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Attachment: **AGM Agenda – Mon 18th January; 8pm.**

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<http://www.vsoc.org.uk>

Rep's Rambling:

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

CENTRE 19 AGM
8pm – Monday 18th JANUARY 2010,
BELL INN, MAIN ROAD, WOODHAM FERRERS, CM3 8RF

This is your chance to have your say in the running of the club for the coming year. It would be appreciated if as many of the members as possible could attend this meeting, as your views and ideas are important to the successful running of the club.

See you all there on Monday 18th.

John

LONDON MOTOR BIKE SHOW, EXCEL, DOCKLANDS, E16 1XL

SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY

If you want to travel as a group meet at Boreham services 09-30am and travel to Thurrock services. Depart Thurrock services 10-30am for Excel.

Tickets Advance £14-00, Concessions £10-00 or 2 tickets for £25-00

Book on line WWW.EXCEL-LONDON.CO.UK

Phone 08445810752

On the gate £18-00 Concessions £10-00

Bike parking is FREE, There is a charge for car parking

John

VSOC – Dates 2010

C6 Jump start party 16.4.10 to 18.4.10

Southern Snakes, Koningsbosch, Holland 23.4.10 to 25.4.10

C9 Lost Riders anniversary party 24.4.10

Belgian/Dutch Virago club rally 14.5.10 to 16.5.10

C13 Roadrunners rally, Bushey, Herts 28.5.10 to 31.5.10

International Rally, Borculo, Holland. 11.6.10 to 13.6.10

C7 Welsh rally, Tonna , 25.6.10 to 27.6.10

C12 Vultures rally, Reading 23.7.10 to 25.7.10

C17 Scrumpies Party, Weston Super Mare, 30.7.10 to 1.8.10

C4 Northern Raiders rally Darlington 27.8.10 to 30.8.10.

All these events are on the VSOC website.

Peter

Carry Nowt Camping

For those that went to the International Rally in Eastleigh this year, you would have noticed that there was 20 tents, all erected together, same colour etc. These were "hired" for our Finnish friends so they didn't need to carry tents all the way from Finland and back, to our rally!

To this end, the company who we hired these from are prepared to attend the Dutch International Rally next June.

I have written to the VSC Netherlands requesting their attendance. They are happy with and support their attendance.

Now, there are several members who intend staying on longer in Europe after the Rally ends next June, and will be stopping in either B&B or hotels. Plus others who are travelling large distances could carry more luggage without the efforts of carrying, erecting a tent for this overseas rally.

The company will provide, erect and indeed pull down, their 4 berth tents ONLY.

They sleep 2 people either side with a standing area in between. They will provide "roll mats" in the price, which is confirmed at £50 per tent (£12.50 each person based on 4 sharing). This is for the "full duration" of the rally.

They will be on site from the Thursday until late Sunday or early Monday, the latter dependant on their return ferry time from Rotterdam-Hull.

If anyone wishes to hire an additional "self-inflating" mattress, there is an extra price of £10 per mattress. You WILL need to take your own Sleeping Bag!

The maximum tents that they can provide/carry in their van etc is: 44

The company is called "Carry Nowt Camping", the preferred contact method is e-mail due to night working by one of the guys who operate this.

e-mail address: ridefree@carrynowtcamping.co.uk

Tel. Number if you fail to get an e-mail response, or to chase up your request:
07760-279905

Website for further information: <http://www.carrynowtcamping.co.uk/>

They have committed to attending, so lets hope plenty of members take up this offer.

You will need to contact this company directly yourselves, either by telephone or e-mail.

Happy Camping!!!

Regards

Kevin Hoyte

Chairman - Virago Star Owners Club

BRIGHTONA 2009 CUSTOM BIKE SHOW, OCTOBER 11

A bit dull and overcast, but a Met Office forecast of cloudy with sunny intervals looked like a good end to the “formal” (as distinct to the Impromptu) rideouts for the year. Heading south normally improves the weather, but suspect that the 63 miles to Brighton is about a tenth of the distance required to make much of a difference. Good attendance at Thurrock Services for the 10 o'clock start, also a group of HD riders meeting there for their ride down to the Brighton show. With John (no Carol, hope her knee gets well enough for her to pillion again soon) in the lead off we went to the south coast. The £5 entry fee gave each of us a goodie bag which included a nice pin badge. As it was getting on for noon, and the show was well attended, our parking spot was at the eastern end of Madeira Drive, around a mile from the western entrance by the pier. Camera in hand started the long walk west. Good Blues Brothers “tribute” band on the first sound stage and some very scantily clad girls draped over HDs. Probably the best way to make people look at the bikes, one of which was finished in mat black and rather awful fluorescent orange.



Some amazing custom bikes on display, sculpture in fibreglass and shiny metal that had started out as a motorcycle. Most had a number plate, but quite how they met basic legal requirements was hard to see. Clever trick with rear view mirrors, some had built in led displays in the mirror surface for speedometer, revcounter, fuel gage, and warning lights. You could get a view behind you but a speedometer needle and markings were ghosted in the reflection. There was a small selection of custom cars, including a Ford GT40 (the genuine article not a kit car replica), and some beautiful 50s and 60s US imports.



Coasters scooter club were there, a long ride for them, they are based around Ipswich and Felixstowe. Some totally daft Yamahas on the V-Max stand, several solo bikes, one with a turbocharger, and two trikes. The turbocharged bike is fairly local to us; he lives in Clacton and rode down to Brighton. With up to 260 bhp available, if the boost pressure is turned up, riding on a wet road must be a challenge. Usual trade stands selling patches, badges, clothing, and shiny bits for HDs.

Had what was advertised as a great value fish and chip lunch in the open air on the prom in an area that was screened off to keep the wind and seagulls at bay. Looked like good value at the price, but miserable little portions meant I was still hungry and wanted to go round again but was too tight to pay double.

The start of the afternoon brought dark clouds and a light shower, I wanted to drop in on relatives in Horley so I left early at 2:30 to try and miss the rain. Saw my aunt and uncle but left Horley at 5:30 as it started to rain, not hard, but enough to make riding a bit miserable. On the M23 there were a lot of bikes heading home from Brighton. Saw a few poor sods on custom choppers with no screens, no proper mudguards, and no wet weather clothing getting a good soaking. Standard bit of Vance & Hines fun in the tunnel then out into the gathering dusk in Essex, no sign of rain and dry roads for the last few miles.

Some Yamaha XJR Owners Club pictures are at:

<http://www.yamahaxjrownersclub.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=46&t=37008>

My own pictures of the show and C19 members are on Flickr at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7940646@N04/collections>

Bob Owen

An Evening with Friends

A group of friends from the North area decided that they could not or would not be able to make the Christmas Rochford Sports Club, so on December arranged to meet Public House, Stratford St one of Jane's delicious meals! A group of twenty members and their partners dinner drinks in the bar down in the restaurant with fire, for a Christmas feast trimmings. The banter flowed and laughter was heard as you would only expect from Centre 19 members.



dinner at Saturday 12 at the Anchor Mary to enjoy Christmas Centre 19 met for pre before sitting its roaring real with all the



The highlight of the evening was when Kevin was persuaded to bring along his piano accordion, as some of you may know he is an accomplished player, and entertain us with the likes of 'Jingle Bells', 'Silent Night' and even a bit of 'Rock 'n' Roll' to which Myself and Susan could no longer hold ourselves back and were seen to be jiving at the bar!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who turned up for making the evening so enjoyable, the food was good, the surroundings were good and the company was excellent!

Happy New Year to our friends in the club

Roger & Susan Went

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

January

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 4th January 2010.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.
West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting..... **CENTRE 19 AGM,**

8 pm Monday 18th January 2010.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

February

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 1st February 2010.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.
West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 15th February 2010.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.