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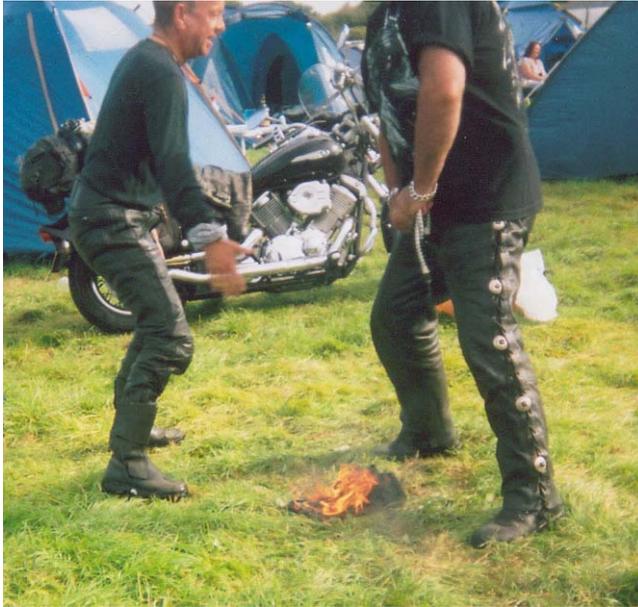


NOVEMBER 2007

Centre 9

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

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**'Unfortunate Boots Incident'
at Camborne, when Centre 6
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NOVEMBER



Saturday 3rd November Bonfire Night 2007

Location: **Brandy Wharf Caravan Park.** (see: <http://www.brandywharfleisurepark.co.uk>)

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 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.

Sunday 4th November - Ken's Breakfast Get-Together from 10.00 am at Powersports (Clay Cross)

11th November Lincs. meeting at Suzy's Café, A17, Fosdyke at the usual time of 12:00.

18th November - Sunday - Ice skating at Doncaster Dome - see Trev's Lincs. Woldings (p.4)

Derbyshire Xmas Meal Menu >>>>>

£15.95

(see opposite for details)

Price includes all entertainment

DECEMBER

Sat. 8th December at 7 o'clock for 7.30 at the Dusty Miller Pub at Barlborough.

We have only 38 places and will be on a first come first served basis. The full cost of the meal will need to be paid at the time of booking. Good value for money and places go fast, it is open to all centre nine as usual. I will also just need to know your choice of starter at time of booking (see menu below).

I have to have pay for all the bookings by 17th. November.

So don't delay

Ken (Derbyshire Rep)

Saturday 8th December Lincolnshire Christmas Meal, at The Royal Oak, Tattershall Bridge. This will also be our Dec meeting.

- 21 Winter Solstice.
- 25 Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 08

13 Jan 08 Lincs. Sunday meeting to plan 2008 activities. Venue TBN.

The Springfields Bike Show 19/20th January 2008.

- 1 Chef's Home-made Soup
- 2 Garlic Mushrooms
with creamy garlic sauce and warm toast
- 3 Goats Cheese & Sunblush Tomato Tartlet
Cheese Pastry Tart filled with Goat's Cheese, Mornay Sauce, Red Pepper and Tomato
- 4 Mediterranean Prawn Cocktail
- Roast Breast of Turkey
with Yorkshire Pudding, Chipolata Sausage and Chestnut Stuffing
- Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding
with a Red Wine Sauce
- Roast Pork, Chestnut Stuffing and Apple Sauce
- Steak Diane
Sirloin Steak, thinly beaten and sautéed in butter served with onions and mushrooms in a red wine sauce
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Hi everyone - hope you are all fit and well; I hope you remembered to alter your clocks the other day. Autumn really is upon us now - so get your thermal long johns out, you'll need them. This month has been a particularly busy one in the Newton household with something happening all the time.

I suppose this particularly busy spell started with our party to celebrate holding a successful rally. We used this chance to say thanx and cheerio to Little Malc & Sue Clarke who are soon to emigrate to Portugal. They have been in the club now a good number of years and have become respected members of Centre 9. We wish them the best of luck and hope to see them in the near future.

3 days later we were back at Gedling for our October's Centre meet, as normal it was well attended and a busy evening. Apologies to anyone who wished to talk to me but didn't get the opportunity - don't be shy - I try to answer all questions and talk to anyone and everyone, sorry if I missed you.

Lost Riders in Wales >>

**See Terry's
Welsh Weekend
Slideshow on:**

www.lostriders.co.uk

The following day, a group of us went to a quiz nite held at B & M Honda at Barlboro' - as usual we made up 2 teams, one of them coming second. Some questions are motorcycling based, some are pure trivia that anyone can have a guess at - even Keith and Jane got some right.

The following Sunday was 'Kens 1st Sunday of the month, Meet up/ride-out' and a very snappy title it has too. Anyway, approx 18 people arrived, which must be a record; out of this 18, 11 went on the ride-out. The sun shone, the roads were dry and the bacon at Kate's Pantry tasted lovely. We covered about 80 easy miles and had a very pleasant morning's ride.

The next day we attended the Derbyshire Area's county meet at the Dusty Miller; once again enough people attended to give it that friendly, intimate feeling that has become its strong point.

Friday evening I made the elementary mistake of offering to take Liz and Vicky (future daughter-in-law) to Meadowhall for a birthday pressie for the mother-in-law. Big mistake. 1 1/2 hours in just one department store, now that's got to be some sort of record

Saturday we were at the NEC Birmingham all day and on our way back called in 'The 3 Ponds' to have a briefing on the forthcoming Welsh trip - more info later.

Sunday was the day of Radio Derby's 'Money Mountain Appeal', but before we could go there we had to dash out for a birthday cake for the in-law. We wished her a happy birthday and gave her a new set of keys for her broomstick (joking), raced home, got changed and sped off to

Malc's Bits

meet up with the charity ride at Clay Cross. After the ride Rick kindly asked us back to his house for a bite to eat and a hot drink. A huge thanx must go to Rick, Joyce and Joyce's friend for making us feel at home, so here it is: T H A N X! We got home and then went back to the out-laws to help her eat her birthday cake. We're all heart.

The following Friday a group of 18 of us set off for a weekend in a genuine Indian restaurant and hotel in yes you've guessed it North Wales. Just south of Caernarfon if you want me to be more precise. The weekend was organised by your Nottinghamshire rep John. The weather was very kind to us and we were spoilt as to where we would visit first. I think we all scattered all over the area to give it the best coverage we could. Definitely an event that will be repeated - keep your ears pinned back. For a more detailed report and photo's of this event see our Centre website.

My list goes on, and on, and on, and on, and on. Whoever it was who said 'if you keep busy, you'll stay young' - hasn't a clue cos I'm knackered. Anyway, that'll do for now, more exciting extracts from Malc's Diary next month.

Ride safe and be happy.

Malc





Hi Everybody,

TREV'S Lincs. WOLDINGS



Wednesday 10th October was the last of our summer evening meetings at **The Castle Inn Conningsby**. Having been lulled into a false sense of security by the warm weather I suggested to Rachel that we go on the bikes and as it turned out we weren't the only ones, but the journey home proved that we are indeed in the winter months with dense patches of mist and a chill in the air. During the meeting we discussed our **Christmas party** and settled on **Saturday 8th December at The Royal Oak, Tattershall Bridge**.

We also decided to have a **Sunday meeting on 11th November at Suzy's Café, A17, Fosdyke** at the usual time of 12:00. This is in addition to the **Ice Skating trip to Doncaster Dome on Sunday 18th November**. If you are interested in coming it will be on a make your own way basis. Timings and costs are: Afternoon session from 14:00 to 17:00. Adults are £3.40 and Juniors £3.05 with skate hire an extra £2.00. This event is open to all Centre 9 members and friends. You don't have to be experts and don't worry

about falling over as I find that is the easiest part of skating.

The Fireworks evening is on Saturday 3rd November at Brandy Wharf Caravan Park and a total of 8 caravans and 10 tents booked, 33 people in all, so it should be an excellent night.

Don't think that winter means the end of bike oriented events, Lincolnshire members are again hosting a stand at **The Springfields Bike Show** which will be on **19/20th January 2008**.

As planned our October Sunday meeting was on 14th. It turned out to be an excellent day for biking with dry roads and bright sunshine, a far better day than many this past summer. We arrived at Horncastle market place bang on 11:00 to find John Stones and Graham and Michelle waiting for us. After stopping for a 5-10 min chat we were joined by John Burdall and the eight of us set off for Stallingborough. Graham kindly led as he knew the route, which saved me having to lead, think about

where I was going and keep an eye on the group. It's good to make use of local knowledge and it gives other members chance to lead rides. We arrived at the Olde Farmhouse, Stallingborough at about 12:30. It's a nice pub, with plenty of comfortable seating and the Sunday lunch is only £5.95 a head. We stayed about two hours in total and had a pleasant afternoon chatting. The landlord has said we are welcome to hold meetings there and they will provide sandwiches. Following the meeting we all headed back in our respective directions. For me Rachel and the boys it was back to Horncastle for the MAG Eastern Region AGM, where we had the opportunity to hear from Dave Short the Campaigns manager and also their President Ian Mutch. Both were interesting speakers and it was good to see a positive and upbeat organisation.

Lincs. Events Calendar - see Wot's On (p.2)

Regards,
Trev

Kenís Derbyshire Notes

First of all my apologies for being away for most of the past month, but unfortunately family problems down south needed my time.

At the end of last month being down south I took the opportunity of dropping in on the Scrumpies meeting, held in a lovely country pub in darkest Wiltshire (much ooh aaring to be heard!). On entering I was greeted with "f—ing hell, that's what you call a lost rider" to which I replied, which way to Derbyshire? I seem to have taken the wrong turning coming out of Camborne after the rally! The outcome from the meeting was that we have proposed a meeting for February in the Stratford area, it will take place on the Sunday we have our Clay

Cross meet. I will sort out a venue with Black Bob their deputy rep; he knows a nice pub by the river which is nice for lunch - they tell me that they will make it a car day because of the time of year and I suspect we will follow suit, any way I will get it sorted and give details later - please support this venture.

The Claycross monthly meets are still well supported, and I hope they will be so right through the winter months, don't forget its ok to come in your car and have a chat and a cuppa.

I have been getting all the service items and spares for my bikes over the past few months, the Virago will be getting a service and new fork seals and a new front tyre may be on the agenda, even though its only

done 6000 miles it has been on the bike since 1996 and getting a bit old now. The dragstar will be also getting a service and I shall be fitting the remote oil filter kit at the same time, should keep me busy for a while.

Well as the sun is shining on this dry October day, I am going to take the bikes for a run (not at the same time tho!) the dragstar hasn't been on the road since the Cambridge rally, so its long overdue and I could really do with a chill out! So that's all from me for this month, see you all out on the road soon and at the various xmas parties Ride safe **Ken**



Lost Riders Merchandise



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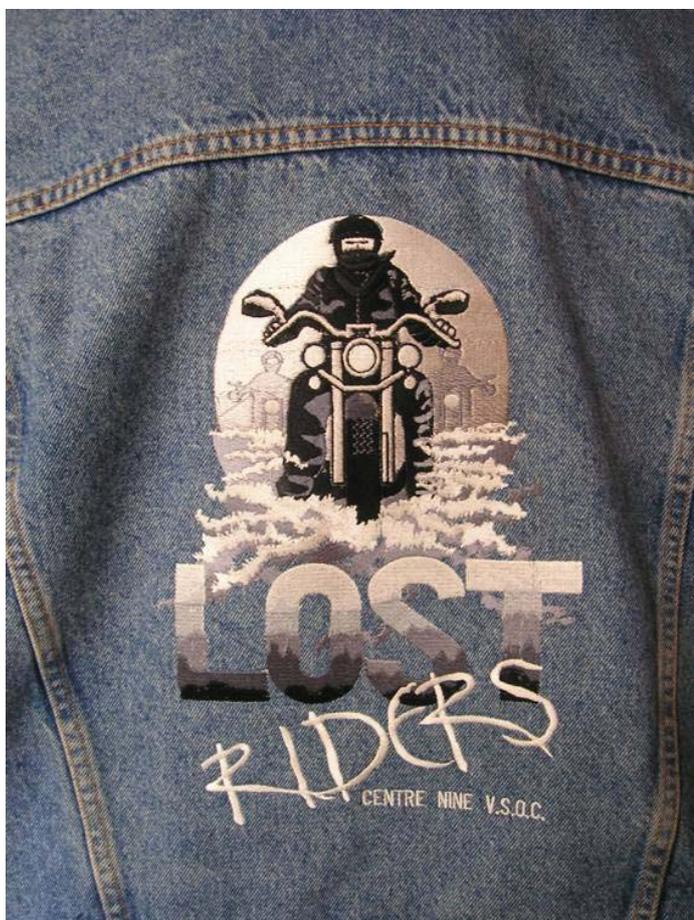


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EJ



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Message for
Little Malc

Sorry Malc. I didn't have room for your piece - will put it in December issue - hope you are having fun in Portugal!

- Keith