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VSOC CENTRE 9 – JULY 2015

OWNERS OF: VIRAGO, DRAGSTAR, ROYAL STAR, VENTURE STAR, MIDNIGHT STAR, WARRIOR, RAIDER & STRATOLINER
(OWNERS OF OTHER CUSTOM BIKES WELCOME AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)



A Sad Farewell to John Bell

It was with great sadness that the centre came together to see John off on his final ride. Over 40 bikes turned out to escort him on his journey. This was testament to the high regard and great fondness we all had for John. I had not known John as long as many of you, but always found the stories of his travels and his classic motoring adventures - interesting, amusing and inspiring. He was a true gentleman, adventurer, connoisseur of automotive greatness and all-round top bloke, who will be greatly missed by all.

Tinker – Ed

Thank-you Everyone

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, messages and well-wishes received over the last few weeks while John was ill and after his all-too-early death.

The statistics were always grim and in the end there wasn't anything anyone could do to halt or even slow the cancer. It has left me devastated even though John was calm and philosophical throughout. 'No Regrets' he said.

The turnout for his funeral was amazing. Even more people came than I had expected....And then there was the motorcycle escort ... What can I say? Over 40 bikes. The Funeral Directors said they had never seen so many. Blyth village wondered what had hit it, and the Rev Kate (marvellous wasn't she) excelled herself too and made it personal and poignant and even had a ride on the back of Chris's bike around the car park. Other guests commented on how well-practised and professional you looked, zooming past and falling into formation. You impressed a lot of people.

You all made a fantastic contribution to making it unforgettable. John would have been so humbled by the turn-out of people and bikes. I know he would want to thank you all and wouldn't have expected it. The procession of bikes was not to be forgotten for a man who certainly will not be.

Thank-you all, from Jayne and Francesca



OUR VISITING COLUMBIAN FRIENDS ON TOUR



INTERNATIONAL RALLY – BUSHY HERTFORDSHIRE





Hi to all of you out there

Well we had our monthly meet at Glenfield. Brian was still going round the country with the Columbians, Joe and Catherine are back from there trip to Oz and Paul is back from i.o.w. So all back safe and sound. Lee and Pete are in the process of moving house so did not make this one but we still had a good meet with plenty of chat, mainly about the international rally.

The rally had a bit of a hiccup at the start. John and Helen had a flat tyre, so that put pay to Thursday. He had a 3 hour wait before he was picked up but got tyre fixed Friday morning. We got to the rally about noon. The first person we met was Daz. Had a chat then started to put up the tent. Jim and Moira had just turned up then everyone else started arriving. Steve's Jill came in car with a couple of tents me and Daz gave her a hand with one tent, but left her to fill it up. By this time everyone was doing the same. I think about 37 lost riders were there to let the party begin. It was a great rally, but best for me was when we all got round the tents with chairs and having a drink and a good laugh and a joke, pulling each other's legs. This became known as "The Game of Thrones" ... hope to continue the game at the Yorkie's rally

June 25th was John Bell's funeral. He had been an active member of our centre for many years and he will be greatly missed - A true gentleman and friend. On the Thursday morning we set off to meet up with John and Helen and Pete at l.f.e then on to meet up with Joe, Brian, Chris and Lorraine at a layby then on to the Limes Café. By the time we arrived there were about 37 bikes – a great turn out to give John a good send off. We had a nice run up to the church where the funeral was being held. It was sad, but everyone spoke very highly of him. It was a lovely service. Our thoughts are with Jayne and Francesca at this sad time. John would have been proud to see all the bikes following him back to the crematorium,.....who was that vicar being rode round on a bike? That gave us all a little chuckle on a sad dayR.I.P. John

That's it for now

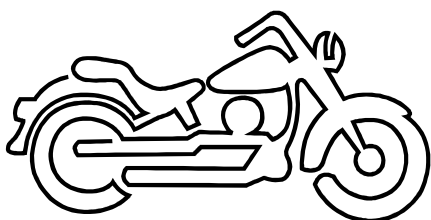
Rod the Sod

Leicestershire Rep

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

David Howarth from Beeston has joined our happy band. He rides an XV1600 Wildstar. Please take every opportunity to make David feel welcome and help him learn about our strange customs!

JOE'S TIP OF THE MONTH



Travelling by Ferry

When travelling on ferries they strap bikes down using thick straps which go across your seat. Use your gloves under the straps to protect your seat covering.

To fasten helmets to your bike. Use a bicycle security cable through the helmet and through your handle bars or sissy bar.

Till next time Ride Safe - Joe

THIS MESSAGE was posted on Gabby's facebook page by her Dad, Paul Wilkinson

As you've seen from the photos this week Gabby's bike attachment has finally arrived. Gabby's Just Giving Page was set up with a target of £10,000. The donations now sit at £11549.09p and with the bike and standing frame there is still £2386.56p left. We have decided to use this to help towards the cost of a new wheelchair as her current one is now nearly four years old and parts are needing replacing every few months.

A massive thank you to all those who have helped raise and those who have donated.

He went on to thank all for their support and donations raised from Car boots, bungee jumps, a medium evening, swimming, marathons, baking cakes, church donations and the Lost Riders.

Regards Ros



Notes about Motorcycling in France

When riding in France you must carry the following documents (Original Hard Copies) with you:

Vehicle Registration Certificate (Log Book), Insurance Certificate including "Green Card" or proof of EU cover, MOT Certificate, Driving Licence, Passport, An EHC card, if you don't have one already you can apply online at <http://www.dh.gov.uk/>

You can be fined separately for each document you cannot produce.

You must have the following equipment. Heavy, "on the spot", fines can be imposed if you fail to comply. If you cannot pay the fine your bike may be confiscated. You will be given the opportunity to visit an ATM to withdraw money to pay your fine.

Spare bulbs to replace any of the bulbs on your bike which may fail, a GB plate fixed to the bike at the rear close to the number plate. Unless you have the EU number plate which includes the country of origin.

A Hi Vis reflective jacket: It is unclear if you need to wear one to comply with Visibility laws. Best to wear one anyway. Reflective Helmet Strips. Technically these are required although I cannot trace any English person being given the 135 Euros fine for non compliance. However it does give the Gendarmes an excuse to pull you. Details of the law: <http://ukfrancebikers.com/2013/03/16/france-compulsory-reflective-stickerson-all-helmets/>
It is probably better to be safe than sorry so you can obtain stickers here: www.smartriders.co.uk for £3.29 post paid or on the ferry for £5.99

You must have dipped headlights on all the time. Most modern bikes will include this feature automatically.

Unless your bike is equipped with headlights that dip down and not to the side, you must have beam deflectors fitted. In general if your headlight has a plain glass (not ribbed or patterned) it will comply. Check with your bike manufacturer.

If you wear spectacles for riding you must carry a spare pair. The requirements to carry a breathalyser have been suspended indefinitely.

Unlike in the UK, speed limits are not always shown but are rigorously enforced. The village or town name plate means a 50kph (30 mph) limit and the end is shown by a sign showing the name crossed out. On the spot fines

can be enforced. If you exceed the limit by more than 40kph your bike may be confiscated too. Speed limits are lowered on motorways when it rains.

It is illegal to use a radar detector. Heavy fines apply including confiscation. If you have this facility on your Sat-Nav, ensure it is switched off before you are pulled over. They cannot force you to switch it on again.

From July 1st 2015 it will be illegal to have any earpieces in your ear, any speakers in your helmet and any "other devices which impede your hearing". This includes pillion to rider intercoms. Ensure you remove them before leaving the ferry.

Permitted Blood Alcohol levels are much lower than in the UK. 50mg/ml, instead of 80mg/ml, in the UK. The DVLA now have an agreement with the EU to exchange information. So in addition to having your bike and driving licence confiscated and imprisonment, you may find you lose your licence here too. DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. Random breath tests are legal in France.

Unlike the UK, if you pass a speed restriction sign at more than the limit, you are breaking the law. Frequently speed traps are only a short distance from the sign. Again the DVLA will endorse your licence and supply details to the French Authorities to enforce the fine.

Filtering (lane splitting) is illegal in France.

Further details about motorcycling in France can be obtained from: www.brittanyferries.co.uk/media/15508/A-guide-to-taking-your-motorbike-abroad/pdf/MotorcycleBooklet-Brittany-Ferries.pdf

The Legal Bit

Whilst the above information is believed to be correct, neither the VSOC, or myself, can be held responsible for any inaccuracies. It is the responsibility of every individual to satisfy themselves that they are complying with French Motorcycling Regulations.

John Wood June 2015

VSOC EVENTS

Scruppy VII

Friday 28th August to 30th August 2015

Hosted by Centre 17 Scruppies

LOST RIDERS EVENTS

JULY	17 – 26	LOST RIDERS FRENCH TRIP
	31 – 2	VSOC - YORKIES RALLY DONCASTER
AUG	9	RIDE OUT PITSFORD RESEVOIR
SEP	4 – 6	LOST RIDERS WOODTHORPE WEEKEND

NOTE: detailed information on ride outs will be available nearer the time



LOST RIDERS JULY 2015 EVENTS

5th	Sun	Derbyshire Breakfast Meet. (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
7th	Tues	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - The Park Yacht Inn, Trent Lane South, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4DS – from 7.30pm. Contact - Chris 07739 913807
8th	Wed	Leicester / Northants Meet. (2 nd Wednesday of each month). Nags Head, Station Road, Glenfield, LE3 8BQ Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809
13th	Mon	Derby Meet. (2 nd Monday of month) Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG. Off M1 J29 Contact: Rick 07828 801009
14th	Tues	Lincolnshire Meet (2 nd Tuesday of month) The Jolly Scotchman, 18 Lincoln Rd, Sleaford, NG34 8NP Contact: Alex 07815 972037
19th	Sun	Derbyshire Breakfast Meet. (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
21st	Tues	Notts. Area Meet. 3 rd Tuesday of the month. Rolls Royce Social Club, Gate 1 Watnall Road (B6009), Hucknall Contact Chris 07739 913 807 or Jim 07867 868 582

LOST RIDERS AUGUST 2015 EVENTS

2nd	Sun	Derbyshire Breakfast Meet. (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
4th	Tues	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month - The Park Yacht Inn, Trent Lane South, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4DS – from 7.30pm. Contact - Chris 07739 913807
10th	Mon	Derby Meet. (2 nd Monday of month) Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG. Off M1 J29 Contact: Rick 07828 801009
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