



Rejects News

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

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What's on February

Until Sunday 5th
 Alexander Palace Bike Show
 Thurs 2nd Club Night Well House
 Sat 4th/Sun 5th International Classic
 Japanese Bike Show, Donnington Park
 Sat 11th Feb Valentines party
 Tues 14th Valentines Day
 Weds 15th Club Night Well House
 Sun 26th Ride Out Chiselhurst Caves
 Meeting Point Viewpoint Reigate Hill
 (Junction 8 m25) 10.00am
 if you haven't been before this is a
 fascinating trip
 March
 Thurs 2nd Club Night Well House
 AGM



January 1st Pre ride out at Boxhill



**Outriders Spring
 Party 2006
 April 8th**

The traditional one night party at
 "the Packhorse"
 Tickets on sale soon



Spotted By Dave K (C12)
at the London bike show

Valentines Party Saturday 11th Feb
 Independents MCC, 8.00pm till late

London motorcycle show

"Alexander Palace"



Despite this having been on at Alexander palace for many a year this was my first visit, and indeed my first visit since the old Ally Pally car shows in the Early 80's

I decided to take the bike rather than 3 trains, and had even looked at the map, it was as I passed the Ace Cafe I was joined by some other guys on Harleys and victory's, "are you off to ally Pally?" they called ""yes" I replied "oh good we shall follow you" needless to say I didn't see the large sign to the right, so nearly ended up going to Romford

By now the followers had given up and I was on my own, so I doubled back, "AHA!" I exclaimed there are signs that way :) and I was soon at the top of a windblown hill parking in the secure parking area. Somehow the followers had got there first.

Even before you ventured in, you were confronted by Vic Jeffords masterpiece "Manhattan" and if I thought that was good I hadn't seen anything yet.

In but a trice and with £15 relieved from my wallet I was in the show, perusing 50years of MCN Bikes and then the Victory bikes were the first new bikes I saw.

Most of the Big motorcycle manufacturers were there, Harley Davidson had the NightRod, very nice, on the stand, along with the low Sportster 1200, which gives it a very different look, and the very tall Buell off road thingy.

I lusted for a while over the triumph trail bike and found the BMW off roader's, hot from Charley Boormans Paris Dakar attempt, still covered in sand and desert muck.

Tucked in the corner near to the overpriced coffee was the custom and chrome section, with many of the bikes from "Biker Build off" it was a shame there was no stall selling trinkets and baubles for your bike then. Battistinis Smooftale

was one to lust over and very retro, I felt the lighting, being a dark and gloomy corner let some of the bikes down.

This certainly is the place to go if you require any cheap clothing, but I was good and let the credit card have a rest.

Reaching the Ace cafe stand and the MCN show stand there it was the bike of the show for me, the Ecosse Heretic, a hand built vision of beauty, mere words cannot explain quite how excellent this bike is. I hope the photograph does the bike justice.



Deciding to head off before the traffic was too bad, I strolled back to the bike only to find the Radio transmitter above the show had disabled mine and several other bikes. Alarm wailing loudly I was assisted by two passers by to push the bike to the entrance at the top of the hill, so from here I could freewheel with the alarm still wailing, like a demented ice-cream seller, further away so I could turn the alarm off. Now this is a big hill and rolled down at great speed thankfully to find a spot I could disarm the alarm, needless to say after this I managed several wrong turns but it was a great day out.

I may even be back next year.

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**CENTRE 4
PRESENTS
Fourgasms II
The Second Cumin**
*August 25th-28th
2006*

At

Darlington Rugby Club

Tickets

VSOC Members £18.00

Associate members £20.00

16 And Under Free

Caravans and Camper vans Welcome

Number of tickets required please fill in the appropriate box

Members ___ Associate ___ Vegetarian ___ Caravan Yes/No Tent Yes/No Camper Van Yes/No

Name _____ (All Names of people attending on back of form)

Membership No _____ Amount Sent £ _____

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