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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Remember to get your tickets for

Nottingham Christmas Party 12th Dec. at the Goose. £6 (incl. food). Call Terry or any committee member.

Derby Dinner (£14.95) 19th Dec. at Arkwright Arms. Contact Keith or Jane for menu, and address to send a cheque.

Both numbers on Committee page.

From the Editor



Well, coming towards the end of another year, where did it go? It's been a very busy time within the club but I believe you will see the benefits of this next year, particularly if you join in when you can!

A busy festive season about to start not least with our own club activities; be sure to take part – and then send me details of what you've done. Let us all share in the fun. Remember this Newsletter can only work with your help.

Start to plan next year now to get the most of it, as I am. I've already picked out the events I plan to do; the starting point should of course be our own rallies and parties. Remember my comments in earlier Newsletters – if you want support/advice in order to attend your first rally contact me or any committee member and we will ensure you get what you need to enjoy it.

A quick apology to Keith & Jane for missing out their November contribution; I'm still learning! I have included this time.

Be careful out there. Jim

For the high jump!

Our brave Shelagh is to make a parachute jump in aid of the Mobility Charity from Langar airfield on 5th December. Please sponsor her for this good cause, if you don't see her before at Mellish you can do so afterwards. Some of us are planning to be there around 9am to watch the event. Actual jump time is not known. Get in touch if you want to meet first.

Being Shot At ... Almost Christmas, the party season is just round the corner. Lots of events have been planned



all around the Centre. Hopefully there is at least one that you will get along to. Please remember to book your places early; it really helps us with the planning and booking of rooms, artists, food etc. If it is a last minute thing for you, well I am sure we can squeeze you in at the last minute, being there is what counts. I will see you at one of our events I am sure.

Many of you will know of a recent sad loss of one of the Yorkies, Paul Stublely lost his life while riding his bike in October. Phil Kimberlin, and I attended his funeral, it was a sad day, but his friends gave him a good biking send off, in spite of the rain.

On the ride to the funeral, one of the Yorkies fell off his Rocket 3, not a lot of damage, except maybe to his pride. I have also found out that our good friend, Geordie Barry, came off on his way back up to Durham, a bit sore but he is on the mend.

We have an exciting, but sometimes a little bit tricky lifestyle, times like this remind us of our vulnerability, please be careful out there, we want those bikes, and you, to be shiny and raring to go for the Gathering next April.

Bit of a departure from the norm here, as it will be the 10th anniversary of the Gathering, we have planned a party, with overnight camping, and live music, to make it a big celebration.

Something to look forward to over the long dark nights ahead.

We have had a few of our members recently come back to us, thanks folks, it will be nice to renew old friendships again, don't be shy now, looking forwards to seeing you.

I went to the AGM in early November; it was a good informative event, even though, due to my computer breakdown, it was a bit of a shock to see our name down for a rally in 2011.

Have no fear friends, I have already secured the Mellish Rugby club for our venue; the date is 27th – 30th May 2011. So now the planning starts, this is going to be a real fun time for us, I feel very proud to be bringing the VSOC to our town, I am sure you all do too.

Of course we need a name and a theme for our rally, this, my friends is up to you, suggestions are most welcome. One I have had is to use an old MAG rally name, "Hellish at the Mellish", with maybe a horror theme party for the Saturday night? What do you think? Can you come up with an original, catchy name and theme, the floor is open. Get those thinking caps on and let's fix a name.

The membership fees for next year are once again fixed at £17-50, gets a bigger bargain every year.

One question I was asked, when are the VSOC rally dates for next year, well now they are all on the main VSOC web site, and soon to be in the Clatter. For future years, a big pointer of dates, is they are always at the end of the months, May, June, July and August, should help with holiday planning.

One last thing, congratulations to our very own Alex Bridgwood, he is the new editor of The Clatter, his first edition will be the one due in the spring. Send in loads of stuff for him.

Ride Safe People .

Terry

SPRINGFIELD BIKE SHOW

Join us on 16/17th January at
Springfield show ground Spalding.

We have our own stand – come
along support us and meet old

**The Lost Riders Present
The Gathering of The Clans
10th Anniversary
Saturday 24th April 2010
Mellish RFC, War Memorial Ground
Mapperley Plains. Nottingham. NG3 5RX**

Camping
24 hour Loos
& Showers

Name:.....
Address:.....
No of Tickets@ £6 each.....

Please send SAE and Cheque to: Centre 9, 4 Wood Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham.NG10 5FW

Keith & Jane's Derbyshire Doodlings (originally intended for November Newsletter – Ed)

Hi Folks, We had a great time at the **MCN Butlins Skegness Weekend** last month. We all met up on the Friday and Saturday nights to hear the live bands, including *Bad Manners* (a *Madness*-based band); a group that reputedly had original members of *The Animals* and *Thin Lizzy*, and a rock band led by the lady singer who sang opposite Meat Loaf on the No.1 hit: *I'd Do Anything for Love, But I Won't Do That*.

10 Lost Riders turned up for the weekend: Kendra & Tony and John & Sue (who had posh rooms and half-board at one end of the vast Butlins Skegness site); and Chris & Wendy, Jim & Moira, and Jane and Keith, who 'slummed it' in a shared but very comfortable three-bedroom self-catering apartment on the other side of the site, practically in Mablethorpe, it was so far up the other end! On the Saturday night there was a bit of noise until the early hours with plastic rocket riders running up and down the stairs to the apartments above, and apparently having fights and overturning wheelie-bins! (That's plastic-rocket riders for you...)

Jane and I had a walk on the beach, and I can vouch that Skegness is certainly bracing when there are gale-force winds, as there were on Saturday. Jane's hat blew away, but she managed to catch it.

Most of the other bikers attending the MCN (Motor Cycle News) Weekend did seem to be plastic rocket riders, but there were a few other cruisers there, if you looked hard enough. Judging by the fantastic fancy dress costumes on Saturday night, some people must have come in cars, as there was no way their elaborate get-ups could have been carried on bikes. (See photos, below.)

There was a good turn-out again for the Derbyshire Night at the Arkwright Arms, when again we had a quiz which everyone seemed to enjoy. If you haven't been for one of our Derbyshire Quiz Nights, give it a go – great real ale, free home-made chip butties, and daft questions made up by us – a fun night for all!



This is Malcs'idea for saving petrol – lighten the bike. He just forgot to leave room for Liz!



Farwell and good luck to Terry, she is moving down south and will be joining the Roadrunners

Don't forget to order your choice of meal for the Derbyshire Christmas Dinner at the Arkwright on Saturday 19th December. If you haven't booked for it yet, it's not too late – email Jane on rumblingstar@aol.com or tel. 07910 711591 to book now. Jane will be coming round at the November meeting to collect your £5 deposit, if you haven't already paid it. It promises to be another brilliant Christmas 'do' at the Arkwright – John and Cathy did us proud last year.

Ken Collingwood reported that the ride-out in aid of serviceman was very well attended, and Shelagh Booker is jumping out of a plane and parachuting in aid of the mobility charity – so make sure you sponsor her! Bikers might dress funny and look a bit scary, but we

do a lot for charity, a point not well-known by the public, who sometimes look at us as if we are something the cat dragged in!

Speaking of cats, I had a weird dream recently in which I dreamt that we had a dog and a cat, which is strange, as we only have one Dwarf Russian hamster, that pines for the windswept steppes of Siberia when it is not going round in its little ball... If anyone can tell me what this dream means, please let me know.

And their doodlings for December

If you came to the last Sunday morning get together at Clay Cross - great to see you there! Nice to see Sue and Richie, two new members. We look forward to seeing them at the Arkwright Arms next meeting and hope to see lots more members there too.

A big thank you to those brave souls who followed Jane on her first ride-out (Jane leading - Keith, last man). It was fantastic sunny weather, one brilliant day amongst so many rainy ones, we were lucky to get a ride through Derbyshire countryside, through Chatsworth Estate and Baslow out to the cafe at Wardlow.



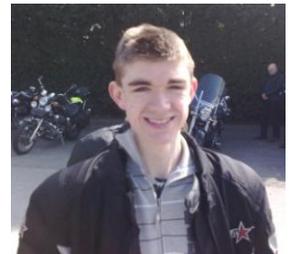
Just a reminder that Jane is collecting the money for the Xmas Meal at the Arkwright Arms (19th Dec), and hopes to have this in by beginning of December. (Ring Jane on 07910 711591 to book your place). If you can donate any raffle prizes please bring them to the next meeting.

Gothic Keith & G.I. Jane (Derby Reps.)

Lincolnshire lyrical

This month was the monthly Lincolnshire meeting which again was a success having more new faces turning up to the venue. A big thank you to all those who have come to the new venue so far and I hope to see more of you soon! Not much is happening around the County with the nights drawing in and the weather getting worse but come spring things should start kicking off again.

The Lincolnshire Christmas meal as mentioned previously in the last newsletter will be held at the Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 8JS. It will be taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 13th December with a cost of £7.95 for the carvery with Starters and Desserts extra. All are welcome from centre 9, if you could please let me know if you would like to come by Friday the 4th December. See you all soon.



Alexander Bridgwood (*Lincolnshire Rep*)

Notts' natter

We've just returned from our breakfast meet at McDonalds, a dozen or so arrived for a chat, some in their cars as well as bikes. If you've not come down to a meet, do so. The meets are a good way to keep in touch when the actual biking side slows down. Remember the new venue from January. See events calendar for details. Remember the change of venue in January – first meet there on 24th.

The Goose is still going strong (3rd Tuesday of the month) – so come along and enjoy, free chips and a warm welcome from the new landlady – Millie. Welcome to Gareth who although a member for a while it was the first meeting he was able to attend, he won the raffle – I bet he comes again! We are all working hard finalising the details of the Christmas Party, got **your** ticket yet? Help us to help you enjoy it more by buying your ticket before the night. Those of you feeling in the festive mood and generous might want to consider offering a raffle prize for the night – contact us or any committee member to arrange. Thanks in anticipation.

Following a tip from Mike Godwin a few of us called at the local police station on the way home, as part of the "Bikesafe" programme they are giving away a free fluorescent rucksack to bikers, also a vest if you're lucky. Call into your local station and see if they have any left, all you have to do is give name address and bike details.

Our next event is the Bottesford Toy Run, Be part of it, we're **leaving** the Unicorn car park at Gunthorpe at 10 on 6th December for ride in. From Bottesford first stop will be Grantham then on to Melton Mowbray, following which we all retire to enjoy hot food from Joe and Caths' place – always a good end to the day.



Chris & Jim



THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

People are always wondering what to buy a particular person for Christmas – well problem solved, there has to be something below suitable for your partner. As I've got one of everything, including the ladies, I'll have a JD hic, hic hooray!

LOST RIDERS MERCHANDISE

WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL MEETINGS – IF YOU CANT MAKE THE MEETING CONTACT OUR MERCHANDISING MAN- JOHN SIMPSON 07929 048763

CURRENT STOCK

LADIES STRAPPY VEST	9.00	MENS T SHIRT	7.00
LADIES SKINNY T SHIRT	9.00	MEN SWEAT	12.50
LADIES T SHIRT	7.00	MENS HOODY	18.00
LADIES SWEAT	12.50		

Out of sight but not out of mind



We all like to travel and when away we often think of what we are missing. Paul Harrison on, a recent trip to the states had us in mind; here you can see him outside Gracelands wishing he was really back at the Goose with us!

The Clatter has its own record of trips, showing people in different places – we can do better. The next time your away take the Newsletter (and Clatter if you must) and send me pics. Take a sweat or tee shirt; let's see if we can find the most imaginative use in a strange place or on a person.

Rally with a difference

A charity rally has been arranged by the “Original Cruisers” of Southport. The rally will be held at Pontins 26 – 28th February. Tickets £13 + £17pp for chalet. There are some members already planning to go. Speak to Terry or checkout www.originalcruisers.webs.com for full details.

NOTTS BREAKFAST MEET – NEW VENUE - FIRST MEET 24th JANUARY

MacDONALDS - ARNOLD RETAIL PARK OPPOSITE SAINSBURY.
(SIR JOHN ROBINSON WAY, ARNOLD. NG5 6BN)

FROM NOTTINGHAM ON A60 INTO ARNOLD TURN RIGHT AT LIGHTS NEAR OLD
BREWERY BUILDING

Are you free? - places to go, things to do!

(Be sure to tell us when you've been and send pictures)

The following are activities you should consider joining in with, call a friend to go with or meet them there. Make a resolution to do at least one activity / meeting a month. **Note - the full calendar can be seen if you receive by E-mail or review the Newsletter on Lost Riders Website.**

December

1	Tuesday	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - Mellish Rugby Club, War Memorial Ground, Mapperley Plains, Nottingham. NG3 5RX. – from 7.30pm. Contact Terry 0115 939 9142 / 07853 235400 / billio51@hotmail.com
6	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
6	Sunday	Bottesford Toy Run. Leaving Red Lion Bottesford at 11am. Ride in from Unicorn at Gunthorpe. Meet on car park opposite pub, LEAVE at 10 get coffee and sarnies at Red Lion.
6	Sunday	Unwanted MCC Burton on Trent Annual Toy Run. Start Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Burton on Trent. Meet from 10am start 11.30. (15 mile ride) £2 per bike. Info Tango 07855 133029 Rupert 07966 123417
8	Tuesday	Lincolnshire meet (2nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
11-13	Fri-Sun	Otto's Outings Barf in the Blue Mug Rally. Anchor Inn Church End, Friskney, Boston. PE22 8NB. Pre book £7 (£8 OTG) 01246 272411 / 07906 068970 after 6pm
12	Saturday	CENTRE 9 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE GOOSE. - Live entertainment and food. Last year was great – this will be better. Don't miss it! TICKETS FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.
13	Sunday	Newark Auto Jumble. Newark Showground. £6 on gate.

14	Monday	Derby meet. (2 nd Monday of the month). Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG (off j29 M1) 01246 232053. Contact Keith & Jane 01246 236123 mobile – Keith 07986 091109 Jane 07910 711591 rumblingstar@aol.com
15	Tuesday	Nottingham meet. (3 rd Tuesday of month) Grey Goose, Arnold Lane, Gedling- from 8pm. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807
16	Wednesday	Leicester / Northants meeting. (2 nd Wednesday of each month). Forge Inn, Main Street, Glenfield, Leic. LE3 8DG. Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809 E-mail leonebrowne@btinternet.com
19	Saturday	Derby Christmas party at Arkwright Arms (see normal Derby meeting venue for address). Tickets from Keith or Jane
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27	Sunday	Notts breakfast meet(4 th Sunday of month) McDonalds on Nottingham ring road near Basford. From 10, food and or a rideout. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807
31	Thursday	Unwanted MCCs New Year Party. Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. Disco, film & light show, fancy dress (theme - bin liners) free buffet late bar. Camping. £5 on door

January

2	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1 st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
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8-10	Fri-Sun	G-mex (now known as Manchester Central) Bike show, Manchester. Trade stands, bikes , stunt show – all the usual stuff!
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16 - 17	Sat-Sun	Springfields bike show, Springfield centre Spalding. An indoor show with trade stands and bikes on exhibition. We will have a stand there – so visit and support our team, plus enjoy a day out.
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	<u>NEW VENUE</u>	McDonalds From 10, food and or a rideout. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807
29-31	Fri-Sun	Ogri MCC's Kickstart Rally. Kemble Airfield, Nr Cirencester. £10 Contact 0151 336 1991. Note only 200 tickets available.

AND FINALLY....

**BEST WISHES TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE COMMITTEE.
MAY NEXT YEAR BE SUNNY, SAFE AND ENJOYABLE!**

NOTE: JANUARY NEWSLETTER LAST DATE FOR ARTICLES IS 28TH DECEMBER

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