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# LOST RIDERS



OCTOBER 2007

**Centre 9**

**East & North Midlands** Derbyshire, Notts, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northants, Rutland

## SHOCK 'BOOTS ON FIRE' INCIDENT AT CORNISH RALLY!



**Centre 6 member (right) who suffered famous 'Unfortunate Boots Incident' at Camborne, when his boots spontaneously combusted - SEE EXCLUSIVE PICTURE in next month's Newsletter, if it comes out (the photo that is, not the Newsletter)**

Centre 6 won 'Quietest Centre at the Rally' on the Saturday Night at the 'Friggin in the Rigg'in' Peninsula Pirates Rally in Camborne, when they crept about like mice and didn't wake anyone up. 'They were so quiet, I wouldn't have known they were there,' commented one sleepless witness, who refused to be named, but is actually Bob Maccabee of 23 Acacia Avenue, Pett Bottom, Kent, BR21 8LX

See Wot's On (next page) for details of Derbyshire Christmas Party and back page for Centre 6's Christmas Bash

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# Wot's On

## OCTOBER

- 5-6 Outriders End of Season Party. Live music both nights, strippers on the Saturday night. Buffet included on the Friday night.
- 10 Wednesday Coningsby meeting at the Castle Inn.
- 14 Sunday - Meet at Horncastle Market Place for ride up to Olde Farmhouse, Stallingborough. (Subject to weather)

## NOVEMBER

### Bonfire Night 2007

Location: **Brandy Wharf Caravan Park.**

Date: **Saturday 03 November 2007**

Cost: Caravans £10 (2 adults & 2 children). Additional adults in van charged at £4.50 each. Tents: £4.50 per adult. Children under 10 are free. Please e-mail Trev at [trac5641@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trac5641@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve a place. Trev will need your name, type of pitch required and numbers attending. Trev will allocate the pitches on a first come basis; if further pitches are needed Trev will try and get them. If you want to come Trev needs to know as soon as possible.

- 18 Sunday - Ice skating at Doncaster Dome.

## DECEMBER 07

Hi, I have booked room for the Derbyshire Xmas meal. It will be on the 8th December at 7 o'clock for 7.30 at the Dusty Miller Pub at Barlborough. We have only 38 places - it will be on a first come first served basis and this year the full cost of the meal will be payable at the time of booking. I did have a few problems last year and lost a bit of money, still it is always good value for money and places go fast. It is open to all Centre 9 as usual. I will also just need to know your choice of starter at time of booking (see menu). I have to pay for all the bookings by 17th November. So don't delay.

### *Kuddly Ken (Derbyshire Rep)*

- 8 Derbyshire Xmas Meal (see above).
- 8 Centre 6 Christmas Bash, see back page.
- 25 Scrooge gives large turkey to family of Bob Marley and the Wailers; Tiny Tim faints; Ghost of Christmas Past goes back to bed while wife does all the cooking; Her Royal Madge Madonna makes traditional Christmas Speech. Yep, get those indigestion pills ready.

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## WEBSITES

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## WANTED

Photos, cartoons, jokes and reports on ride-outs, rallies, parties and other events for the Newsletter.

*Thanks to all those who are sending stuff to me - it will get used in future Newsletters. The photos of the Camborne Rally are terrific, Ken!*

*Email your contributions to: [rumblingstar@aol.com](mailto:rumblingstar@aol.com)*

## 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

PowerSports Clay Cross

1st Sunday of the month from  
10.00 am

and

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 8pm ALSO

2nd Sunday's - various locations!

# Malc's Bits



Hi everyone - hope you are all fit and well. October's here already; blimey it'll soon be Christmas. By the time you read this, prospective managers for the Grey Goose will have been interviewed. I don't know if you knew but the current manager is employed by the holding company just to keep the place running. The pub certainly wants a new lease of life but who's to say that they'll want us there. The present manager didn't; it was only a bit of gentle persuasion by your Notts. rep John that has kept us here. And as we all know, bikers get bad press, so although the Goose isn't currently an ideal venue, the alternatives may be worse, we'll just have to wait and see.

Recently the VSOC held its last rally of the year, this time in deepest Cornwall. (See pix of Malc, not being an old git? left and right above, courtesy of Kuddly Ken - you can make up your own captions - ed.) Cornwall isn't the best place to get to - you so are reliant on the M5 and the A30; we had the bank holiday traffic and the timing of your journey was crucial. An accident or road

works easily adds hours to your journey. Never-the-less a good number of us descended on the sleepy town of Cambourne; there were not so many from 'up north' but the softy southerners made up for it.

The facilities were fairly basic and struggled with the sheer volume of people but it was always going to be a success. How could it fail, the locality was central to almost everything you could want. This was easily visible by the number of people including the rally into their family holiday. And who could blame them? I think almost everyone spent the weekend sight-seeing, most were up and out early and not back till late. In the evening three different types of rally goers are appearing

1. the non-smoking party goer
2. the smoking party goer (they sit outside)
3. the people who'd been out all day and wanted to chill out

And seeing as I'm officially an old git (you're just a gorgeous slip of a young thing, really Malc - ed.) I chose number 3, mind you I wasn't on my own. Lots of other people chose to do it as well



Also this month was the BMF Tail End Rally and wot a crackin weekend it was. The sun shone, the sky was blue and roads were . . . . . well most of it was the A1 so least said. It made such a change to have a good weather forecast and not have to take the waterproofs. This event gets better and bigger every year, the variety of the traders gets bigger and the entertainment in the arena gets more entertaining, all in all a very enjoyable day.

Finally we've traced the winner of best Stratoliner 1300/1900 from our infamous Shindig Rally. It's a shame really cos the trophy (a really, really nice trophy sponsored by CMC Chesterfield) looked pretty good on my mantelpiece. Anyway the winner is . . . . . Steve Riglin from Lincolnshire. That means two out of the four winners was from Centre 9, well done guys.

Anyway I think that's it from me, enjoy the rest of ure newsletter, this is still a very busy time of year so check out wot your County rep has organised for you

Ride safe and be happy.

*Malc*

## Gothic rumblings

Hello there, and is it really time to walk this way again, as the man said to the chemist? Does riding a bike give you piles, or is it just my age? What with that and my dodgy prostate (I seem to stand there for ages, these days), I think I am in danger of joining Malc and Ken in the Old Codgers Club. But enough of my medical problems.

We had a great time at the **Camborne Rally**, apart from the hold-up on the M5 on the way down - what a good thing you can filter through the traffic queues on a bike (I knew there was some reason why I ride one). Me and the Trouble & Strife particularly enjoyed our day out on the little windy coast road from **Pendeen to St. Ives**, although we were knackered by the time we got back to the campsite at Cambourne, and had to go straight to bed! (Like I

said, Old Codgers), so we didn't see much of the live bands, which I always find a bit too loud anyway, and that's with me going deaf, according to Her Indoors (definitely an old git, aren't I?)

You could have knocked me down with a feather the other day, when I was walking back to my bike at the Arkwright Duckmanton M1 Business Park (or whatever it's called), and who should I see leaning out of the window of a flat-bed truck, but our own **Dirty Harry!** (Thompson). We got talking and I asked Harry, as a **long-time Virago owner**, whether he had the same problem as me, not with his prostate, but with the **left side panel cover**, which covers the toolkit on the 750 Virago and the secondary fuel tank on the Virago 1100. It's a bugger to get back on, isn't it? Either one of the rubber grommet things drop off or you can't get both of the flat flanges in the slots at the same time. Harry suggested sticking the rubber grommets on with super-glue, drilling a couple of holes in the cover and securing it to the frame with a plastic loop-tie. So there's one idea. Has anyone else got any solutions? Does everyone have this trouble with the Virago left side panel? Shall we start a discussion group about it? Pee quick and ride happy.

*Keith*

## Ken's Derbyshire Report

Well, the nights are starting to get in now and the days shorter, I notice that Autumn officially begins on Sunday. I always get a bit morose when the leaves start to fall; It usually signals a few members to put the bikes away for the winter. I can't bring myself to do that, my bikes get ridden all year round, but I do draw a line at going out in the snow! Although Malc, Rick and I did get caught out last year!! **Don't forget our meet at Claycross** goes on right through the winter as well.

Last month we had the **Rally in Cornwall**, over 20 of Centre 9 making the trip down, which was a long trip, but well worth it. The facilities on site were very basic and I felt very spartan for those who chose to go early, but the weather was great and made up for any shortfalls with the site. It was ideally sited to travel round to any of Cornwall's tourist sites and all could be done easily in a day.

The meet at Clay Cross at the beginning of the month was attended by about 6 members and 4 of us decide to do a ride around some of the area's finest, led by Harry who always seems to find somewhere new for us to visit. The weather was quite bright when we set off; we were soon seeing some ominous clouds in the distance, and Harry bless him for all his navigational skills couldn't avoid the inevitable, and we got wet !! We did get to Buxton and dive in for a comfort stop in Morrison's café, nice it was too! Still it didn't spoil the ride

And we covered about 80 miles - Cheers Harry.

Last weekend was the **BMF tailender**, I was doing a **ride in from Dusty Miller**, 3 bikes left for the journey to be joined on route by **Tony and Lee** on the way down the A1. Malc was leading and we had a cracking ride down, apart from a heartstopping moment when a car joined from a slip road and all I could see was brake lights and bikes going everywhere! It was a glorious day: the weather was great. We spent some time at the VSOC tent before setting off to get my shopping requirements bought; service items for the winter bike servicing and yet another tent, ready for Donnington and Minus 5 conditions !!

Well, enough ramblings from me for this time. Ride safe and see you all on the road again soon..

*Ken*

## CAMBORNE PIX



**CALENDAR GIRL ANYA  
WITH ONE OF HER MANY ADMIRERS!**



## TREV'S LINGS. WOLDINGS

Hi Everybody.

Sorry there was no report for August but I was in the USA for most of the month. Not biking but I did manage to visit the **Yamaha dealer in Daytona** and came back with a heap of stuff for the bike. Since getting back we have had two Lincolnshire meetings and tonight me, Rachel and the boys have just got back from the **Tail End Show in Peterborough**. The weather was great and our stand was very busy both days. Not just VSOC members popping in for a brew but plenty of people interested in joining. We signed up several there and then and plenty more went away with application forms. A lot of those were about to take their test soon but had already made a decision to get a Yamaha cruiser, so Yamaha UK do really need to improve the range as there is clearly a demand out there. *(You can say that again. - ed.)*

At our Coningsby meeting on Wed 12 Sep we started planning some things to take us through the winter months. The meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** will be the last Wednesday evening meeting and we will revert to the Sunday lunch time meetings only from November through to March. I hope you will agree with me that having the summer Sunday meetings around the county has been a success. **Our October destination (subject to the weather) is planned to be Olde Farmhouse, Immingham Road, Stallingborough, Grimsby DN41 8BP Tel No. 01469 560159.** They also do meals there but you might have to book. We will start at Horncastle market square at 11:00 Sunday 14 October.

For our November meeting which I would like to make on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November (**18 November**) we are hoping to go up to **Doncaster Dome for an ice skating session.** There is an

afternoon session from 14:00 to 17:00. Adults are £3.40 and Juniors £3.05 with skate hire an extra £2.00. Don't forget we also have our Centre 9 Fireworks event on the Saturday 03 November at Brandy Wharf Caravan park. At the time of writing there were still a few places left so if you want to join us give me a call.



Well that's all from me for this month below is a list of what's planned for the Lincolnshire area.

Date	Day	Lincoln event
10-Oct-07	Wednesday	Coningsby meeting at the Castle Inn.
14-Oct-07	Sunday	Meet at <b>Horncastle Market Place</b> for ride up to <b>Olde Farmhouse, Stallingborough.</b> (Subject to weather)
18-Nov-07	Sunday	<b>Ice skating at Doncaster Dome.</b>
TBA	Dec	Lincolnshire Christmas meal. Venue time & date to be decided.

Regards,

*Trev*

It is something special to get a nick name as we are all well aware. And one of our French trip members has won the right to a well chosen one, and for the rest of his days, he will be known as **Non Stick**, To the person formally known as **Les**, wear it with pride mate.

As we get towards the colder weather, events are starting to slow, but not stop. If you are not ready to give up yet, keep in contact with me, as I plan to get a few more trips in during the cold bit.

The summer has been a bit up and down, but for the most part, it rained. Did it spoil my fun? Not a chance, I even got some extra, quality me & bike time in, hiding in the garage, cleaning and fixing and stuff.

During the summer a lot was organised for us by the various members, thanks to all. I hope everyone managed to find plenty to do.

Got any ideas for trips, tell someone, lets all make the most of what we have.

Ride safe, and don't forget to tell me about it.

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**ANOTHER CAMBORNE  
CORNISH RALLY PIC -  
DOES ROSIE KNOW,  
WE WONDER?**

Well chaps a big **Hello** and **howdedo** from me, trust yr all fit, well and still mad bastards.

**Centre 6** would like to invite you and your centre (limited numbers) to our Xmas bash.

It is being held at our meeting place:

The Parish centre at  
**Eaves Lane in Chorley** on  
the **8th of December**.

We have a **Girl rock band**, excellent rock disco and a pie n peas supper all for only £5. I realise that its a bit far for some of you but if you fancy a stop over there are a couple of cheap bnb's nearby , any how looking forward to seeing you all soon , any more info required give me a shout we need to know asap; ride like the wind but ride safe  
**Gaz x**

**Tickets:** contact **Jo Smith** on **01204 846208**  
or **sae to 19 Pedder St Bolton BL1 4JX**  
**Cheques payable to VSOC Centre 6**

Sorry no pay on door, tickets only.

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*Gina is a keen acupuncture enthusiast. Here, she demonstrates her technique to Chris at the Camborne Rally.*

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**SUNDAY 14th October 2007**

**Meeting at Claycross Powersports**  
**from 10.30 am**  
**Leaving at 12 mid-day**  
**To arrive at Radio Derby for 1.00 pm**  
There'll be Tea, Coffee, Raffle  
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