



Rejects News

The Newsletter of the Cockney Rejects
Centre 14 of the Virago Star Owners Club



December 2006 And January 2007

www.vsoc-centre14.co.uk

Meetings at The Well House Inn Chipstead Lane, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 3SQ

"Warning dates in your diary are closer than you think "

What's on?

Bold are official VSOC

December

Friday 1st Christmas Meal

Sunday 3rd Golden Lions Crawley Toy run
10am Bolney

Thursday 7th Meet Wellhouse

Sunday 10th Reading 21st

Anniversary Toy run

Sunday 16th Portsmouth Toy run

Wednesday 20th Meet Wellhouse

Monday 25th Christmas day

January 2007

Monday 1st Ride out 11.am Boxhill

Thurs 4th meet Well House

Wed 17th meet Well House

Sat 21st Rockers reunion Reading

February 2007

Thursday 1st Meeting



From The Editor

Firstly as we enter the Christmas and New Year period, may I wish you and yours all the very best wishes of the season.

I have included both December and January events into one newsletter, the next will be available for download late January.

There is an important announcement from Anne inside as well

As ever we plan to start 2007 in traditional style, and Anne will be organising the New - Years Day Ride out. Meet at Box Hill at 11.am

If you check out the website
www.vsoc-centre14.co.uk

There you will find a calendar for 2007 available to download, with those dates we know for the year. Full details of the ride out's will follow shortly

Happy Riding
Ian

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News From Your Centre rep

I attended the National AGM in Rugby on Sunday 12th November. Those of you that were at the Wednesday meeting will have heard the update and I have to say, we had a good discussion around a couple of the issues. Those that weren't there will just have to wait until I can decipher my notes properly and send them out to you before you find out what happened!

Those of you that were not there will have also missed my announcement. As you may be aware, I qualified as an Advanced Motorcycle Instructor a couple of years ago with RoSPA SMART. I recently attended their AGM and a couple of Instructors' meetings. Having got all fired up again, I've decided that I'd like to give more of my time to the instructing particularly as I've only managed about a dozen sessions over the last year. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month, which obviously clashes with one of our meetings. I have therefore decided to stand down as Centre Rep at our AGM in March. So that means we need a replacement!

Needless to say that I do have a couple of people in mind I would like to see stand for the post. I will put out some guidelines in the next couple of weeks as to what is required by National and the sort of qualities that you'd need to have to be a good Rep. But in the meantime, have a think about what you think the job does / should entail and see if you think you would like to apply for the post. I'll just quickly mention that there are no automatic rights of progression within the Centre. That means that you don't have to have served on the Committee in order to stand for Centre Rep. In fact, one of the people I have in mind is not on the Committee. Intrigued? Well, watch this space...!

The other thing I have checked with National is that a family member can also stand. So, for example, if Nick wanted to stand he could, even though we have just the one membership between us. But don't worry, he's assured me that he won't! That brings me nicely on to my last point, that you don't have to have a Virago or Star to be a Centre Rep. Just remember our "Once a member, always a member rule"... However, you would need to be a full/family member (not associate) of Centre 14.

Anyway, that's it from me for now. Apart from saying how much I've enjoyed the role over the last 3 years and my time as Treasurer and Events Officer before that. It's been made a great deal easier by having the support of the Committee and members who regularly put themselves out for others.

Thanks - it's been fun!
All the best,



Anne

Wrapping Up 2006.

January: It started with the potato peeler run, I remember it was dry and a bit grey a lovely little ride and a nice MIKEY taking meal (what do you expect we are the Cockney Rejects)

February: A wedding anniversary party at the IMCC. Cold and wet outside, but a warm welcome loads of refreshment & fun and a great breakfast.

Chislehurst Caves visit, very interesting, dark and spookie one of the quickest ride outs I've ever been on and a meal at my local OPEN HOUSE, thanks to Al & Annya.

March: We had another Posy Party (winter warmers) just for a bit of fun. And a Quiz night at the IMCC, we came about 4th, bummer!!!

April: Opening with the Outriders party, no camping for us, we stay up at the hotel and are ferried back and forth. Have a small blip with a missing member, and a fire alarm, nothings ever simple is it. Then to Dartmoor, we could have camped but opted for to share a 4 bunk room with AJ & Ruth. The



company was, as we expected, on form, a brilliant laugh and over all a fantastic weekend. The skies were grey and misty, but who cares Devon was still beautiful!! Ending with the Southern Snakes in Holland, just to finish of the month with a squish, yes it was wet there too but great fun and very Orange.

May: Down to Cornwall for the Peninsula Pirates (practice) a party, ready for next years rally. Yes, the ride out views were unbelievable down to Lands End, really glad we HELPED them we had a great time winning raffles, making beer castles. And I, after hardly any over indulgence, woke up laid out on the grass bank, after being carried out of the main hall having fainted. (Just not like me at all!!!) To finish this month off we went to Wales for the AS NORMAL great weekend at Tonna, yes, yes, yes and yes, it rained, the field was flooded, we had a brilliant time and made new friends.

June: Starting this month off with a week long trip to Denmark, we made the meeting place on time. The ferry ride was long but we had a lovely singalong session. A good ride over, however from there on it was surprises all the way, the most mahoosive birdge you ever seen, the site entrance (HUM), the site (we camped facing the beach and a much better hummmmm!!!!), the food (not good the first night) second night we went out (food on site was great), beech bonfire, (Erm out of control), shower facilities (a big Brrrrrrrr!!!!) The weather was fantastic and the sunburn (MIKEY taking at its best) we had a great time. And at the end of the trip the club pulled together like no other, THAT'S WHAT OTHER CLUBS SHOULD ASPIRE TOO!!! We missed Jane and Nicks wedding but wished them all the best and jealously listened to tails OF THE UNEXPETED!! I managed to get to the Nuttley Fete with Annya and co. had a ball with the gang, Nick was working and managed to join us later on that evening. Now were off round the M25 to the Hawaiian North London rally the weather was hooli hooli HOT, food & ride out were BRILL. I heard a northern chap say, secure parking in the middle of London and a sightseeing cruise down the Thames for £2 I think that's outrageous!! (tongue in cheek of course). The football tent on site was not the best place to be THAT Saturday.

July: I went to Mersey Island for C19 away day, BBQ's and big kids games, a bit windy but the kite flyers loved it. The next weekend was the Sherwood Shindig, yes that was lovely weather too, great facilities and the fabulous views Im become accustomed too now. And we finished off July with another weeks trip to Ireland this time. A long ride over but a touch of Genius (Guinness) an experience I wouldn't have missed for the world, walking along the rope bridge and the views Im accustomed to, Nahhh! I've never seen anything like it in my life (I feel a song coming on).

August: I now had the on set of I cant do this for another few days, I was sung out, danced out, sleep deprived, just felt just plain exhausted and now on my way home from Ireland via Scrumpies, coming from Holly Head and on my way to Weston Super Mare. A great weekend, met up with some new friends we made in Denmark, had a bit of trouble getting from WSM back to the camp but Nick coped with changing gear by hand admirably. So with no gears we tow trucked it home and spent a few quid and hay presto it all works properly again. This weekend were off to Al & Annyas for her birthday party, this was a 2 second drive and one I was glad I didn't miss. Next week the Redhill Air Show and our new club flag will be displayed for the first time. Oh but roll on the winter, my house has looked like a bomb site all year, camping stuff in the living room bike stuff drying in the lobby, washing in front of the washing machine waiting for the first lot to finish and ironing piling up like you wouldn't believe, (has anyone seen the sofa lately!!) Oh yes, I forgot were off to Darlington for the last official rally of the year.



Yes that was another one, Dancing, Drinking, Dangerous and that was just the wedding guest's. But we had a stomping monster time there meeting old friends and new seeing some of the sights from the Guide Books, (that Angles bloody big!!) and the treasure trail was a hoot (which all comes down to MIKEY taking again its not DAVE DAVE its TOM TOM).

September: Camping kit on and were off again, the bikes in and out of our garage like a fiddlers elbow, this time were off to the Dutch National at some unpronounceable place so I wont try. With a leisurely trip to Amsterdam on the train we it was fab. But I want to go home, Iv forgotten my address, I feel like I havent LIVED there all summer, please someone let me collapse in a heap, let me rest, I want MY bed!!!!. Unfortunately we missed Spiders birthday party, sorry, hope it was a good un.

October: Is the outriders party, a run in with the local police, nothing to do with me officer, I swear, that's on entering the hotel. Then a nice relaxing jacuzzi swim and sauna a few drinks, off down the pub and then back in bed before 8.45 a bit of a disaster, but what I remembered was good.

November: Was Al & Annya's Possy Party that was good fun, a small dinner party for the cold winter nights and afterwards a Post Possy Party Poodle (bike ride) for the Sunday afternoon, cold but dry, lovely.

December: We have Nicks work commitments, so at the moment we can only make the club dinner on the 1st Dec.

I know I've forgotten some events (just remembered the visits to 2 BMF's) and if I have, then I apologise, I know that we had a great time where ever we were.

Now I have my dream, long dark winter nights when you don't have to go out on your bike, the heatings on and having had a long soak in a hot bath, sitting in my big armchair with a nice hot cuppa cocoa while watching your favourite film.

I'V DONE THAT NOW FOR WHAT FEELS LIKE A LIFE TIME AND I'M BORED FLIPPING SENSELESS, ROLL ON THE SUMMER

Loadsaluv JuXX (aka Chimp) C14

Hoggin the bridge 7

22nd October

Firstly lets get the confusion over with, this is an event called “Hoggin the Bridge” and it goes over the old Severn Bridge and it’s the 7th time it has happened, so the title is correct. Though it does make me wonder why they didn’t do a 6A so next year could be a Hoggin the bridge 77, ok we shall blame a stinking cold on that thought.

It is organised by the Bridgewater chapter of HOG, but all kinds of bikes attend, and indeed there were all sorts of 2, 3 and 4 wheeled bike type vehicles there. It amazes me how many Dragstars.

Virago’s have been triked, I even saw my first triked Warrior, and several Scrumpties wandering around.

Anyway back to the beginning, and an early start for me, so a quick lemsip for breakfast, to try and hold back a cold (to

no avail) and having attached my prepaid sticker to the headlamp, I headed off west. After a pleasant run (as in only slightly wet) down the M4 (well that is until I reached Berkshire), for those of you not in the know myself and the Royal County of Berkshire have a love Hate relationship, especially when trying to visit the Vultures, It just seems if something is to happen to me, Berkshire is where it will happen. Anyway as usual I digress, and it was here the rain started, and from light drizzle by the Severn Bridge services we had heavy spasmodic showers, lovely.

The now classified old Severn Crossing was opened in 1966 and replaced a previous ferry crossing, it is almost a mile long, and with the towers standing at 445feet it is an impressive structure.



There were vehicles everywhere and with the car park raised it was quiet a spectacle watching the bikes ride in, favourite bike in the car park, a pretty little Panther chop that chuffed along nicely, strange how you don’t see one for years, and then two in one year. At 11am we all headed off to cross the bridge, a slow but steady progress was made, and the rain even eased off as we passed through the tollbooths and towards Wales.

This serpentine convoy took a circuitous route through to Chepstow, despite the down heavy rain, spectators lined the road at every vantage point, waving flags and cheering along.

By Chepstow and the car park (small lake) most of us were wet through; the police did a good job of marshalling us through the small streets.

In the town centre with what seemed a small river running through the centre, oh sorry that's the road, were stall selling biker nick nacks and the like. A group was playing the blues (appropriate I thought) and sodden bikers took up every conceivable sheltering place, memories of 1990 Kent show and some of the Rockers Reunion runs came flooding back.

I would love to tell you more about Chepstow, for it looks a nice place, and the Norman castle and walls looks like a great place to visit, but by now I was squelching uncomfortably along.

So back to the bike, and the long drag back along the M4, crossing the bridge, it was no longer possible to see the other side, and the welcome to England sign was swimming in its own lake.



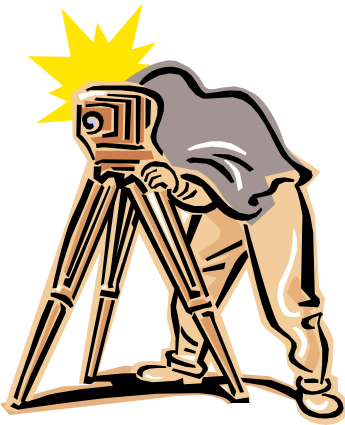
Visibility almost Zero most of the way back it was inevitable that the M4/M25 junction would be blocked, so I had to

Circumnavigate via Windsor (Berkshire again you see).

It was a long day and just under 300miles, and I was glad to get indoors, and start to warm up. Lets hope another time the weather holds, as I would love to find out more about this part of our country.

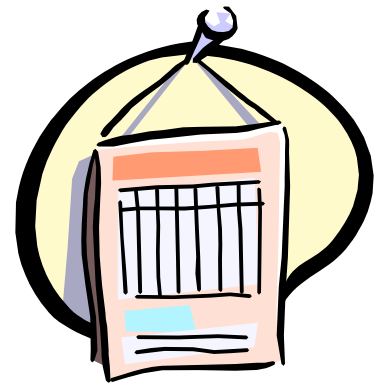
Later that night, the cold started with a vengeance, Pass the tissues someone.
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Ps Maybe I should really christen Millie as a Rain King



Models Required

I still need some more photograph's for The VSOC 2008 "Calendar Girls" Style Calendar. So come on girls, I know it's not that warm now but get your bikes out of the shed and bare all!!!



There are only a few rules for the pictures:-

You must be naked!!

No full frontal shots though please – it's to be done in the best possible taste!!

You must include a Virago or Star bike or parts thereof in the picture .

You don't have to do this alone – the pictures can contain more than one girl.

If you're unsure please visit

www.calendargirls.tv/home.html for pictures of the original W.I. Calendar

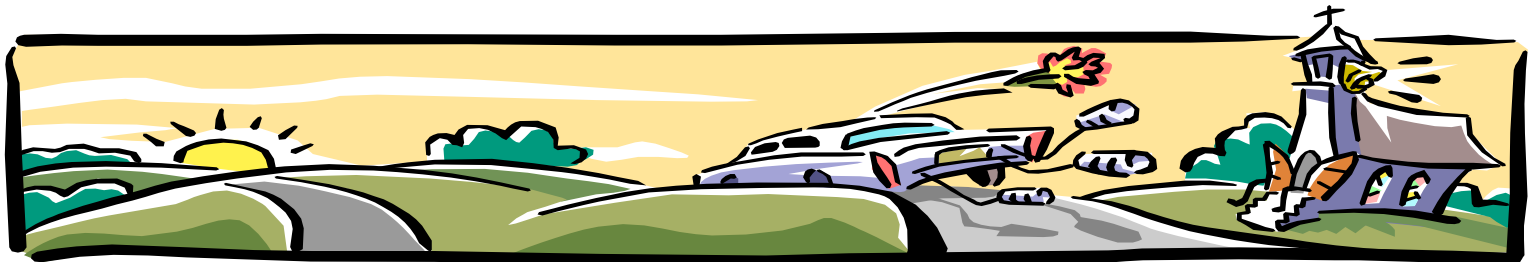
Please send your pictures by the end of January 2007 to stackas@hotmail.co.uk

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Many thanks to all those brave women who have already sent me some fantastic pictures.

Sally Stackas



2007 Dates

Full details available on the VSOC Website <http://www.vsoc.org.uk/>

March 31st Outriders Party

April 20-22 Jumpstart party

May 25-28 Yorkies Rally

June 8-10 International rally Sweden

June 29-1 July Lost riders rally

July 13-15 Smugglers party

Aug 5th Scrumpies Party

Aug 24-27th Peninsula Pirates Rally

Looking back on 2006, so far

So here we are in Mid November, Just back from a trip to Yorkshire still some events to do, and plenty of things still around to keep the weekends busy

Well what a year it has been

Hot and sunny, then damp then back to hot and sunny, with more great riding weekends than we have had in many a year.

Certainly for me it has been one of the best biking years I have ever had, with more smiles per mile than ever. Although I haven't managed any VSOC Rallies, mostly down to doctor's orders I have still notched up just under 8,000 miles, and the years not over yet. But I have only missed two ride outs and had lots of fun.



With a mix of owner's clubs events, one day events, Forum events (I'm in several online biker forums) rallies and parties it has made for a varied old year, with some unexpected surprises, highlights for me include:

January 1st Ride out, a great turnout
Blatting around the deserted south coast in January on my own
100% Biker Forum gathering at Arncott
Pioneer run, in the sun,
New forest in the sun

Dartmoor at Easter with Rejects and friends, it was damp, but what a great set of memories.

Then almost 2 months of not being able to ride, I was going ga ga, and the less said about padlocking front mudguards the better ☺

Celebrating the doctors saying I could get back on the bike with a ride to Norfolk, a 400 mile round trip
Starting my own website,



www.Bosunsbikes.com in July, which as I write has had 42.421 hits, this has led to submitting photographs to both Back Street heroes and 100% Biker hopefully being paid for both.

A wet run to Calne Motorcycle day near Swindon and the Siobhathon a charity event near Bedford on the same day.

Ace Café NCC Chopper day

Sharons Birthday party

Annyas Birthday party

Nutley Fete

Reaching Lands End, and thus completing John o

Groats to Lands end within a year, on the same bike



Ali Bongos “show us your bongo’s” a brilliant party, sadly now they are disbanding

And wherever you go the VSOC seem to be everywhere

The Mabon rally

Brightona

A trip to the triumph factory with centre 12

And the list can go on no weekend is without something somewhere

Basically its been great, and already 2007 is building up, with events in France,

Bedford and Oxford penned in

Keep you eyes on the diaries and keep those wheels rolling

To help you plan 2007 I have created a 2007 wall calendar just for you, print off, punch 2 holes and hang where you will, link on C14 website.

I look forward as ever to your tales of adventures around this green and pleasant land.

Happy riding

Bosun

My favourite picture of the year, from Julie somewhere in Denmark



Police Warning

Police are urging visitors to the city centre to be especially vigilant for a new gang operating a slick routine that is aimed at stealing from unwary persons.

They say that the gang usually comprises four members.

While the three younger ones, all appearing to be cute and innocent, divert their "mark" (or intended target) with a show of friendliness and fun, the fourth the eldest of this gang of criminals - sneaks in from behind the person's back to expertly rifle undetected through their pockets and bags for any valuables being carried.

The attached picture taken from CCTV operating in the inner city shows the gang in operation.



Top 10 Bad Christmas Cracker Jokes

What's the best way to stop food going bad?

Eat it!

Son: Dad, there's a man collecting for a new swimming pool.

Dad: Well give him a glass of water!

What's the most popular gardening magazine in the world?

Weeder's Digest

Customer: Waiter! Waiter! What's wrong with this fish?

Waiter: Long time, no sea

Why is it difficult to keep a secret at the North Pole?

Because your teeth chatter

How do cows subtract?

With a cow-culator

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because her class was too bright

What do ghosts play at parties?

Haunt and seek

Why can you never play jokes on snakes?

You can never pull their legs

What do you call a crate of ducks?

A box of quackers