



**VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB**  
Centre 9 - East Midlands

# LOST RIDERS



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Derbyshire, Notts, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northants, Rutland

## KEN RIDES THE NEW 1300 MIDNIGHT STAR

NEWSLETTER



### 2007 XVS1300A MIDNIGHT STAR

At the last CMC sponsored Pub Quiz, Ross from CMC asked Malc if anyone from the club would like to try out the new **XVS 1300A** Midnight Star they had just in. I was asked, "Would I fancy it?" Too true! It would be nice to do a comparison against my 1100 Dragstar Classic.

Tuesday 27th March saw me at CMC; even the fog and very cold wind was not going to put me off. After a few cursory checks I was off. The first thing I noticed on rolling on the throttle was a greater availability of power from the off. I had decided to take the chance to go over the route for my ride in to join the "gathering ride" next month, so I set off onto the M1 knowing it was 80 miles and would give me plenty of time to get used to the bike. I made a mental note to keep a check on the right hand. The bike only had 9 miles on the clock! She was eager to get going and soon settled down to a steady 55-60 with the throttle just cracked open; this was varied at intervals to assist with running in. At first I noticed that straight line riding was just that! And the white lines and ruts in the slow lane, that we all hate, were just soaked up, and no deviation was felt at the bars - great! I like it! I had a couple of comfort stops en route; the second for petrol, after going onto reserve - this is done automatically with the speedo going to zero and counting the miles on reserve, and a warning light draws your attention as well. I will admit on seeing 25 miles come up, I thought have I got my AA card! (cont. on p.2)

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## MAY

- 1 VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling
- 2 Wednesday Mid Lincs MAG Bike Night, Black Swan, Horncastle
- 6 Regular Meet up / Ride-out. Gathering at Clay Cross Powersports 10am
- 6 Lincolnshire Wolds Run in Aid of Lymphoma Association, starting & finishing at Mortons Media Group Ltd, Horncastle. Signing on from 9am and starting at 11am
- 9 VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote
- 9 VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby Wednesday 20.00
- 12 Saturday Mid Lincs MAG, Hedgehog Care Charity Ride
- 13 VSOC Lincs Area Meet, 1pm- venue TBA - Sunday
- 13 Thundersprint, Northwich, Cheshire  
Ride-in to the Thundersprint led by little Malc, leaving J27 M1 9am then J28 A38 9.15am.  
Ride-in led by Ken to join the main group at the Cat & Fiddle, leaving CMC Motorcycles, Chesterfield 9am
- 14 VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough
- 19-20 BMF Show, Peterborough
- 16 **DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**
- 25-28 VSOC Centre 5 Yorkies Rally - Return of the Peacock. Doncaster Rugby Club, Castle Park

## JUNE

- 2 Centre 9 Paintballing Day £7.50 each Saturday
- 8-10 VSOC International Rally, Sweden.
- 9-10 GEMS - Kent
- 10 Lincs. Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 13 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Coningsby
- 23 Ride-out organised by EJ to raise funds for St Barnabas Hospice in memory of Geoff. £5 per bike. Starts at Fosdyke
- 23-24 Centre 9 Camping weekend hosted by John & Rosie Burdall Max 50, £5 per person.
- 29-1 Jul Centre 9 National Rally - Sherwood Shindig II. Advance tickets £15. Contact Terry, Little Malc or Big Malc

## JULY

- 8 Lincs. Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 11 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Coningsby
- 13-15 Centre 15 Party - Hoo's Ready 2 Rock
- 14-15 Kelso Bikefest, Scotland
- 27-29 Centre 10 National Rally - Fen Frolics 2
- 29 Lincoln Big Bike Fest - Brayford Wharf

## AUGUST

- 8 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Coningsby
- 10-11 Derbyshire Area Camping Barn weekend at Sinnington, N. Yorks . See Ken
- 12 Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 24-27 Centre 18 National Party - Swiggin' in the Rigg'in' 2.

## WEBSITES

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(cont. from p. 1) Leaving the motorway, I soon found out it was a very easy bike to control and took bends and roundabouts with ease, and I am sure I was grinning at this point! I soon arrived at destination and parked up for a break.

As the sun was out by now, I decided to leave the motorway and travel home the pretty route; I ended up at Custom Cruisers at Alfreton as I knew I would get a free cup of coffee! The bike was given a good look over by a few customers, and I even recruited a new member!

Time for home and return the bike (AAAH!) Well I must say it was an enjoyable day and sad it had to end. Would I buy one? Yes! Not just yet, unless the 6 numbers come up.

It is only 5 mm. taller seat height and about 20lbs. heavier, so it suited me just fine and allayed any fears I had about it being too big, I am 5 foot 8 in tall and weigh 12.5 stone and found it very manageable.

Anyone wanting to give it a try ring CMC on 01246 559900 and book a test run, quote VSOC member. And see if it gives you the grin factor as well.

Ken (Derbyshire rep) Ride safe.

## 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  
8pm ALSO  
2nd Sunday's - various locations!

Hi everyone welcome to May's newsletter. This month I need to be brief because Keith has several date specific pieces of material he needs to include, so I've been squished out a bit. I therefore need to be fairly brief with no waffling about, so here goes:

**Membership:** if you do not intend renewing your membership this will be your last newsletter, sorry about that, and we're sorry to see you leave the VSOC; if there is anything I can do to make you change your mind, just ask. Obviously can't promise anything, but I will certainly try my best. If you've simply forgotten to renew it'll now cost you an extra fiver. If you have joined the VSOC recently, our year starts in April, so check your membership card to make sure you're still good. Associate members who wish to renew – contact me.



**Gathering** - an excellent turnout of nearly 80 bikes (the exact figure depended on who was counting) met up for this years 'Gathering' organised by your Leicestershire

## Male's Bits



and Northamptonshire reps Pete and Kev. The early morning conditions were a bit grim but it soon turned into a gorgeous summers day (even tho' its only spring). Many thanx to the people who led ride-ins to the Northampton Football Club. A limited number (100) of free commemorative patches are available to current members and their pillions that attended the event. If you registered – you should have done - you'll get a patch. It was nice to see a couple of Saxon Warriors join us for the day – and wot a day it was.

### FOR SALE

Jarrma slashcut exhaust mufflers, excellent condition, very nice noise will fit:  
 84 - 87 XV700  
 87 - 97 XV750  
 84 - 85 XV1000  
 86 - 97 XV1100  
 fitting instructions included, £125 ono. Also studded leather tool roll - offers contact Pete on 01709 798076 (South Yorks.)

**Committee changes:** one of the duties of last month's AGM was to nominate and vote in the members of the committee for 2007/8. Many, many thanks to all outgoing members, the work and commitment of these people have made us the successful Centre that we are. And with their help **we still remain the Centre with the largest number of members in the country.** All new committee members have a hard act to follow, but the new challenge will make us all work just that bit harder, which in turn benefits everyone.

**Rally update:** everything is going very well. By the time you read this approx 200 tickets will have been sold. Commemorative t-shirt and vest sales are going well (mind you they ought to at that price). The rally patches are sat in our spare bedroom and many other details that'll make it a successful rally have had their boxes ticked. All we need now is you.

**Bottesford egg run:** it was an excellent turn out from the VSOC – with members there from every county. The event broke attendance records and was a good day out, with a huge assortment of motorcycles to look at – wot more could a man want.

That's it that's me done, enjoy the rest of your newsletter. Ride safe and be happy.

### Male

*(Pubic bits shown are not actually Malc's - does anyone recognise them?!) - Ed.*

Well this was my first meeting as the Lincolnshire Rep having been voted in at the AGM on 03 April at Gedling. Thank you for asking me to be your rep and supporting me over the last year.

I'm sure it was mainly down to the good weather but the meeting was very well attended on Wednesday all arriving by bike. We were also joined by a potential member and his partner who had just bought his bike last Friday. They where made to feel welcome and I'm sure that they will be back soon to join the club for that reason. Our other planned events for the year are also coming along nicely. Names for the paintballing on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June are coming in at a steady rate. This is open to friends and relatives as well as members so bring them

### Trev's Lincolnshire Woldings

along also. Please remember I need to pay for the booking in advance so you must have paid me by our May Gedling meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The Centre 9 Camping weekend, 23/24 June at John and Rosie's is also booking up. This is limited to 50 people so don't leave it to the last minute. The cost is £5 per person which includes a continental breakfast on the Saturday and Sunday mornings. Tickets are available from me or John & Rosie.

Also on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June it is our charity ride-out for St Barnabus

Hospice. This is £5 per bike and all monies will be going to the Hospice. There is no limit on numbers for the event so why not come along for a ride and meet up with other centre members. You can book your place in advance with either me or EJ. We are using official sponsor forms from St Barnabus Hospice for this which will enable the Hospice to claim Gift Aid on the entry money and thereby maximise the donation.

In addition to me being voted in as county rep at the AGM, EJ was selected as the new Centre 9 merchandiser. She has already started to get some samples together and is planning to hold a stock of items for sale. I know there are some really nice items in the pipeline. All will be reasonably priced as the aim is to provide a service for members not make a profit.

Regards,

*Trev*

# FREE LIVE MUSIC !!!

## THE ANCHOR INN, FRISKNEY, SKEGNESS

05-May: CURSE  
ROCKABILLY/PSYCHOBILLY AT ITS BEST

12-May: RIFF RAFF  
SUPERB ROCK COVERS

19-May: CONTRABAND  
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED COVERS BAND

26-May: 101 PROOF  
UNMISSABLE ROCKING COVERS BAND

29-May: STUDENT BAND NIGHT  
TUESDAY SPECIAL

telephone 01754 820212  
to check for any changes!

**BIKERS VERY  
WELCOME!!!!!!**

### Virago for Sale



<<< This Virago XV750 is for sale, but we can't find the details. If this is your Virago, please send me the info. and I will be happy to feature it again in next month's newsletter.



'Doh!'

**"Only a Biker  
knows why a dog  
sticks his head out  
of a car window."**

*if you have material for the  
newsletter please email to:  
rumblingstar@aol.com*



"My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big f\*cking red mark on his forehead! Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond."

<<< *Cherie wonders what to do with Tony's plums...*



**HELLO** playmates. In a recent fit of insanity, I agreed to take over as editor of the newsletter from Jayne Bell,



who has done a magnificent job for the last three years and is a very hard act to follow. Well done Jayne.

For those who don't know what I look like and will have trouble recognising me from the photo Terry kindly selected for the Lost Riders website (thanks Terry), that's me, <<< a thorn between two lovely biker babes - wife Jane (right); Danish mistress (left), at the International Rally last year.

So what else do you want to know? I am a part-time goth and real ale enthusiast. Urr...

I have been hanging about rallies, usually in a state of quiet

inebriation, for the past 2-3 years. I am looking forward to making a dog's dinner of this newsletter.

If you have any complaints, please send them to 'Greasy Dave', HOG Riders of Tennessee, c/o 'The Flying Elvises', Boulevard 2734, Memphis TN, USA.

Or alternatively you could beg Jayne to come back; she can be reached at: 'Los Olvidados de Eva Peron', (Don't Cry For Me Argentina), 3rd Shack behind the Llama Paddock, Tierra del Fuego, Patagonia, Argentina.

*Keith  
Newsletter Editor*

# Gothic rumblings

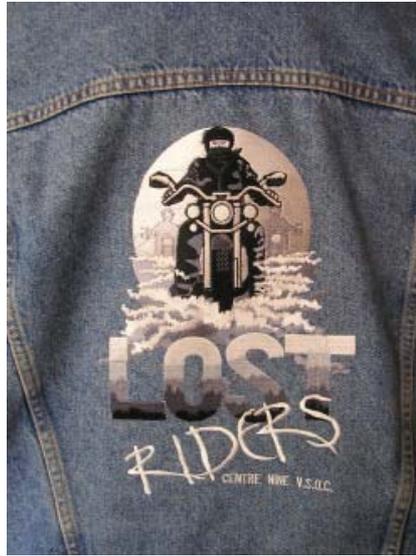
## SHOW YOU BELONG!

Now available are two great new products to show your membership of the club. The new products are professionally embroidered, not printed. The quality is excellent and will certainly impress!

### Patch >>>>>

This really is the dogs boll\*\*ks! Beautifully embroidered, this can be put straight on to your denim or "cut-off" etc. You want it on your leather waistcoat or jacket? – No problem. This can be done by the patch being produced on to a backing material then stitched to your chosen item. It can be as big or as small as you like! You need to supply the garment we will do the rest.

Cost £32 (For size in picture. Cost will vary depending on size required)



### <<<<<< Rocker

Use on waistcoats, jackets, cut-off etc. Use for rallies and club events etc, think if you put on regular jacket – you don't want to annoy the HA  
Cost £12

## NEWSPAPER REPORTS

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

(The Daily Telegraph)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard on the spot and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

(Aberdeen Evening Express)



A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common".

(The Times)

Mrs Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled "He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out "Heil Hitler." (Bournemouth Evening Echo)



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to place your order or for more information.

**Go on – you know  
you're worth it!!**

## FOR SALE

**2003 VXS Dragstar classic**, 6,000 dry miles. 12 months tax and test extras include highway bars, screen, rack, leather luggage, tool roll. Recent main dealer service. immaculate, original and very pretty. £4,250 phone Steve 01476 870860 or e-mail [steve.lively@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:steve.lively@tiscali.co.uk) no offers

**Yamaha Dragstar XVS 125**, 2005, (54 reg), only 1600 miles from new, one lady owner, always garaged, black paintwork, UK specification, looks like a baby Wild Star. Taxed to Dec. 07. Beautiful immaculate bike, ideal for CBT riders but quite capable of runs to coast.



**REDUCED TO £2,295 ono.**

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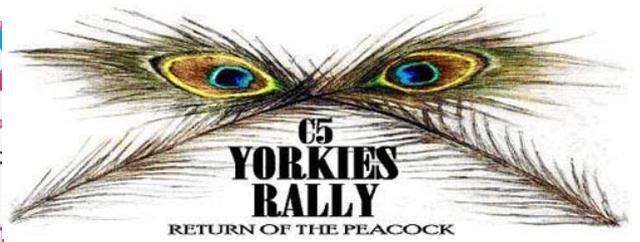
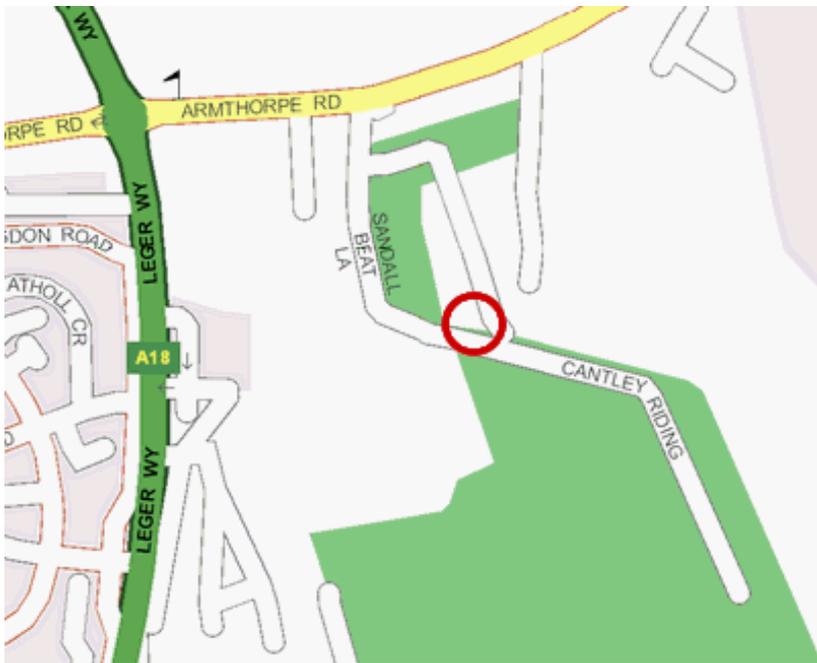
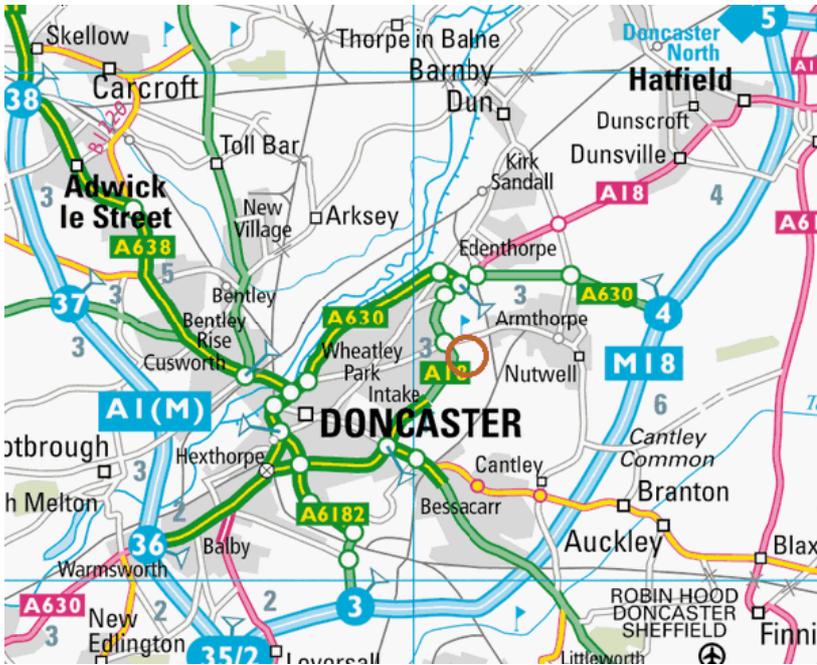
## WANTED

Front fender (mudguard) for an XV Virago 1100 ('98).

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**25th to 28th May 2007  
Doncaster Rugby Club,  
Armthorpe, Doncaster**

Doncaster Rugby Club is situated at Castle Park in the Armthorpe area of Doncaster, South Yorkshire. The post code for map reference is **DN2 5QB**.



If anyone wishes to ride in with me 'n the missus to the Yorkies Rally on the 25th May, we'll be leaving the Woodhall services at 13.00, - thats the services just above junction 30 *(Big) Male*



Outside the **Durham Ox, Sixhills**, at the finish of **The Gathering of the Clans 07**. Photo shows **Pete Brown**, (standing left of red bike), Leicestershire County Rep., one of the two organisers of this year's Gathering. We had a lovely day for it and went through some superb villages with thatched roof cottages on the ride-out. If anyone has any more pictures (including a photo of Kev Villiers, the other organiser), please email them to [rumblingstar@aol.com](mailto:rumblingstar@aol.com) for the next Newsletter. Also - if anyone has written a longer account of the Gathering, please email it to me. Well done Pete & Kev for the excellent organisation.

# GATHERING OF THE CLANS 07