



# LOST RIDERS



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## **VSOC CENTRE 9 – October 2018**

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 out and about during September, we attended the Centre 10 AGM and party with Rachel & Trevor, the evening entertainment was provided by The Gypsy's with endless covers of various songs and requests from the audience. Last weekend Paul B, Rick and myself visited the CMC Custom and Modified Show at Claycross. There was a great turn out, for the twice delayed show (due to the weather) with a variety of bikes and prizes for the best ten.

This will be our last news letter as we agreed to keep it going for a year, thank you for all the contributions

Ride Safe Everyone

Clare & Mark – Editor

### **Lost Riders visit Redcar Rally**

A few lines to let people know of the good time we Lost Riders had at the rally. First of all, know that we made quite an impact by numbering, I believe, twenty-five people in total. Possibly the highest attending centre? Some arriving on the Thursday to make the most of the weekend, this facility has been offered at previous rallies this year and when possible is a great idea. The rugby club was in an excellent location being to the south of town and a few minutes away from the beach. This enabled a pleasant walk either to the nearest cafe for breakfast (also available in the clubhouse), a dinner or walk into the town itself. The entertainment was by bands on the Friday and Saturday nights. I believe they were quite good but being honest the level of sound was uncomfortable and quite a few people retired to an adjacent room. That said many people stayed in the bar and enjoyed the experience. On the Sunday, still many people were in attendance and we all enjoyed the club atmosphere more on that night with just the DJ. You could actually have a conversation.

I didn't take part in the rideout, Moira having injured her back meant no riding for the weekend, those that did go had an enjoyable ride. Instead we took a very leisurely walk along the beach road into Redcar town. Here as well as the usual places we found an excellent museum dedicated to the first ever lifeboat and history of their developments. A very interesting place and well worth a visit if you're in the area. Over the weekend we also made visits to Marske and Saltburn. The latter has an excellent frontage onto the beach where you can watch people enjoying water sports and don't miss the opportunity for good fish and chips! Some of our party also enjoyed a liquorice ice cream (no accounting for taste). To get to the beach area required going down a very steep and twisty road, not long but very steep. Being clever we thought we would walk down but get the funicular railway back to the top. Just to prove things don't always go to plan – whilst enjoying the ice cream we noticed a fire-engine creeping down the promenade towards the railway – the carriage had become stuck just a few feet after leaving the station, stranding the passengers. No easy way

back to the top – we would have to walk! The one thing that did lighten the occasion was that many of those stranded were from Centre 6 – what a shame. They were all rescued without problems.

Overall a very good rally, we send our thanks to the Northern Raiders for the work they did and making us feel welcome.

Jim Salmon



## **Woodthorpe Weekend**

Doesn't seem to have been twelve months since we were last here, where does the time go? Everyone arrived safely for the Friday night start, gathering in Woody's bar for food, a drink or two and to discuss plans for the weekend. New visitors for this weekend were from Centre 8, (Jon, Lyndsey, Dave, Jane, Mark and Amanda), their first but hopefully not last visit. After sampling the food many of us retired to a corner of the bar whilst quite a few went to take on the challenges of bingo. It was not wasted with two of the group each winning £45 and several other smaller wins as well. This didn't go down too well with the locals! Saturday brought the usual start of a group breakfast in Mablethorpe. The usual destination of Dave's Cafe was not possible due to their unexpected closure so we had arranged to visit a new cafe. Brian had arrived before we left the site, having left home at seven to do so he was ready for breakfast. It started well with tables having signs on – "reserved for Lost Riders", makes you feel important. With the exception of the breakfast for Rob and Gilly (their order was lost but they did get free drinks whilst it was made right), everyone seemed to enjoy it and. Arranging catering for thirty seven people in a new venue does cause a little concern but we now know for future reference that they can do it.

After breakfast people separated to follow their own plans. A few for a walk on the beach and for a paddle in the sea, yes really; others to visit local areas of interest. Returning to the site mid-afternoon the ladies went to the nearby garden centre to review the Christmas (apologies for mentioning that word) range of gifts, and the quality of their cream cakes. By now two more guests have arrived to join us, these being new members from the Leicester region Chris and Penny who were to stay and join us for the evening meal.

We all gathered for the evening get together, this year we had the main function room to ourselves instead of having to share for the first hour or so. The level of service for the meal did fall a little short of the standard we have had in the past but it did not spoil the evening. After dinner evening entertainment began with a surprise solo performance by Steve. Starting with a celebration of birthdays for Jane, Lorraine and Amanda he then had many singing along to well-known songs. Once finished, dancing was encouraged by the music arranged by Paul. The music attracted the attention of quite a few in the bar next door, one older couple decided to be a biker for the night and came to join in the dancing. He had obviously had a good night and didn't need any encouragement to join in, had it not been for the girls preventing him he would have stripped off to show what a carefree attitude he had. Much to the relief of his wife he was then satisfied just to dance, by now she was also dancing and enjoying herself. Well, they will have a story to tell next time they meet their friends.

We all departed on Sunday having had a very good weekend, thanks to all who came and made it such an enjoyable time. If you haven't been in the past give it serious consideration if the event is repeated next year. Remember you can hire caravans, most share to make it a very economical event, you can bring your own or camp if preferred.

Jim Salmon



## *Centre 9 – 20 years ago*

October 1998:

- 20 years ago, we had a quiet October
- We had one ride out to the Great Northern Bike Show at Croft Race Circuit
- We were planning our first night out at the Nottingham Dog Track – still going strong.

## **EVENT NEWS**



### **Dates for your diary**

06 October – 2018 Ride To The Wall, National Arboretum, Alrewas, Near Burton Upon Trent

**06 October – Lost Riders Gone to the Dogs**

05-06 October – Six Towns Chopper Show, China Hall, Stoke on Trent ST4 1JH

13-14 October – Classic Motorcycle Show, Stafford Showground

**14 October – Centre 9 Ride Out – Triumph Motorcycle Factory Heritage Centre, Hinckley**

14 October – BBC Children in Need Ride from CMC Claycross

21 October - Newark Autojumble, Newark Showground

27 October – Ride out to National Motorcycle Museum – details to be confirmed – contact Dave Howarth

03 November – MFN Bonfire Party

**11 November – Centre 9 Ride Out – Mablethorpe / Skegness Beach Racing**

18 November – Newark Autojumble, Newark Showground

**24 November – Centre 9 Christmas Party – Contact Kevin Knowlden to check availability**

25 November – Bottesford Toy Run

### **Future Events**

16 December – Lincolnshire Area Christmas Dinner – contact Rachel by 24 November if interested.

## LOST RIDERS OCTOBER 2018 MEETINGS

02	Tues	<b>Centre Meet</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month - <b>The Vale Social Club, 54 Vale Road Colwick, Notts NG4 2ED</b> – from 7.30pm. <b>Centre AGM</b>
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## Wanted

For our Christmas Charity Raffle  
Prizes, Unwanted Gifts, etc.  
Also  
Tinned and packet food goods & Booze  
For Bevs Xmas Food & Drink Hampers  
Tickets will be on sale at Oct / Nov at our  
Centre meets  
To be drawn at the Xmas party  
Thanks Kevin and Chris

