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JULY 2008

Centre 9

East & North Midlands Derbyshire, Notts, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northants, Rutland

KEV WEARS DAI'S HAIR AS MOUSTACHE ON MONKEY HAT!

(Well, there's a headline I never thought I'd have to write!)

Mad Guinness drinker Kevin sported this fetching hat at the Welsh Party at Tonna, (Tonna, for the un-Welsh among you, is near Neath, not far from Swansea and the lovely Gower peninsula.)

This is a bit hard to explain, but Welshman Dai was having his very long pigtail cut off an inch at a time for charity, so our own Kev decided to get in on the act by creating the Frank Zappa beauty from a hank of Dai's golden locks for his monkey hat friend.

Later, after still more Guinness, Kev performed his legendary 'Mustung Sally' routine accompanied by band '**Capston Full Strength**' while wife Wendy rode a small boy's scooter outside (*see exclusive pictures, page 5!*)



Lost Rider Kev with Monkey Hat

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3rd July - Boston Bike Night from 5.00 pm onwards
- there will be a VSOC stand there.



MEETING DATES & VENUES

4th - 6th July - Third Essex Crusade
National Youthbike Finals Weekend

Wed. 9th July – Barton Bike Night and Conningsby meeting unless we change for this month.

18th - 20th July

Centre 6 Camping Weekend and Bikeshow at East Kirby Aviation Centre. Tel. Tattershall Leisure Park (01526) 343455 to book direct with the Leisure Park.

Wed. 23 July - there will be a Cruiser Bike Night at Cadwell Park. Attendees will be able to 'Cruise' round the track - billed as 'Circuit Cruising' Evening starts from 15:30. Cost £10.00. Minimum dress required is: Boots, gloves, jacket, jeans and helmet. Anyone interested in attending should e-mail: biketrackdays@motorsportvision.co.uk in advance so that they can estimate numbers and the level of interest.

Sun 27 July – Yorkies are going to the Sherwood Visitor Centre and have asked if we are interested in joining them there for some activities.

1st - 3rd August
Grim Reaper Rally

5th August

**First monthly meeting at The Centre 9
Lost Riders new venue -
The Boot & Shoe Inn, Main Street, Flintham
NG23 5LA - come on folks, let's make this a
success! See map (below):**

CENTRE 9 MAIN MEETING - FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

From August, Centre 9 meetings will be held at The Boot & Shoe Inn, Main Street, Flintham NG23 5LA. Flintham is on the A46 between Newark and Bingham - see EJ's Corner (p.4) for more details. **NOTE: The July meeting is the last first Tuesday of the month meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling, but there will still be a monthly meeting at the Grey Goose held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month organised by John Simpson (Notts Rep).**

DERBYSHIRE 1st Sunday of the Month Meeting - Clay Cross Powersports 10.00 am. Chin-wag & brekkie
2nd Monday of Month Meeting - THE ARKWRIGHT ARMS, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S44 5JG
Tel: (01246) 232053 (just off J29 of M1) - see Lost Riders website for Google Map. Includes free food such as chip butties with home-made chips
Third Sunday of the Month Ride-Out starting from Clay Cross Powersports 10.00 am.
Contact Karl Tromans for details: 01246 276754

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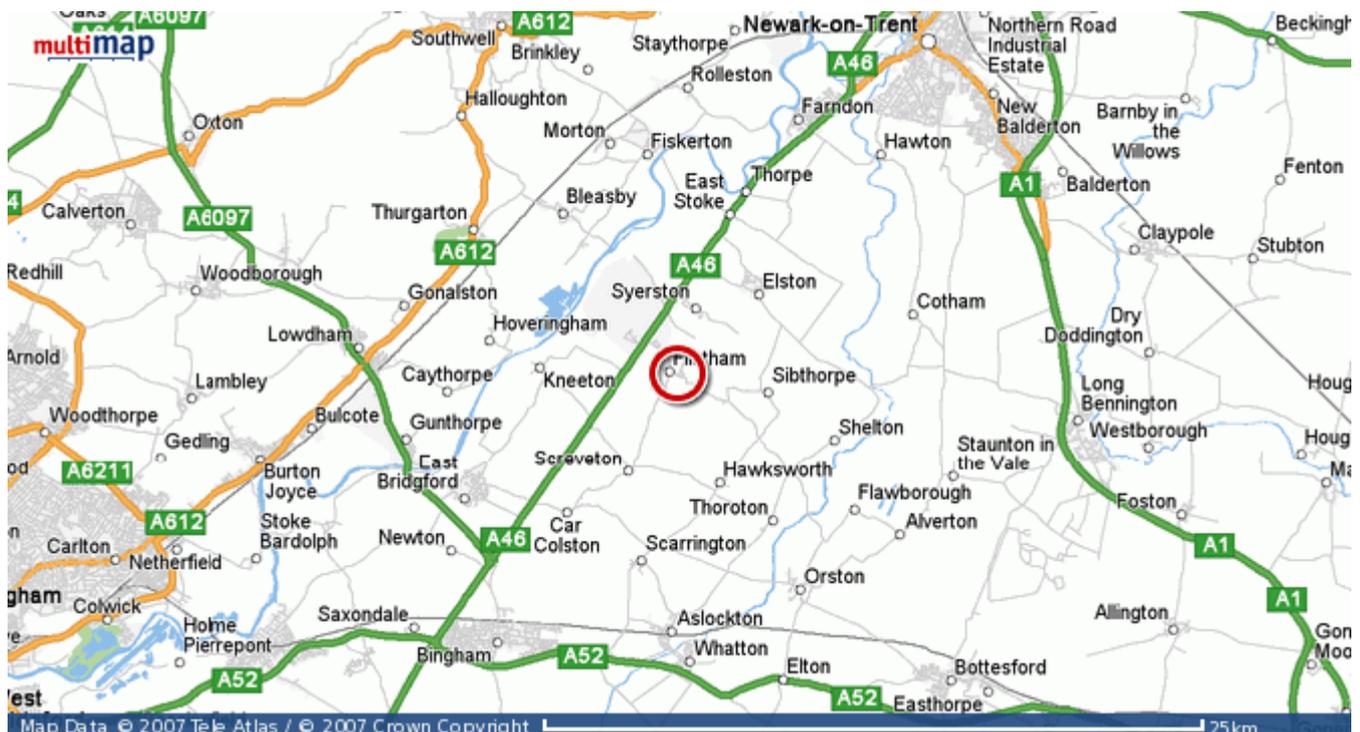
The Tavern Inn
WALCOTE,
Nr Lutterworth
1 minute from J20 M1
2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm

LINCOLNSHIRE

Castle Inn, CONINGSBY
2nd Wednesday of each month from 8pm
ALSO 2nd Sunday's - various locations!

NOTTS

The Grey Goose Gedling, 2nd Tuesday of the month, starting from August (see above).



Hi gang,

It was good to see so many lost riders at the **Scrumpies** bash, what a great weekend even if most people got soaked on the ride home.



Well done to all of you that made the effort.

It would seem there is a problem with the speed of the ride-outs, ether I am going too fast or you lot are going too slow? Well as there are more of you than me I will try and stay in 2nd gear for the next ride or may be one of you could take the lead and show me how it's done.

Big John's Scary Bits (Notts.)

Any of you lot fancy upping the pace and going for a **NOT FOR THE FAINTHEARTED RIDE-OUT?**

See you all soon after my holidays,

SCARY John

Ride safe

P.S. I will be taking a ride in to **Clay Cross** on the first Sunday of the month **6 July** for bacon butties, then a ride across to the **Cat n Fiddle**. Leaving the **Nottingham Knight** at 9.30 am.

Thanks, B John

NEWS AROUND THE REGIONS & REPS



Les, Jane & Terry outside the Arkwright Arms at last month's Derbyshire meet - a rose between two thorns? (only kiddin', boys!)



TREVOR'S LINCOLNSHIRE NEWS

Just got back from the Camping weekend at Fosdyke. We had a great weekend, first a big thank you to John and Rosie for hosting the event at their house in Fosdyke. I know some of you already had tickets for the Farmyard so couldn't come, but any of you that were put off by the weather, you missed a great time. On Saturday John took us for a ride out to the Chocolate factory at Folkingham. Ok the weather wasn't brilliant but it was a light drizzle not rain. Hansons was definitely worth it though! Everybody stocked up on delicious chocolate and we treat ourselves to a coffee and desert before the ride back to Fosdyke. Back at Fosdyke we had checked the forecast and found a window in the rain for the BBQ. Next on the evening was a karaoke at the local pub. Everyone was ferried down and we had a brilliant evening, with everybody having at least one go at a song. We returned to Fosdyke and all had a hot drink before eventually settling down at about 03:00.

Sunday we woke up to brilliant sunshine combined with some strong winds. I crawled out of our tent at about 09:00 to find Rosie and Debs still dressed in their pajamas and dressing gowns wrestling

with the two gazebos that had been blown over. Fortunately the gazebos were the only casualties of the weekend. Once again a big thank you to John and Rosie for a great time. The rest of you are really missing out by not making the effort to come to these events so why not check out whats coming up and come along?

This is what we have planned so far for the summer -

Thursday 03 July - Boston Bike Night, VSOC Centre 9 Stand, will be manned by Lincolnshire members.

04 - 06 July Crusaders Rally - See website.

Wednesday 09 July - Barton Bike night, This replaces the usual Lincolnshire meeting at Conningsby. For ride in meet at Caistor Top at 18:30.

18 - 20 July - Centre 6 weekend at Tattershall Lake camping Park. See website for details. You need to book camping direct with the camp site.

Wednesday 23 July - Cruiser Bike Night at Cadwell Park. Circuits are £10 and must be booked in advance. More details on web site.

Sunday 27 July - Yorkies are visiting Sherwood Forest and we plan to meet them there for a family fun day. The challenge has been laid down for a rounders match.

1 - 3 Aug C15 Rally

12 - 14 September - Yorkies "Bonding summer Party" and Wedding day celebrations for Kev Villiers and Jen.

Additionally we plan to do a ride out to The Admiral Benbow at Chapel St Leonards at some time during the summer. This will be arranged by telephone at short notice when the weather forecast is good. If you are interested in coming along make sure I have your telephone number.

Hope to see lots of you at these events.

Regards,

TREV

EJ's Corner

Hello everyone, sorry I didn't get round to putting anything in last month's newsletter; time got away with me a bit and I was a bit preoccupied getting everything ready for the **rally at Bournemouth**. For those of you that didn't go, you missed a brilliant rally; the weather during the rally was very good, we were even sunbathing on the Sunday. For those of you that did go, congratulations on getting home as the weather all the way back was the most miserable weather I have ever ridden in in my life, and by all accounts it didn't matter if you left on the Sunday or the Monday. Buy the way, fake spray tan doesn't cope with your bike boots filling up with water and riding 200 miles, won't be bothering with that again.

Quite a few of the members have been requesting a different meeting place for the monthly meetings, so I asked round and got a few suggestions, then had a ride round myself and have chosen one. So the July meeting will be the last main meeting held at the Grey Goose in Gedling (*hooray! - Ed.*) There will still be a monthly meeting at the Grey Goose held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month held by John Simpson (Notts Rep) in the same way that Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire have previously had their meetings each month.



The new Centre 9 meetings will be held at **The Boot & Shoe Inn, Main Street, Flintham NG23 5LA** (for those flash people with sat nav). Flintham is on the A46 in between Newark and Bingham. They have a separate room for us to use for meetings, the place is very friendly and clean. And for those that specifically requested it, they have a selection of guest cask ales. The car park isn't as big as we are used to but the village is quiet and it's easy to park on the road if you come in a car. Hopefully we will be able to arrange a ride out to the pub before the first meeting to be held there in August (where does the time go) to let people know how to get there. If you want to look it up it has a web site www.bootandshoe.net.

I would like to say a big Thank You to John and Rosie for allowing us to have the Lincolnshire camping weekend at their place again this year, it was most enjoyable and the few that did go got to meet my other half (he is real). I would also like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored me in the Race for Life. I did it on 15th June in Boston.

The next rally is C19 Rally in Wickford, unfortunately I will not be able to make it as I'm giving out trophies sponsored by us for the Youth Bike which is on the same weekend, I'll make sure there are some good photos for everyone to look at for the next newsletter. Don't forget to keep an eye on the website for any last minute ride outs and/or get togethers.

Ride safe.

EJ

Gothic rumblings

Well done EJ for moving the main Centre 9 monthly meeting to a new venue at the **Boot & Shoe Inn, Flintham** (see above), starting next month.

This is a courageous decision, and I hope we will all support EJ and the new venue by getting to as many monthly meetings at the **Boot & Shoe** as we can. If you are away on holiday in August and can't get to the first meeting, do make every effort to get there in September and for future meetings. I haven't managed to check out the B & S yet, but it's got to be better than the Goose, which is still looking very tired as a venue.

Let's hope this will re-invigorate Centre 9 so that some Lost Riders



who are falling by the wayside will renew or re-join. You will see from the last issue of **Clatter** that we need to get our numbers back up. We all need to help with this. I often find myself talking about the VSOC and the Lost Riders to people who come up to admire my bike in car parks etc. (*Yes, there are a few.*)

The idea in **Clatter** about carrying cards or flyers that can be given to other bikers and members of the public to publicise the VSOC seems to me to be a good one - maybe we can also get some cards or flyers printed just for Centre 9 that we can all carry and hand out?

If anyone has any other ideas about how we can help to get the message out there, please let EJ or any C9 Committee member know your thoughts.

Jane & I thoroughly enjoyed both the Bournemouth Rally and the Welsh Party. The band at the Welsh *do* on the Saturday night was particularly good - I thought I had died and gone to heaven when I heard them playing two numbers by the legendary **Doors!** Also - did my ears deceive me, or did they play '*All Along the Watchtower*' by **Jimi Hendrix**? The band was called 'Capston (sic) Full Strength' (after the fags) - and they were quite simply the best band I have ever heard at any VSOC rally or party. If you missed the Welsh *do*, you missed a corker! (see pix on page 5 in this issue).

gothic keith

TERRIFIC TIME HAD BY ALL AT TONNA!



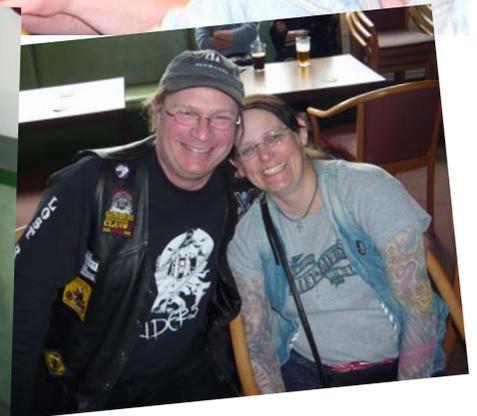
Kev (far left) performing Mustang Sally...while wife Wendy (below) shows off her scooter-riding skills outside..



Warren (left) having a good laugh about the size of his tent...



Karl (right) shows Wendy's mum how to drink Kev's Guinness while he's performing with the band...



WOT'S ON *(cont. from p.2)*

8th - 10th August
Out of The Asylum

22nd - 25th August
Centre 3 Rally

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Sunday 31st August
The 7th Lincs & Notts Air
Ambulance Run
From Bottesford to
Skegness - see panel
(right)

12th-14th September
Wedding of Kev & Jen

14th September
Brighton Burn Up
Ace Cafe

10th - 12th October
Catapult 3

30th November
Bottesford Toy Run

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1st - 4th May
VSOC Ireland Rally

The **7th Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Run** from Bottesford to Skegness will be taking place on **Sunday 31st August** this year and will be going to a new venue. We are going to the Lilywhites Social Club at **Skegness Town Football Club** because the Welcome Inn was unable to accommodate us on this occasion. All bikes, trikes and scooters are welcome. A **donation of £5 per bike** will be collected on arrival at Skegness. If you need any more information about the run then please phone or e-mail me.

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And the Scrumpies Rally was good too...



(Above) Pauline and new friend Graham outside the Arkwright Arms at last month's Derbyshire meet - they met by swapping bikes - Pauline is happy to be back on a Virago 535 while Graham has given a good home to her Virago 750.

If anyone has pix of John & Rosie's camping weekend or the Finland Rally, please email them to rumblyingstar@aol.com