

CENTRE 9 EAST MIDLANDS

NEWSLETTER



December 2018

Centre Rep Chatterings

Hi Everybody

A warm welcome to our new member Tracey Smith transferred from Essex C19 to us now and residing in Boston, her nearest meeting is Sleaford. I am sure Rachel and crew will give her a warm welcome.

A big welcome and thanks to our new Newsletter Editor Fran Burr. I am sure she will keep us informed in what's happening in Centre 9 each month. Please support her with information, write ups and photos etc. As Fran lives near Donna Nook, North Somercotes, Lincolnshire she will find it difficult to attend lots of our meetings and events, so we must keep the information flowing back to her.

Another warm welcome to our committee is Bev, yes, my wife she will take over Fundraising from Chris Healey who has done a grand job emptying your pockets for our nominated Charities. Chris is now our Leicester Area Rep taking over from Rod the sod who has done a grand job over the past few years.

I was back at the helm last Tuesday after being detained by the NHS not the HMP for the second time, missing our event of the year our Christmas party. This was soon delegated out to Dave Freestone and Bev to look after our party goes, a big thanks to them both. I know it went well from the lovely emails and messages of thanks I have received from our members and guests.

An update of our Charity Fund to date – Christmas Raffle £168, Bev's works Hamper £150, Roll-a-coin £57. Drink and Food hampers £286, members Christmas card donations £400, monies in hand, brings our

total to £1441.00. Any outstanding Christmas card pledges please forward asap. Fundraising will continue until the end of March by the show of hands at the Centre meet. We will present BLOOD BIKES with our cheque at our Gathering of the Clans on Sunday 7th April at the Vale club. Further details in the New Year.

I was invited last March to my old Rotary Charter dinner, where we discussed various charity events. I mentioned our nominated charity BLOOD BIKES whom they had never heard of, so I informed them. This week I received an email from their Fund Raiser informing me that they will donate funds to purchase a new bike with livery and sponsorship on it, that's fantastic. I have told them if it's ready by our Gathering they are welcome to display it.

As you read this newsletter our local Area Christmas meals are taking place, so we look forward to their write ups and photos in February's issue.

There WON'T be a Centre meeting in January as it falls on the Tues 1st, back as normal 4th Feb 2019

Thanks for your support. Ride safe.

Hope you have a great Christmas and wishing you all a prosperous and happy biking New year.

Kevin Knowlden

Editor

Hi Folks

Here's my first attempt at a newsletter! It seemed like a good idea at the time to "give it a go" when Rachel mentioned it to me when I attended my first Lincolnshire Meeting.

Well, a little bit about myself as I've not managed to meet many of you so far although I probably know some of you by sight as I've been a member of the VSOC for over 10 years and prior to that I was an associate for a while. Me and my husband Ron moved to Lincolnshire just over 2 years ago from Kent. We've been really busy renovating our bungalow but we're nearly there now, so hopefully we'll become more active members of the Lost Riders from now on.

I recently bought a Stryker which replaced my much-loved Midnight Star 950. I love the look of the Stryker and can't wait to put some miles on it although it's currently in Ron's workshop. I'm glad to say Ron is really good at modifying and adding bits to my bike. I'm just waiting on my seat being returned to me, it's being altered to accommodate my lack of height!

I've not ridden much this year apart from our holiday in the USA when we went on a road trip with Tracey and Neil Smith (they've recently moved into Centre 9 too). We had a fantastic time even though we weren't on our own bikes, we all rode Harley's. Me riding a Fat Boy which was a bit of a challenge but Ron and Neil came to my rescue whenever moving it was an issue so I done okay. Ron and I plan to do the Germany Rally in June and a couple in the UK as well, so hopefully I'll do a bit more riding this year and meet up with some of you on the road or at a rally.

If anyone has any ideas of what they'd like included in the newsletter drop me an email - sensible suggestions would be appreciated!!!!

Finally, I'd like to thank those that have contributed to this newsletter and Mark, Rachel and Kevin for their help and advice.

Have a great Christmas and fantastic New Year.

Ride safe

Fran

This Year's Honours listno not the Queens the VSOC members anniversary patches

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| 5 years | Malcolm Clark |
| 10 years | Alex Bridgwood, Ben Mc Grath |
| 15 years | Chris Bostock, Paul Bandana Clay, Ged Elliott, Terry Hadley-Palmer, Dave Woolley |
| 20 years | Melv Cooper, Tessa Lunn, Jayne Bell, Paul Caine, DJ Paul Harrison, Nick Lappage, Jim Salmon |
| 25 years | Pat Hamilton, Joe Broughton |

These will be presented at our Centre meeting, Area meets, Gathering or posted which ever suits our member.

Congratulations

ULTIMATE RIDEOUT - 11th NOVEMBER 2018

MABLETHORPE SANDRACING & SKEGGY BEACH RACING

It was a dank Sunday morning when Chris and Brian left Melton Mowbray for what has become their annual ride out to the east coast for the Sandracing on the Mablethorpe shoreline and the Amateur Motor Cycle Association (AMCA) Beach Racing at Skegness. We had agreed a meeting point at Grantham and true to his word Dave Jacklin was there ready and waiting with full weather protection!



This year we were taking the scenic route past Sleaford, Tattershall Bridge and through Coningsby where we encountered a Road Closed sign. Being unsure of an alternate route we continued regardless and after a further half mile two police cars formed a blockade and a young policewoman demanded "where do you think you're going?" Being a little nervous of what might happen next we answered "Mablethorpe" and she explained the road was closed for the Remembrance parade and dutifully suggested a detour around the RAF base. We eventually got back on the "A" roads after five or so miles and Chris took up the lead

again and we enjoyed an uneventful ride with no more holdups and arrived on the front at Mablethorpe just after 11:30.

No sooner had we parked up on the prom and Rod Brown (and his Brother-in-law) greeted us and explained the racing had only just started as the organisers had waited until the Remembrance Day proceedings had finished. After watching a couple of races Brian generously treated Dave and Chris to a brew and then we met up with Kev & Rachel McHale who were on the bacon butties. Once we had warmed up again, we ventured out to watch the Mablethorpe Sandracing; it's a great "grass roots" spectacle and we were able to take some action shots and then onto Skeggy for the AMCA event.



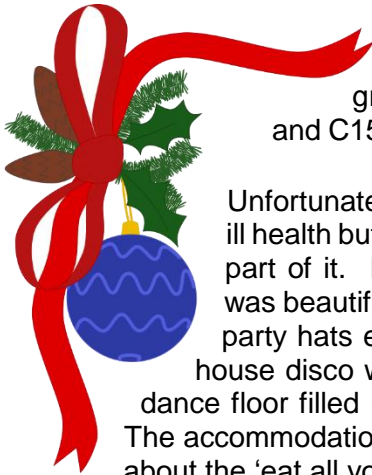
Skegness is only 17 miles from Mablethorpe and so we arrived in plenty of time to see the last hour and a half of racing on Skeggy Beach in glorious sunshine. First things first; we had to run the gauntlet of Rachel, Trevor & Alex Bridgwood selling race programmes on behalf of the Legion. Last year they even managed to sell Brian one after the event had finished! Skeggy is a much bigger and more organised event than Mablethorpe with over 20,000 visitors during the weekend; even so we were able to get a bird's eye view on the crowded pier.

Finally, we couldn't leave Skeggy without having some chips. Chris had the diet variety if Lorraine's reading this and then we said our goodbyes, refuelled and set off homeward bound. If anyone's ever done the ride back towards Sleaford on a sunny late afternoon in the autumn, they will know that the blazing sun hangs low in the western sky and makes it almost impossible to see the road ahead. Fortunately, Chris was in front with his snow goggles on and when the sun did go down the wind chill began to bite. We arrived home in the twilight after dropping Dave at Ancaster; cold but dry and a thoroughly memorable bikers' day out.



Brian Timms

Christmas Party



Just a short write up regarding our Christmas party which took place on the 24th November at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth. What a great time was had by all, with 72 attending including members from C8 and C15, who wish to be invited again next year.

Unfortunately, Kev was not able to be there due to ill health but was video WhatsApped so he could feel part of it. Food was brilliant, and the dining room was beautifully decorated by the hotel with balloons, party hats etc. etc. The hotel also provided the in-house disco which was a great success, keeping the dance floor filled (Lost Riders are not known to be shy!). The accommodation was great and nobody had complaints about the 'eat all you can' breakfast.



We raised the amazing amount of £661 on the night, for our Charity which is the Blood Bikes this year. Bringing the total so far up to £1441 which we are really pleased about. Everyone agreed the venue was perfect and we have provisionally booked again for next year (30th Nov 2019).

All in all, a very good Christmas party.



David Freestone, Deputy Rep

VSOC News

- Merchandiser Danny reports New Clothing lines on website.
- New Clatter Editor – Debbie Jones. Debbie will be aiming to bring back FOUR issues instead of three per year, we must support her as a Centre.
- German Rally Tickets on Sale from Kevin Hoyte.
- Rally in a Hotel Tickets on sale information on the National website.

Events

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 5 & Sunday, 6 January 2019

Newark Classic Bike Show

Newark County Showground, Notts. NG24 2NY

Gates open 9am - 5pm Saturday, 9am - 4pm Sunday.



Saturday, 26 & Sunday 27 January 2019

Springfields Classic Bike Show

Spalding, Lincs. PE12 6ET

The event starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm each day.

VSOC stand by Steve and Katie



Events contd...

Sunday, 20 January 2019

Boat Trip & Sunday Lunch on the Trent

Contact Dave Freestone for details.

Sunday, 17 March 2019

Bowls & Carvery Bonding Lunch

Erewash Indoor Bowls Club, Grange Park of Station Road, Long Easton. NG10 2EE

Bowls & Carvery £14.00 pp, Carvery only £10.00 pp.

Raffle in aid of Blood Bikes.

STOP PRESS - Do not forget to renew your membership it's still £17.50 but if you're late it will cost you your continued membership!!!!

Lost Rider Meetings

Centre:

1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.
Vale Social Club, 54 Vale Road, Colwick,
Nottingham. NG4 2ED

Derbyshire:

2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm.
Arkwright Arms, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton,
Chesterfield. S44 5JG

Leicestershire, Rutland and Northants:

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.
The Railway Inn, 152 Station Road,
Glenfield. LE8 8BR

Lincolnshire:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.
The Jolly Scotchman, 18 Lincoln Road,
Sleaford. NG34 8NP

Nottinghamshire:

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.
Rolls Royce Social Club, Gate 1,
Watnall Road, Hucknall. NG15 6EU

Please note: Nottinghamshire meet is closed until 16 April 2019.

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