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From the Editor

I start by apologizing to those members who do not receive this by



E-mail. Due to the large number of pages and a restriction on number being able to be printed the copy you received was a shortened version. This might happen again this time so to avoid this in the future, **register for receipt by E-mail or see full copy on**

our website, you can still have a printed copy as well! Send your mail address to me at jimvtx1300@yahoo.co.uk

I was fortunate to be at the Mellish for our first meeting there – a great success, well done Terry!

I am sure you will all be very busy during November and December always a lot of toy runs and charity ride events taking place. Check out the calendar. Please send details and reports to me for inclusion in the Newsletter, let us all know the good time you had

Be careful out there!

Jim

Being Shot At ...



Hi everyone, I trust the dark nights are not getting to you? Bit of a shock that first Sunday night wasn't it? Winter is most definitely on the way now.

I trust you enjoyed the newsletter last month? Well done Jim, if you did not see it, the full edition is on our web site, go check it out, considering he has only just started, it was a first class job.

We have all heard the saying, "Sometimes life just gets in the way", it happens to all of us, one recent weekend, I decided to paint the garage floor, I know, it's

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Remember to get your tickets for

Nottingham Christmas Party 12th Dec. at the Goose. Call Terry or any committee member.

Derby Dinner (£14.95) 19th Dec. at Arkwright Arms. Contact Keith or Jane for menu, and address to send a cheque.

Both numbers on Committee page.

a summer job really, but hey ho. So Friday after work, I emptied the garage, opened the paint, and it had started to go off, which is more than it did on the garage floor. Of course it poured all day Saturday, so my bikes sat on the drive getting soaked, the floor refusing to dry, this was a disaster. Sunday morning, the floor was almost dry, so I put everything back. Monday morning, my bike was stuck to the floor, will I ever learn?

Lots of you came to our new Centre meeting place at The Mellish last month, and by all the feedback I received it was a great success, thanks for all the kind words, we are set for many a happy time there. Trevor's quiz was a real success, and a prize of over £11 was won by John and Jayne, well done to them. The open the box was a good laugh too, much more to come at future meets; hope to see you all there. Through the winter we will as usual be arranging lots of things for you to get involved in. Don't be shy, just because it's a bit colder now, wrap up and keep those motors running.

The breakfast meets will continue, always a good idea to get together for a chat and a bit of a sunny Sunday morning ride. The Christmas toy runs are coming soon, lots of bikes always on these, it is the children that the runs help, so buy a prezzie, wrap it up and join in.

More details on our web site, and elsewhere in the newsletter.

Talking of Christmas, please make sure to get your tickets for the Nottingham Area sponsored Christmas bash, only £6, a bargain for a night out including entertainment and a hot supper.

Some of the members will still be attending the odd non VSOC rally through the winter months, often at quite short notice; watch out for my events emails, there may be something that catches your eye.

Ride Safe People

Terry

Derby Radio – Children in Need charity Run.

The usual Derby breakfast meeting on the 18th coincided with the charity event. This was formerly known as the money mountain event but is now an equally deserving cause. Our few members joined with over a hundred bikes to leave Clay Cross Stratstone (PowerSports) for the ride into Derby Radio. Although not able to do the ride THE event myself I was there to wave them off! The news cameras were there to record the event, you might have been lucky to see a few on the evening news.



Over a thousand pounds was raised to make the sunny day even sunnier!!

A word or two from Lincs.....



With the nights closing in on us and them getting colder it has been rather quiet this month with me seeming to only get to the Lincolnshire Meeting! Luckily though it was a clear night so I managed to get the motorbike out even if it is the last meeting on it!

It was a fantastic turn out for the first meeting at our new venue with it being a real pleasure to see the usual faces as well as some new ones. I hope to see many more faces at future meetings.

That is really all from Lincolnshire this month however, I am thinking of doing a Christmas Meal at our new venue and they have stated that they would be pleased to host us. I need to know who would be interested in attending a Christmas meal. Please let me know if you would like to come preferably before our next meeting at the Duke of Wellington on 10th November. The meal will be taking place in December and I will provide more detail after our next meeting. Hope to see lots of you on the 10th November, at the Duke of Wellington from 19:30 onwards.

See you all soon.

Alexander Bridgwood (*Lincolnshire Rep*)

A TRUE ADVENTURE

The Mongol Rally 2009 – L’Austin Transit (aka the Lost Drivers)

Trip Summary

We set off from Goodwood on 18th July and arrived in Ulanbaataar 33 days later having driven 8953 miles through 19 countries.

The most interesting (and also most difficult part) was the 3000 miles from entering Iran and travelling through Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Highlights were; Istanbul, Iran, **October 2009:**

Ashgabat, Samarkand and the Pamir Highway.

Roads and signage deteriorated from eastern Iran onwards and became virtually non-existent by the time we reached Tajikistan. Bridges were down, diversions had no signs and progress was arduous, slow and dusty.

We drove across deserts, through floods and rivers, and over several mountain passes and a glacier and reached our highest point on the Pamir Highway at 15,400 feet; (In the words of Ike & Tina: 'River Deep Mountain High') and temperatures ranged from -5C to 48C.

It was hard work but well worth the time, money and effort and the Maestro was the star, coping with conditions no vehicle should have to tackle, right up to when the snow and mud in the Mongolian mountains took it's toll, but by that time we had made it albeit a little short of the capital.

Overwhelmingly people were very friendly towards us, being strangers driving a car none had ever seen before on a journey most found unbelievable "Why not take a plane?" asked one man.

We raised over £1,150 for Mercy Corps, so thank-you to everyone who donated. The sale of the car and equipment will also be added to this total.

The most useful item taken was the petrol stove, and the most useless was a hair dye – I don't know how 'Lois' found the facilities to use hers.

For Jayne's full report visit

<http://mongolrally09.theadventurists.com/index.php?mode=teamwebsites&name=laustin-transit&page=tripreport>

YouTube videos of our trip can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/JaynenJohn>

A selection of photos are on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/john-jayne/sets/72157622209343740/>

NOT QUITE SUCH AN ADVENTURE! - MCN WEEKEND AT BUTLINS

We all arrived on our bikes however there was a very large number in cars. We were fortunate with the



weather, dry although very windy on Saturday, so much so that a few traders thought they

might lose their stands. The overall numbers at the event were less than I expected, in some ways this was good because the bars and shows were busy and full but not overcrowded however the lack of numbers during the day meant that the venue seemed very quiet and had no atmosphere at times.

All the bands were very good and catered for most tastes – from a member of the Drifters, a superb U2 (Achtung Baby) tribute, Blues Brothers, to an AC/DC tribute. The great advantage you have is that if you don't like the entertainment in one bar you simply wander off to the next to see the bands there. On Saturday and Sunday there were stunt displays that were well worth seeing. A particular good one was the Globe, with two bikes riding within a very small diameter steel mesh globe – imagine a wall of death within a goldfish bowl.



For the active visitors there was a rideout on Saturday, this time to Tattershal, we decided not to go so I can't comment on the organisation. Strolling around the trade stands (again not as many as expected) you could find the usual selection of clothing, shirts and helmets etc. that you would expect. The display of bikes was very limited and those displayed were sports bikes.

MCN do two of these events each year one in April and this one, talking to people who have been to both I believe it is the earlier one that has more going on away from the show stages and bars. – more and a wider range of bikes on display, demo rides and more trade stands. Whilst being a little disappointed with the biking side if things you can't fault the entertainment and it was enjoyable. Tony and Kendra have already booked for the April show next year so it can't have been bad!!

Jim

Lest we forget - Ride to the Wall 2 (10 October 2009)

The day dawned rather misty and grey but thankfully dry as John and I went to meet Rick on the slip road of Junction 25 M1 awaiting collection en route by Leon and Margaret, Ken, Paul and Shelagh we made our way down the M1 and A42 to the designated start point of Drayton Manor Park. We arrived at about 9.30am well before the start time of 11.00 but there were already hundreds and hundreds of bikes there, together with people who had camped overnight, there was also a barbecue and drinks for sale. By the time we were due to move off the enormous car park was overflowing, an incredible sight.

We were sent off in batches to the National Memorial Arboretum for which the whole event was a fundraiser, arriving at about 12 and the last bikes rolled in just before 1.30pm in time for the short service which was followed by a Spitfire flypast. Altogether approximately 5,000 bikes took part a truly amazing turnout and a very special event to be a part of. There were lots of interesting bikes and every make and model you could think of must have been represented, a huge number being Harleys as the HOG were the original organisers, I did see quite a few VSOC



badges on display though!

It was a very memorable day and I would highly recommend it for the future, it only cost £7.50 to register and the funds all go to the Arboretum – well worth a visit at anytime

The Wall in the title is the Wall at the Arboretum that is inscribed with all the names of service personnel killed since the Second World War, sadly an ever increasing number

<http://www.rttw.org/>

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Tessa & John

NOTTINGHAM BREAKFAST MEET (4th SUNDAY) FROM JANUARY - A NEW VENUE

IN ORDER TO MAKE TRAVEL TO AND FROM EASIER WE ARE MOVING TO McDONALDS AT ARNOLD. ON RETAIL PARK (SIR JOHN ROBINSON WAY), OFF MANSFIELD ROAD BEHIND OLD HOME BREWERY BUILDING AND OPPOSITE SAINSBURY.

THE NEW VENUE IS NOT WITHIN A ONE-WAY SYTEM SO ACCESS AND DEPARTURE IS EASIER IN ANY DIRECTION.

REMEMBER, IF WEATHER IS POOR, COME IN THE CAR! DON'T MISS OUT – KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND SEE WHAT'S COMING THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO JOIN IN OR EVEN INSTIGATE!

Are you free? - places to go, things to do!

(Be sure to tell us when you've been and send pictures)

The following are activities you should consider joining in with, call a friend to go with or meet them there. Make a resolution to do at least one activity / meeting a month. **Note - the full calendar can be seen if you receive by E-mail or review the Newsletter on Lost Riders Website.**

November

1	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
3	Tuesday	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - Mellish Rugby Club, War Memorial Ground, Mapperley Plains, Nottingham. NG3 5RX. – from 7.30pm. Contact Terry 0115 939 9142 / 07853 235400 / billio51@hotmail.com
6- 7	Fri – Sun	AIM CC Bonfire Rally. Oxcroft Miners Welfare Club, Clowne Road, Standtree, Chesterfield. Bands & disco £14 on gate. Info Bob 07908 981558 Linda 01246 573413
7	Saturday	Brothers over the Hill MCCs Haloween Night. South Wingfield Social club, High Road, Wingfield. Music + usual , camping available all for £5
9	Monday	Derby meet. (2 nd Monday of the month). Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG (off j29 M1) 01246 232053. Contact Keith & Jane 01246 236123 mobile – Keith 07986 091109 Jane 07910 711591 rumblingstar@aol.com
10	Tuesday	Lincolnshire meet (2 nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
14	Wednesday	Leicester / Northants meeting. (2 nd Wednesday of each month). Suspended due to refurbishment of pub Contact Pete for more information. Forge Inn, Main Street, Glenfield, Leic. LE3 8DG. Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809 E-mail leonebrowne@btinternet.com
15	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
15	Sunday	Newark Auto Jumble. Newark showground, from 10am. £6 on gate.
17	Tuesday	Nottingham meet. (3 rd Tuesday of month) Grey Goose, Arnold Lane, Gedling- from 8pm. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807
22	Sunday	Notts breakfast meet(4 th Sunday of month) McDonalds on Nottingham ring road near Basford. From 10, food and or a

		rideout. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807
20-22	Fri – Sun	Derbyshire 623 MCCs 30 th Pheasant Pluckers Rally. Bands, Disco trade stands. £15 on gate. More info – www.623mcc where???
20-22	Fri-Sun	Fido's 6 th Chilly Willy Rally. Polish Scout Camp, Torksey Lock, Lincoln Pre-book £12. 07925 704076 / 01427 717175
28	Saturday	AIMCCs Rock Night. Oxcroft Welfare Social Club. Clowne Road, Stanfree, Chesterfield. Live band, rock disco, camping. 7pm till late. £5 on the door. Details Bob 07908 981558 Linda 01246 573413
29	Sunday	12 th Annual Hamper Run leaving Wheelgate Pleasure Park 11am. (Formally known as Wounderlands) Farnsfield, Newark. N22 8HX. Bring food suitable to go into a hamper. Contact 01623 861452

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6	Sunday	Bottesford Toy Run. Leaving Red Lion Bottesford at 11am. It is likely that ride-in will be arranged – watch this space!
6	Sunday	Unwanted MCC Burton on trent Annual Toy Run. Start Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Burton on Trent. Meet from 10am start 11.30. (15 mile ride) £2 per bike. Info Tango 07855 133029 Rupert 07966 123417
8	Tuesday	Lincolnshire meet (2nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
11-13	Fri-Sun	Otto's Outings Barf in the Blue Mug Rally. Anchor Inn Church End, Friskney, Boston. PE22 8NB. Pre book £7 (£8 OTG) 01246 272411 / 07906 068970 after 6pm
12	Saturday	CENTRE 9 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE GOOSE. - Live entertainment and food. Last year was great – this will be better. Don't miss it! TICKETS FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.
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19	Saturday	Derby Christmas party at Arkwright Arms (see normal Derby meeting venue for address). Tickets from Keith or Jane
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31	Thursday	Unwanted MCCs New Year Party. Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. Disco, film & light show, fancy dress (theme - bin liners) free buffet late bar. Camping. £5 on door

January

2	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
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8-10	Fri-Sun	G-mex (now known as Manchester Central) Bike show, Manchester
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16	Saturday	Unwanted MCCs 1 st Anniversary at the Rockbar. Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. Disco, film & light show. Camping. Free entry
TBC	Sat-Sun	Believe to be 16-17 th . Springfields bike show, Springfield centre Spalding. More

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29-31	Fri-Sun	Ogri MCC's Kickstart Rally. Kemble Airfield, Nr Cirencester. £10 Contact 0151 336 1991. Note only 200 tickets available.

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