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VSOC CENTRE 9 – DECEMBER 2017

OWNERS OF: VIRAGO, DRAGSTAR, ROYAL STAR, VENTURE STAR, MIDNIGHT STAR, WARRIOR, RAIDER & STRATOLINER
(OWNERS OF OTHER CUSTOM BIKES WELCOME AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)

Hi All,

We have been on a number of rides over the last month. The first was when we took part in the Remembrance Ride on 12 November 2017. We met Rick at the Nottingham Knight and rode to the memorial on the Trent embankment for the Remembrance Service with a good turn out of bikers and scooterists. The following weekend we answered a request from a Nursing Home in Nuthall to grant a wish for one of the residents, again we met Rick at the home and the guy managed to get aboard a V8 Rover trike and around 100 bikers escorted him to Matlock Bath. He was supposed have gone back to the home in the mini bus but he had enjoyed it so much he wanted to return on the trike. On the Sunday we went to Whitepost Farm for the annual Hamper Run to Ollerton and met up with Sue & Malc. We managed to win a bottle of wine in the raffle and Sue & Malc came away with some prizes too. The last outing was on the Bottesford Toy run which as usual was well attended and Joe, Brian, Kevin, Dave and Paul joined us to represent the Lostriders. We had to leave after Grantham but the others return to Melton and had a cup of tea at Joe's. We also visited the NEC for the Motorcycle Live Show. Each of the four Japanese manufacturuers only exhibited one cruiser style bike – the only qualifying new UK bike now is the Bolt. BMW have joined the cruiser tourer market with the K1600B. Triumph have launched a new Speedmaster and have the popular Bobber. The big two from the US – Harley & Indian offer new models.

This newsletter is a little later as we were on holiday in early December. We wish all the Lostriders and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Ride Safe Everyone

Clare & Mark – Editors

News

Some special thanks go to Lesley Godwin who at last count had raised £180 with her knitted animals for the Charity.

Please take a look at the website for photographs of recent events. There are now over 14000 photographs from some 270 events over the last 21 years. Thanks to Brian, Mike, Chris and Lorraine for collating, identifying and submitting photos and to all other contributors.



Grant a Wish Run



Bottesford Toy Run



Lesley's Knitted Animals



Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank Dave, Chris and Lorraine for organising a great day out to the sand racing at Mablethorpe and Skegness. Whilst the weather was crisp we were treated to glorious sunshine. I even got to see Guy Martin racing, bonus. I was worried when I turned up at Wragby and felt like billy no mates. Luckily it wasn't long until I heard a rumbling of bikes. A great turnout and nice to see Dave and have a catch up.

Trev and I had spent the Saturday at the Skegness sand racing selling programmes and raising money for the Royal British Legion. It rained most of the day but over £200 was raised over the weekend so well worth it.

That was the last time my bike came out of the garage but at least I had the Christmas party to look forward to. I would like to thank Kev and Bev for organising another fantastic party. I now feel like Christmas has well and truly started.

In January, it all starts again on the 6/7 January with the Carole Nash Winter Classic Bike Show at Newark Showground. They are billing it as the biggest one yet with an extra 2 halls. This year we are in the John Crocker Building Shed 2, Stand 504. If you haven't been before it's well worth it and a nice start to the year. Tickets can be bought in advance for £8. This year we are showcasing VSOC Heritage which Bob Barber is kindly loaning us. A warm welcome will meet you along with a hot drink and if you are nice to us, a biscuit.

Next is Springfields Motorcycle Show at Spalding on the 20/21 January. This is a nice friendly show and you can obtain a £1 discount voucher on line which brings the price down to £6. You could even do some retail therapy at the Outlet shopping centre or garden centre next door. Again, we will be having a stand kindly organised by Steve and Cath.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th December at the Jolly Scotsman, Sleaford hope to see some of you there.

Ride Safe

Rachel – Lincolnshire Rep

Centre Reps Report

Hi All

Thank you all for your support over the past year, we have had a full-on biking season.

Your support with our stands at Shows in Newark, Spalding and Peterborough gained us 12 new members.

Three well supported Centre rallies, plus the very first Hotel rally where 10- C9 members enjoyed a new experience, we have all rebooked for 2018.

Great ride outs organised by various members, our social events included Dave's boat trip, Bowls and Carvery, Jims Caravan weekend, DJ Pauls BBQ

Our charity partner was WE ARE HERE we presented them with £1,000 thank for your support.

We pledged a £1,000 for our new charity "STONEBRIDGE CITY FARM "we have already raised this, thank you for your support and money.

A night at the dogs and finally our Christmas party at Kegworth was another success.

Some of us joined the annual Bottesford toy run to Grantham and Melton and retired to Joes and Catherine's.

Our Decembers centre meet was attended by over 50 members and partners with a Christmas fayre on the menu, a surprise visit from Santa and his helper serving warm mince pies to our members.

What a brilliant turnout Ho Ho Ho.

There were also the area Christmas meals at Derby and Lincoln.

Thank you to Ros, Steve and John who stepped down as committee members, A big welcome to Steve and Cathy, Dave Howarth, Mark and Clare.

We still need a Webmaster, Brian will shadow you and will always be there to help, please step forward and fill this position.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Enjoyable Biking New Year

Kevin and Dave

Centre 9 – 20 years ago

December 1997.

- We met at the Grey Goose at Gedling which in its day held very well attended bike nights (the pub has recently been demolished)
- There was a quiz challenge during the December meeting.
- We attended the Nottingham Toy Run which went from the Goose Fair site through the centre of Nottingham, the group then went on to Harry Ramsdens on the embankment for fish & chips.
- The Christmas Party was held at the Panda Cantonese Restaurant and £15 per person covered all you could eat and drink!

EVENT NEWS



Dates for your diary

17 Dec – Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes Toy Run, Robin Hood, Mansfield Road Nottingham, leaving 11:00

17 Dec – Lincolnshire Christmas Dinner – Jolly Scotchman, Sleaford (see October Newsletter for menu and details)

07 Jan – Brass Monkey Run Vic Bikers Pub, Coalville, 12 noon. Leaving 13:30. £5 per vehicle for Rainbows.

06/07 Jan – Carole Nash Classic Bike Show, Newark Showground

20/21 Jan – Spalding Bike Show, Springfields, Spalding

21 Jan – Lostriders at Sea, Trent River Cruise and Dinner – if not booked contact Dave Freestone to see if any places left.

2018 Provisional Ride Outs and Confirmed Events

08 April 2018 Gathering of the Clans (details to be confirmed)

15 April 2018 Charity Cheque Presentation (details to be confirmed)

21/22 April 2018 Fat Skeleton Bike & Blues Weekend at Caistor

28/29 April 2018 VSOC Ensuite Rally, Gloucester

13 May 2018 Visit to the new Triumph Heritage Centre at Hinckley

19/20 May 2018 MCN Festival of Motorcycling, Peterborough Showground

26/27 May 2018 VSOC Rally Folkestone

09/10 June 2018 VSOC International Rally Denmark

17 June 2018 Ride out to Brayford Wharf for Lincoln Bike Show

15 July 2018 Ride out to Jacks Hill Café for Ton Up Day

21/22 July 2018 VSOC Rally Wales

12 August 2018 Ride out to Ashby St Legers, Northants

25/26 August 2018 VSOC Rally Redcar

18 September 2018 Ride out to Derbyshire Location

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05	Tues	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month - The Vale Social Club, 54 Vale Road Colwick, Notts. NG4 2ED – from 7.30pm. Roast Turkey Dinner - £6.50 contact Kevin
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