



VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER

On an overcast morning we set out to the gathering, not sure as to how many would turn out on such a miserable morning.

But what a nice turnout we had 70 bikes, unfortunately one had to go home, one started out but also had to return home, and one lived up to our group name and got lost, no names but he is our ride out coordinator!

After a muddy and damp ride to the Rutland Arms/Mucky Duck I received several remarks to the state of all the bikes, (none of them nasty) at last my bike looked as good as every one else's!

It was nice to see the Yorkies turnout 10 bikes plus 8 passengers.

But for Julie and I it is a good start to the new season, yes it

was worth it, just to meet old friends and make some new ones.

Cottesmore tickets are selling fast so if you want to come please let us know.

I hope to see you all at Rallies around the country during the coming year.

Roy and Julie



Not Lost are we guys?

"As close to green-laning as you will get"
(quote taken from Yorkies' report)



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WOTTS-ON?

JUNE

- 6 **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling**
Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - Nettleton Lodge, Nettleton // Football Club, Winterton.
- 9-11 **Danish International Rally, Klinteberg.**
9-11 Pro-Custom Bike Show, Newark Showground. Ticket Hotline 0870 1660 431; prices: pre-book £10/Adult, OAP/Child £6. Camping tickets £25 for 2 days(pre-book otherwise £35) includes entry to show and entertainment.
- 10-11 BMF GEMS Show, Kent.
- 11  **Mystery Tour to Willingham Woods** - see separate ad. for details and ride-ins etc.
- 12 **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**
13 Ashby Foleville - a gathering of bikes & cars -classics and customs alike, from mid-afternoon onwards.
- 14 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
14 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
14 Classic Car & Bike Show in aid of Weston Park Cancer appeal, at Renishaw Hall, Derbys S21 3WB - Bar, Refreshments, Food, Prizes & Raffle. Admission £2 per car. 4pm-9pm.
- 14 Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - Hope & Anchor, South Ferriby // Sun Inn, North Wheatley.
- 16  **Over-the-Hill Run** - Leaving old Grandstand, Lincoln Racecourse 7pm - destination Dog & Rat, Broughton.
- 17  **Nick & Jane's Wedding** - Motorcycle Escort required
CAN YOU HELP? Contact Nick@nlappage.freeseve.co.uk or phone 07881 536454
Lincolnshire Members - Contact Roy to arrange a meeting place.
Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in the July newsletter.
- 21 Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - 3 Horse Shoes, Scotton (off A159) // Fox & Hounds, Willing by Stow // Blacksmiths Arms, Rothwell.
- 23-25  **Cottesmore Camping Weekend, same format & venue as last year.**
TICKETS on Sale NOW - also available on the day but let Roy know for sure if you are coming!
- 28 Lincs Bike Nite - Cruisers - East Kirkby Aviation Centre £5 per bike - hear the Lancaster start up! // Barge Inn, Keadby.
- 30 Lincs Bike Nite - Hartsholme Park, Lincoln (off Skellingthorpe Road).
- 30-2 **Centre 13 Roadrunners 'Easy Cruising' Rally, Cheshunt** - see news item →
- NOTE:** BARTON ON HUMBER BIKE NITE CANCELLED DUE TO THE WORLD CUP

JULY

- 4  **VSOC C9 - 11th ANNIVERSARY Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling** - Lets show what we're made of in Centre 9 - please be there if you can. Ride-ins possible, contact your County Rep. (County Reps please let Malc N know approx numbers or we may have to fight over the buns!)
- 6 **Boston Bike Night** - Lincolnshire Area may have a stall again. Usually meet around the back - look around for us!
- 9 **Lincolnshire Area BBQ at Rutland Water** - Barnsdale car park area. Food can be provided but YOU have to cook it!
 Ride-in from Coningsby 12 noon. Let Roy know if you are coming.
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- 14-16 **Centre 9 National Party - The Sherwood ShinDig**
28-31 **Centre 2 Ireland** - Laughin' Leprechaun Rally.
Bike ferry places limited - don't leave it too late!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON LINCOLNSHIRE BIKE NITES - GO TO : www.spen-crowson.co.uk/lincs_bike_nights.htm

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
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 7.30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ROADRUNNERS RALLY JUNE

Please could you let your members know that the M25, junction 25 has just had roadworks put in. This will cause delays on the M25 & severely affect traffic getting on & off the M25 junction 25 (east side), a few miles from the rally venue. Full details will be on our web site, but here is the info any way:-

MAJOR LONG TERM ROADWORK'S HAVE STARTED

Refurbishment's on the Holmesdale Tunnel on the M25 (between Junctions 25 and 26) will be on-going until Christmas 2007. When finished - there will be an extra lane on the clockwise carriageway. Until this time, the motorway will be down to two lanes both ways with a contraflow and 40mph limit in place (distance speed cameras in force).

The anti-clockwise EXIT slip is closed at Junction 25, A10. The clockwise ENTRY slip is closed at Junction 25, A10. Both slip roads will remain closed for the duration of the works.

I would appreciate it if you could pass this on to any of your members who intend to join us that weekend.

Fleur
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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



The C9 newsletter is available by email and takes the form of a 6 page 'Word' document of around 3mb size and in **FULL COLOUR**.

If you would like to be included on my circulation list, please email me at: jayne.bell@hemscott.net
The emailed file should reach you up to 5 days before the Gedling meeting.
PS: PLEASE ASK FOR A READ-RECEIPT ON YOUR REQUEST SO YOU KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED IT!

New Lost Riders Web Site

A message from Terry Warren - Lost Riders Webmaster.
We now have a new web address, it is registered and will be active in a couple of days, not much to start with, but I will soon add to it!
The new address is: www.lrc9.co.uk
(lost riders centre 9)

WEBSITES
www.vsoc.org.uk
www.lrc9.co.uk

MALC'S BIT

Hi everyone
I hope you're all fit and well and ready for the summer last month was the first month with our present committee, and you'll see; well read, that everyone is trying their best to give you lots of events to attend. Its always better when more people are involved in the decision making, there will be more events starting from more places with more diversity than there has been in the past and we'll have Little Malc on our backs if we don't come up with the goods. I know this is something I don't have to say; but I will anyway; these people who are now decision making on you behalf - me included - have perhaps never been in a






situation like they find themselves in now, this isn't work and we should not behave as tho' it is, many skills have to be learnt or adapted to suit this particular circumstance - patience, diplomacy, organising, control and understanding are just 4 I can think of (counting isn't too high on the list). Everyone here, EVERYONE is here because they want to be, and hopefully our enthusiasm for the VSOC its members - that's you - will show and get us thro' this transition without upsetting or offending anyone, big apologies if it does.

This month a number of us went into Leicester for Nick and Jane's 'Pre-wedding Bash', it was a good night and a chance to catch up on some gossip and have a few beers. We had to leave fairly early in the proceedings, I think it was about 11ish, busy day Sunday as I'm sure you'll read about, but I do know that Nick was made to go home about 3am, I'm sure he and Jane had a quiet day on Sunday. And possibly Monday.

This month has seen us attend the BMF at Peterboro', once again it was a wet weekend although Saturday was passable - daytime anyway, from wot I could gather the bad weather had affected the attendance numbers, so even more bargains were available. In my first purchase I saved an incredible £150. For the first time the VSOC stand wasn't in the Club Corner although in reality the Club Corner had moved more than we had. The stand was large and airy with a great display of bikes outside and merchandise inside; the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, just as it should be.

Also this month the members of your 'Party Committee' visited Alfreton Leisure Centre (venue for our national party mid-July) for a 2 1/2 hr meet with the Manager and a member of the catering department. Many points were discussed, below are some of the more interesting ones:-

-  Availability of the swimming pool - when we arrive the leisure centre will be in phase 1 of an £8million rebuild, the swimming pool and all the upper part of the centre will not exist, this obviously affects us but the disruption should be minimal.
-  Saturday bike show; this is something we have wanted to do from the offset and it's looking like it's on.
-  Packed lunches for Saturday and Sunday; to be booked in advance.
-  Special dietary needs e.g. vegetarian, vegan, celiac; if ordered with enuf notice should be ok.
-  Café opening time; 7am till late.
-  Showers opening time; 7am - the number of showers may be slightly reduced due to building work.

-  Bar closing time; midnight, vacate by 1am.
-  Bike wash; it was accepted that the bike wash was a good idea but extra thought into who would do this service for us is needed.
-  Noise meter; there is a noise meter installed in our hall, concern has been shown by the bands as to the possible harm to their equipment, there is no proof that this happens.
-  Afternoon entertainment; the big hall has been booked for 4 hours, it is more than probable that we will have a rodeo bull, an inflatable pugell stick arena, an inflatable pillow fight pole AND still be able to have five-a-side footie - all at very minimal cost.
-  Do's and don'ts; no home-bought food and beer in the hall and no pyrotechnics.

Another meet will be organised soon so if you have any further questions please ask, if I can't answer them for you now, I will get to know the answer. I'm sure it'll be a good fun weekend; please buy your tickets a.s.a.p. if you are not able to camp we have a number of evening tickets for sale at a very

reasonable price. We know that the upper part of the centre looks like - well is - a building site, but I can assure you it'll be worth it. Whilst we're on this note its time now to put peoples name to jobs, manning the welcome tent, security, raffle ticket, door persons etc, if we all donate a little of our time - there is enuf of us -

life shud be much less stressful. Come on give me the nod, the more people that volunteer the less each person will 'ave to do, thanx.

*Malc
Centre 9 Rep
'The Lost Riders'*



*Ficcies From
Nick and Janes
pre-wedding party*



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SECURITY DUTIES AT CENTRE 9 PARTY!

I am looking for volunteers (stand still that Person!) to be prepared to do a stint of security duties at our Centre 9 Party. It will just mean a 2 hour stint walking about keeping a general eye on things and being able to assist with any small problems that might arise.

Ladies are also needed mainly for manning (PC?), the Welcome Caravan /tent and being a mine of local information. Lets all make this the party to be proud of!

Ken (Derbyshire rep.)

Note of Thanks

Just a quick note to say how much I have enjoyed riding with you all over the last few weeks. What I find really good is the way everyone is made welcome and like the bikes everyone is very individual.

I also find the ride-outs to be very well organised and it's fantastic to ride in a group. All we need now is the sun to shine!

Thanks again,

Warren

Cottesmore Camping Weekend

23rd, 24th & 25th JUNE

at
Cottesmore Sports & Social Club
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Thanks from Nick & Jane

Jane and I would like to thank all of you from the Lost Riders who came to our Pre-Wedding bash in Leicester last Saturday. We all had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed your company. It was good to see you all coming early to enjoy the night with us. Those that missed it should be ashamed! Anyhow, one more time in June, eh?

We've got to say that we really can't remember leaving the pub, but we were the last to go at about 3.00am. Some of us were still not right on Monday morning... looks like we need a tad more practice!

Please pass on our thanks and gratitude.

Many thanks, Nick and Jane



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Lincolnshire meeting May 10 at Coningsby

Our first meet on a Wednesday night. What a good turn out - 22 bikes in total although 6 were just visiting, they heard about our meeting and came to see what we were about.

So 30 of us took over the pub. I read the news as we did at our usual Gedling meetings, followed by planned ride-outs etc.

I asked if the Lincs members wanted to continue with the second Wednesday of the month as a regular meet, all agreed it was a good idea. Ride-outs to the north, south and east of the county were discussed and plans made for a ride to each point so that

everyone benefits in distance travelled - more details to follow. A raffle was held with a bottle of wine kindly donated by the landlady. Our thanks go to her for all her efforts in



accommodating us, but the main thanks go to all of you for turning out I feel a good start has been made and hope it continues.

Roy,
Lincolnshire County Rep.

Sunday 11th June GPS Mystery tour to Willingham Woods

Willingham Woods is on the A631 on the Market Rasen to Louth road.

The destination is not the mystery, but the route could be.

Leaving J27 M1 at 11.45 am - To Ollerton Roundabout

(it's where the A614 and A616 cross) Big Fish (restaurant) car park.

Leaving Big Fish at 12.30 pm - Set GPS to North Willingham and see which way we go.

I will set it to shortest route and avoid main roads we should arrive at about 2 pm.

For those who have not been before there are toilets.... and a burger bar for the adventurous. We may take a picnic.

Ask your county reps for details or meet us at the above mentioned places.

Hope to see you and the sun shining.

Malc (liaison)

Derbyshire area Ride-in

to join the ride to Willingham Woods(above) Ken will be leading a ride in to meet up with the main group at Ollerton Roundabout. Leaving the Dusty Miller Pub at 11.30 am.



The weather wasn't kind again this year at the BMF but there were plenty of bargains for those who attended. Here are a couple of pics taken at the VSOC Club stand.



Derbyshire Ride Out Sunday 14th May

The meeting place for the ride out was CMC at Chesterfield. It is always nice to arrive early to have a cup of coffee and wander round and peruse the machines and goodies on offer and maybe dream!

17 of us assembled for the ride into the peaks and it was nice to see Pete and Lee(new bike) had travelled up to join us. 4 other non-VSOC riders who were at CMC also asked if they could join us for part of the ride, I can only think the word is getting around about our great ride outs! We set off for the peaks with the weather a little damp, but spirits high only to run into some thick fog which slowed us down a little as we made our way through Baslow, Calver, Stoney Middleton and onto Peak Forest where I had



some thick fog which slowed us down a little as we made our way through Baslow, Calver, Stoney Middleton and onto Peak Forest where I had

scheduled a stop for coffee etc at the Wanted Inn, a lovely quaint pub where we are always welcome.

Setting off again in the worsening fog we headed for Winnats Pass, which is on a clear day, a fabulous sight, this day it was different, a BMW 3 series on full song with no lights on looming out of the fog set the old ticker going a bit! Still on into Castleton, Hope and Hathersage and finally back via narrow roads into Chesterfield and on to Malc and Liz's where they had laid on a fabulous BBQ and buffet for us and lashings of hot drinks, which we all enjoyed with much relish, you did us proud! and thanks to Shelagh too for helping.

Given the weather it turned out to be a great day, good company and my bike didn't get very dirty either, see you on the next one!



Ken (Derbyshire Rep.)

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CONGRATULATIONS KENDRA

Kendra has just passed a 'Bachelor of Arts', she has worked really hard over the last couple of years even missing some rallies - (beyond belief)!

She is now working for an Honour Degree in English Literature.

Try not to let it get in the way of PARTYING, Ehh Kendra!

Malc (liaison)



This was John's first time as leader of a ride, and my first time as last man. So we set out with some trepidation on a dampish morning. On our ride down to the first meeting point at Newark clouds gathered then parted in rapid succession.



At Newark 8 bikes quickly gathered and we set off for our second pick-up at the Cherry Tree Café, Lincoln.

We arrived in good time and during the half hour before our next departure, we drank tea, chatted and greeted other groups and individuals as they rode in.

EJ was out for the first time on her newly acquired 1100 Virago.



Another member (whose name I didn't catch - sorry!) was out for his first ride-out with the club.

A large contingent had ridden up from Leicester & Northants, and last but not least the Derbyshire guys and gals arrived led by Ken.



RIDE TO SKEGNESS SUNDAY 30th APRIL

sunshine and on schedule at the Anchor Inn.

After a 15 minute or so stop, we continued to Skegness where a slight detour by some (living up to our names!) provided an opportunity to promenade along the front before parking up.



The wind was chilly (known as 'bracing' around these parts) but it was all smiles as we set off in search of Fish'n'chips, Ice creams and ... Shelagh, who'd turned up at a pub there.

We were informed by little Malc (liaison) who had had a message from Malc N, that the C4 group camping at Friskney had in fact decided to go out elsewhere for the day, so we wouldn't actually be meeting and spending time with them at Friskney as planned. But because others were joining us there for the ride onwards to Skegness we decided to only have a brief stop there and spend more time at Skeg.

Finally rounding the troops, we left the café at 11.10 with 38 bikes plus 1 car (Shelagh) following heading for Friskney. Our ride would take us the most direct route via B roads and missing large towns, and with both of us originally from Lincoln

we knew some good roads that strangers would not have travelled before.

With the roads dry and the weather brightening we wound through the villages of Reepham and Fiskerton then on to Bardney and through Bucknall bends. We waved to villagers in the quaint thatched village of Thimbleby, and to avoid Horncastle we took a single track road across the back and over a small bridge. The oncoming vehicles stopped in the passing places for us and didn't seem to mind waiting while our impressive convoy passed by. Shelagh was still behind me at this point but after a quick right then left I lost her and never saw her again ...

The bends now behind us, we headed off towards Revesby and onto the long straights to Stickney and Friskney following the deep drainage dykes and arriving in bright



Various groups drifted off during the afternoon and made their way back to their own region. We left as planned at 4.30 with a group of about 9 and took the A158 back to Lincoln and beyond splitting off here and there as we headed for home.

I hope everyone was as lucky as we were, not encountering a drop of rain all day despite a forecast of 'sharp showers'.

Lets do it again before the end of the summer.

Jayne (Ed)

