For more details contact
Pete Brown 01162 916809
or your County Rep

*Make a note in your diaries
- join the ride-out*

End of Season

**October 3rd
Grey Goose
Gedling meet**

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Bring any parts,
bike accessories,
custom extras, spares,
camping equipment,
clothing, tools etc.
- anything you want to
sell or swap.
Bring them to the
meeting and see if you
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cash, make some space,
or pick up a bargain!

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www.lostriders.co.uk

MALC'S BIT

Hi, welcome to Centre 9's September's newsletter, last month positively flew past and was once again a busy one. We had our much talked about 'Sherwood Shindig' and believe me it has been talked about; a lot!! Almost 200 VSOC members came to what must have originally been part of Sherwood Forest and was welcomed by some of Robin's merry men, medieval wenches and if you felt the need to confess your sins several friars. The weekend went very, very well. The sun shone and everyone relaxed and enjoyed what we had to offer.

Almost 80 bikes went on our ride-out into the Peak District, the marshals did a cracking job for us.

Our ride called in at Moryash for a buttie/ice cream and finished at Custom Cruisers - just the other side of Alfreton. A huge thanx for everyone who helped over the weekend, and that help came in many different forms, raffle prizes, loo rolls, rubbish bags, fencing for the campsite and of course for your time. Several Lost Riders were on site at 7.30 on the Friday morning - goodness knows what time they left home. Big thanx has got to go to our security guys; donating your time instead of partyin' is a big thing I do have to mention Ken and Rick who slept less than six hours from Friday morning till after the party was done and everyone was waved home, that's commitment for you.

The football will become an annual event, both bands were very well received and Centre 9's Paul with the disco helped us to rock the night away. Many people played important roles in making the weekend such a success, thanx folks it was worth it. Look at the website you'll see and read what a success it was. If you didn't come you missed something very special, ok nothings perfect and lessons have been learnt.

Tickets will be on sale for next years rally as soon as Terry gets back from his holidays. June 29th/30th/ July 1st 2007 Alfreton Leisure Centre - put it on your calendar NOW - rally tickets £15. An absolute bargain.

Also last month Ken (Derbyshire Rep) had organised a camping barn weekend 'up North Yorkshire. We took the fairly unconventional - but much better - 'B' roads to Malton (we were staying near Pickering) thro' the rather amusing village of Wet Wang. It was a cracking road, one of many we rode on over the weekend. It was a relaxed weekend which included a tour around a micro-brewery, a trip to Staithes and very quick trip to Runswick Bay. When I say a quick trip to Runswick Bay; that's exactly what I mean, we drove down to the bay turned round and drove back again. Our main stopping place for the day was to be Whitby - mmmm... Whitby cod, the best mmmm... sorry about that, followed by a quick trip up the 199 steps, well some of us did anyway. Some cheated and went up two steps at a time, it's just not the same.

As well as the 'Sherwood Shindig' and the 'camping barn', we had our 'Girlie Weekend', now, I don't know what made me think of it, but at the time it sounded like a good idea. Just imagine 11 ladies, little Malc (your ride-out/event liaison officer) and me, in yet another barn, this time at Birchover, near Bakewell. The idea was for us two Malc's to treat the ladies like errr... ladies. We sent them to the pub and cooked for them - tomato and basil soup with warm crusty cobs. Followed by roast chicken or a pork chop with roast potatoes, parsnip and sweetcorn. Steamed carrots, stuffing and Yorkshire pudding with gravy your mum would be proud of. I must admit Liz organised the pudding - home made trifle, fresh fruit in white wine, lemon meringue roulade and chocolate gateaux all with cream, that's if you wanted it. Once the pots were washed we left to go home and returned the next morning to cook breakfast.

Once again I need to thank people, the ladies for putting up with us guys, and to little Malc; without his help it wouldn't have been possible. Our aim over the weekend was to emulate one of my heroes - the great Jamie Oliver, and I think we did a good job. As you know he is known as 'the Naked Chef'. Little Malc did the chef bit and I did the naked bit, visit the website and you'll see wot I mean.



That's it from me, hopefully more in depth reports will be elsewhere in this newsletter so enjoy your read and find out why we are the best supported Centre in the country.

Wo wo wo, don't go yet... Steve; get better... do as you're told... Claire; make him do as he's told... We're all thinking of you, see you both soon.



PS: Thanx to everyone who remembered my birthday, the cards, the pressies it was great. thanx everyone.

Malc

Anyone Want £100?

May I take this opportunity to pass on a big thank you too all members of the VSOC, for their support of this years Scrumpies party at Banwell. And the good news is it will be on again next year. On the raffle, 1st prize was £100 but no one claimed the £100. I know it is a long shot but if you have got a green ticket no 775 give me a call Mob 07711107634

MESSAGE FROM C4 SCRUMPIES

Lost a Hip Flask?

When we had our Scrumpies rally, the best bike prize was a hip flask and this is one of them. It has on it Scrumple IV - Best 1100. I have it and will be going to the C4 rally in two weeks time or contact me to get hold of the flask. Mob 07711107634 or email blacky.c17@btinternet.com Thanks Blacky

The Refs Report

Five a side Football Competition
Sherwood Shindig, Alfreton Leisure Centre, 14-16 July 2006



On the Saturday afternoon Malc and the Derbyshire Rep, Ken Collingwood told us we had the Leisure Centre Sports Hall for an hour and to organise some activities. The hall had been divided into 2 so after a bit of discussion we decided on badminton one half and 5 a side footie on the other.

Great Ken said, I'll go and drum up participants, here's my whistle you can organise it. Thanks Ken!

I shot off into town with Liz to get some yellow and red card. (After all, what's a ref without her cards).

Around 4.00pm I thought nobody is going to want to play, it is too hot but up came Carl and Kevin. We went into the sports hall and there were already a couple of players knocking the ball about. Next in walks Ken and Malc like Pied Pipers followed by dozens of people.

We finally had a group of 25 or so players, men, women and kids and decided on 4 teams with a few reserves each. Centre 9 had a team of Carl, Kev, Ken, Paul, Daz, Paul and Rachel & Trevor's sons Christopher & Alexander. Kev had injured his hand stopping a shot in the warm up and didn't know if he had broken his fingers so decided not to go in goal, (sensible decision) this was now Paul's job.



Man of the Match - Carl with his Trophy presented at the Barlborough meet 14 August

Centre 5, The Yorkies, did even better making up two teams and the fourth team was Centre 12 Thames Valley Vultures. Our own Daz and Paul did play for these teams to even out the sides.

I decided on a round robin competition, so those expecting one game were in for a bit of a shock. The games were keenly fought but not aggressive and everybody played brilliantly. There was none of the continental theatrics of diving or feigning injury for Oscars.

Being only 5' tall, I did wonder if some of these strapping lads would take any notice of me. But hey, one blow on my whistle and I felt this power surge. Yes, I was in charge! I only had to brandish 4 yellow cards and 1 red (a sending off for our own Ken for man handling one of the Yorkies into the net).

I have to admit that after the first two matches the 5 minutes each way was getting down and by the last game it was more like 3 minutes each way.

All the teams were well supported with plenty of noise and encouragement from their supporters.

The Results

Centre 9 who won all of their matches were in 1st place and Carl was overall top scorer.

The Yorkies were 2nd winning 2 games, and also joint 3rd with Centre 12.

We also had a number of families who played on the badminton courts and enjoyed that but as I was busy in the footie I can't give further information.

Thanks to everybody who joined in the activities, whether playing or supporting, it made an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. Everybody was ready for a beer or two, or three after that and it was well deserved!!

If I have any of the above facts slightly wrong, remember, the ref is always right!!!

Anybody for a rematch at the rally in 2007??

Thanks again everybody.

Roz (THE REF)



NEW GIRLFRIEND !

After a long night of making love to his new girlfriend, Fred notices a photo of a man on her bedside table.

FUN TIME... FUN TIME... FUN TIME...

At first, he really didn't give it much thought; she had never mentioned it so why should he but after a month or so he begins to stress about it; even imagining the photo is staring at him doing the deed. It was causing him so much anxiety that he finally decides ask about it.

"Is this your ex-husband?" he nervously asks.

"No, silly," she replies, snuggling up to him.

"Another boyfriend, then?" he continues.

"No, not at all," she says, nibbling away at his ear.

"Is it your dad or your brother?" he inquires, hoping to be reassured.

"No, no, no!!!" she answers.

"Well, who in the hell is he, then?" he demands.

"That's me before the surgery"

source: email of dubious origin



Following our ad last month for Crusader Leathers, Ken has negotiated a 10% discount for VSOC members on production of a valid members card. This will be given at the discretion of the manager as some lines are difficult to discount.

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The Sherwood Shindig

After months of planning the Sherwood Shindig manifested itself at Alfreton Leisure Centre. Weather reports were looking very good and the picturesque camping area under the oak trees started to fill up during the Friday afternoon.

Shindig arrivals were met at the welcome tent by what can only be described as 'men in tights' (I believe Mel Brookes made a film about this some while ago!) Yes there were some good legs even if one or two of the tunics were a little on the short side. More worrying was the revelation that Ken had sewn his own costume... And who was the comedian that gave the directions of where to go and camp in Olde Englysh? Such instructions as "Travel forth into yonder glade and pitch ye tent..." were certainly apt and amused/bemused weary travellers.

Most people did a quick explore of Alfreton (Tesco's for beer etc, doesn't take long!) before the evening's entertainment started.

Our own DJ Paul Harrison did the disco, and the band 'Handle with Care' (who had played for us at our Xmas party) were pretty good also, but the bar despite our pleading was only manned by two, and people after queuing 10 deep gave up and stood drinking canned beer outside.

The burger van was busy later too as folks stopped off for supper on their way back to the tents.

Saturday dawned another beautiful day. First arrival of the day was 7.15am - who said there'd be no-one before 10am? The bad news was that the burger van had no tea so it was a long wait for breakfast.

Meanwhile in the showers ladies were marvelling at the facilities - showers that pinned you to the wall. I can't speak for the men's showers though - maybe I should go in theirs next time and get some feedback - what do you think?

Just before 11am the ride-out briefing took place and 72 bikes then left for a ride around the Peak District, stopping at Moneyash for a break. Bit of an altercation here when a horse-box caught a bike, but all was settled before it got too ugly - after all who in their right mind wants to pick a fight with 72+ bikers? Then it was back to Custom Cruisers for nibbles and shiny bits.

Some however just 'chilled' (if that's an appropriate description on a hot afternoon), and the 5-a-side football tournament refereed by Roz (see separate Ref's Report) was a success for the Lost Riderswho said fix? despite our Ken getting a Red card.

By evening many were looking medium-rare after the sun, but even more costumes came out than the night before. There were Robin Hoods, Maid Marions, Friar Tucks, in fact merry-men and merriment aplenty.

The band on Saturday were 'Vida' and were excellent, managing to set off the noise limiter 3 times - (I suggested to them after the second time that they turn the volume down to 11 - which went down well).

The Dirty Habits sang Bohemian Rhapsody, Warren did an Elvis song (very believable too - well done Warren) and the Lost Riders girls did quite a few numbers with their blow-up guitars. Oh and not forgetting Vicki who was invited to sing with the band.

There were prizes which were won by 3 Viragos; and a Raffle which raised £100 for the Deaf Children and £100 for the East Midlands Air Ambulance and still left us with a small profit.

The evening really did ROCK.And now with three bar staff we actually got served too.

Unfortunately it all had to come to an end as we had to vacate and rearrange the tables at 1am, and despite reluctance by some to move, we did just that.

More burgers/hot dogs from the burger van on the way back to the tents. Sleep came fairly quickly - assisted by several brandies, except for those on security duties - or did it??? (see pics) - But that's another story.

Sunday morning arose and yet more tea problems at the burger van. Tents were steadily packed away and bikes loaded. So with farewells bid the revellers headed off into the shimmering sunshine.

What a great weekend. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

See you all next year at our Rally!

Jayne (Ed)

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