

October 2007

The Yorkies



Little Clatter

Hi Yorkies,

Sat here typing away after watching a brilliant weekend of sport, with Leeds winning that excellent rugby league match / then watching every minute of the rugby match in France / that was all after England getting a vital win in the football . And the F1 is to come next weekend, surely hope that people not into sport will feel quite proud of the countries achievements in sport.

I diverse © sadly our last ride out has been and gone and it's the end of our riding calendar as a group, and for whatever reason we will remember something different about 2007, Our very successful rally in spring, the wet and muddy lost riders rally, the excellent hot Cambridge rally, and the Cornwall rally, myself and Mick now know the joys of the breakdown services after that one.



No cups or trophies this year, but John and Allison's son Jake took home the furthest travelled award in Cornwall after their epic ride around France to finish up in Cornwall, he had the biggest grin ever,

After looking at all the rally pics our group Members childrens is growing in numbers which cannot be a bad thing, after all with us lot getting older we need some young blood in our Centre. Often wonder if they get really embarrassed watching their parents or other yorkies strutting their stuff on the dance floor.!

Once again we are at the same level of members as last year, and it's a huge welcome to the new members that have joined us these last few years, with advertising in local Yorkshire bike shops / on the centre 5 web site / and by word of mouth its very refreshing to be at one of our meetings to see new faces, but please forgive me, I'm useless at remembering names, I'll get there with prompts but sorry about this.

At this years VSOC reps AGM the yorkies, together with the north stars are trying to get an agreement to increase the percentage of associate members in each centre, at present 20%, my reason for this is that we could advertise our centre at places like Squires for cruiser owners to join our centre, thus increasing our numbers with this style of motorcycle, As I expect you know all of our present associate members have been in the club for many years, and attend nearly all of the ride outs weekends away and holidays, as well as their attendance, their input in the running of our centre is commendable, We hope that other centre reps will agree to this, and the vsoc will not loose members every year as some centres are finding.

We have found that in some cases our associates have changed their non-virago/star and have bought a qualifying bike to become a full member.

The Committee have been well impressed with the attendance from Yorky members at ride outs / meetings / rallies / camping weekends. We are finding that groups are developing that enjoy doing separate things as has Neds European tours / The vsoc International rally goes and Alan and Leslies Camping weekends, we thought this might split the centre, but it now gives all members a choice of different events to choose from.

This and next years calendar will be very full and so we hope you will find something going on that takes your fancy.

A huge thank you to all the people booked for the dinner dance, we cannot accept any more names as the function room is to its limit, it is hoped that with so many centre 5 members there to present our rally raffle profit and the profit from the vsoc calendar girls calendar to the Yorkshire Cancer research administrators

Also we have taken all the Key Camp caravans over for our annual holiday and as you know 08 is to Normandy, again a big thanks for all your support in these events, it really does make it worthwhile when the response is this good.

Through out the winter months the committee will meet to prepare for our AGM next march and to prepare for next seasons events, if you have a special good ride route please share it with us, over the years newer people have asked to lead a ride, and Mary will tell you it's a great feeling when you give a royal wave as you do a u turn after taking the wrong turn.

As well as the Calendar girls calendar, as I'm sure you are aware that we have 2 Yorkshire Lassies featured, (you can still order one if you haven't done so already)

Bev / Steve (web master) and myself are preparing our own centres calendar, on this will be group and individual pics from this year, together with all the 08 ride outs and events, these will be available nearer xmas, but only at meetings,

And Lastly, cause our editor says I waffle on too much, really big congratulations to our own Jenny Hadfield and Kev Villiers (Lost riders Member), who recently announced their engagement, I'm sure you join me in wishing them every happiness for the future and hope that Kev now becomes a Yorkie member☺

Ride safe and hope to see you at the meetings over the winter period

Terry (Centre Rep)

Ed's comments

Well here's another edition with a cross-section of what people have been doing. I've missed out on quite a few things this year due to working away so it's made it a bit more difficult to pick things out and worse still... Steve (webmaster) is also working away a lot so there's nobody for me to "copy from". Hope it brings back memories or encourages you to take part.

Ride safe and hope to see you soon.

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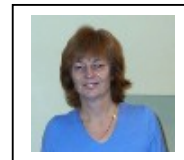
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or the national website
www.vsoc.org.uk

What've we been up to? Well - we've done some rallying

Cambridge Rally

After 2 very wet rallies, we were blessed with a fantastic weekend of wall to wall sun, that really does give a rally that extra ooomph, Centre 5 members arrived at all sorts of times, but you can always rely on Alan and Leslie's "family" to get there early and get a decent spot for our Centre, right near the bike park and as close as they could to the facilities, cheers mate.

We were well out in the sticks, but it didn't take long to source the nearest Tesco to stock up on all our needs for the weekend and with the "Yorkies Camping and Trailer Club" out in force its getting good to see the extras people are carrying, yes we know its not "proper" bike rally thinking, but hey if its makes it comfortable - who cares.

New tents were on show - Mick and Sandie's collection bought out their massive tunnel, and we had the bright yellow thing. It was a shame Tom couldn't make this rally as he was suffering with his operation, poor Bev had to make do with his back up tent, but I know other members looked after Bev with breakfast etc in Tom's absence.

The hosting Centre had picked a good venue here, with a good selection of trade stands, a half decent catering facility and excellent club house with marquee, and yes at last great bar prices, this looks as though it will be a great weekend.

A good evening of nattering we were ready to see the first nights entertainment, having a separate area for the band and the dancers!!!! amongst us always works well, especially on the first night as it gives us time to natter with old friends. The band for the night was advertised as glam, but that played a great set and with a half decent DJ the floor was filling. It always helps with John and Alison's family and Ivan's daughter getting us on the dance floor.

Next morning not too bright and early we decided to have a ride out to "The Ace Cafe" a group from Centre 8 wanted to go and with Alan's excellent knowledge he got us to the cafe, BUT we had a confrontation with a 4x4 who wanted to take Peter and Barbara out then have a go at Ken and Jackie - wrong move that, a few slaps from Jackie on his bonnet showed we were having none of it, mind you by time we got back the story went he had all his panels put in !!!

We had time to savour the atmosphere of the Ace, weird that it was a Beach Buggy meet while we were there but it was different, our parade of cruisers gave the punters something to look at anyway.

Alan guided us back a slightly more scenic and quicker route and we had time to rest and chill out before the Scrumpties wedding, the pictures tell it all, so no comment from this scribe, and then showered, fed and ready for "Camouflage", a few of us have seen these before and if your in to a different act these will always entertain you, great act and good music had us dancing and laughing, great choice you guys.

Must have been a good- late night as the snoring was almost in tune, a brilliant warm morning got us out of the "pits" and it was time to say farewell to Alan, Leslie, Peter, Barbara, Ken, Jackie, Dave and Elaine who were going off on a week / 2 week holiday and didn't they drop on two of the best weeks this summer!



and some partying

Smuggler's Party

Don, myself and Sandie met up at Ferrybridge services and made our way down to the Smugglers party down in Kent. We had heavy rain most of the way down, until the sun started shining and we were able to take out wet gear off. A few miles before the campsite we met up with two of the Lost Riders, "follow us" they said, and true to their name at the first junction we came to they took a wrong turning.

After doing a quick 'U' turn, we were back on track and soon reached the camp site. The sun was shining although there was a stiff breeze. We pitched our tents tight up against a hedge, to be out of the wind. Only to find that there was a bid scarer banging like mad at twenty minute intervals.

So it was off with the leathers and on with the shorts and a stroll up to the club house. We were soon tucking into some lovely food and washing it down with a few beers. Shortly after, John and Alison arrived. We showed them where we were camped and returned to the club house for more beer. They soon joined us, had their tea and we all went into see the band that was playing for the night. The band was called Headlong, they played a really good selection of music and were supported by a fantastic disco. At about 1am we decided to call it a day and staggered to our tents.

Saturday morning came with brilliant sunshine and no wind. There was no ride out planned and just as well, because we were all recovering from the effects of the previous night! We had a nice relaxing lazy day, sat down talking and having a good laugh. In the afternoon the games started, we all had a good laugh at the expense of the many competitors that took part.

Saturday evening soon arrived and we went back to the clubhouse for tea. They had two magicians wandering around the tables, keeping us entertained with card tricks etc. They were very very good and had us amazed by the tricks they did. Then it was back into the main hall to see the last band, they were called Bad Pennies. Again, another very good band supported by the same disco from the previous night. Another heavy night was had by all.

Sunday morning we were woken by rain and that damn bird scarer. When we got up, the rain had stopped and the sun was shining. We got packed up, said our good byes and headed for home.

We stopped at Peterborough services and decided it would be best to put our wet gear on, all of us except Sandie that is. We ran into very heavy rain just south of Doncaster, by the time we got home Sandie was looking like a drowned rat!

A great weekend was had by all of us, those of you that didn't come missed a real good weekend!

Mick (Midnight Kawboy)



and we invaded a few places

We invaded Scotland

Yorkies Scotland Holiday - Mayday week

and Wales

Yorkies Welsh Weekend - July



twice

Allan and Leslie Llangollen w'end – August



Sweden

International Rally Sweden – June



and Denmark

also International Rally Sweden – June



where we were "World Champions"



..... and we let a few out on their own

Ivan and Helen recce Paris



Helen sneaks into Portugal like a sniper



and our undercover agent tries to decide whether she is in Oz or US



..... and we've tried to be friendly with our neighbours

Unfortunately the camping weekend in Glossop was a bit of a washout as the campsite cancelled due to flooding.

We had the bonding weekend which, even though we had to change the date and it clashed with the BMF Tail End rally there was still a good turnout with Geordies, Lancies and West Mids joining us.

And finally – you can't get much friendlier than

The Yorkies and Lost riders are pleased to announce the engagement of two of our respective members Kev Villiers and Jen Hadfield who have recently announced their engagement, I know that all VSOC members will join us in wishing them all the best for the future, congrats to you both.



Oh ... and we've had the odd rideout

Peter's Moors rideout

Where we did

some riding



..... and some nattering



... and some laughing



Mick and Sandies rideout

..... looked at some bikes

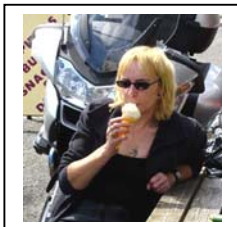
... and did some more nattering



... and ate a lot of ...



....and even did some multi-tasking ...
... bikes, natter and ice cream!



ice cream!!!



Some things you might want to do

White Rose MCC Toy Run Sunday 25th November Keighley

Meet in the carpark at the rear of the AMF Bowl, Keighley from 11:00 for a prompt 12:00 set-off. The bowling alley café is usually open for a cuppa etc before you set off!

Yorkies Dinner Dance 2008 Saturday 9th February 2008 Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

This is probably booked up by now but feel free to check with Don or Terry .

Yorkies AGM Tuesday 4th March 2008 Reindeer, Overton

Just to give you plenty of notice – if you have anything that you want discussing then please let Terry or a member of the committee know a.s.a.p.

International Rally Finland 9 – 20th June 2008

The details of the extended trip to the International Rally were in the last VSOC Clatter. If you are interested in going and want to know who else from Centre 5 is going then have a word with Terry or somebody on the committee.

Czech Trip 2008 4 – 18th August 2008

You get return trip from Dover to Calais stay in Belgium bike hotel. 2 nights in German hotels, 7 nights in chalet on campsite in Trebon southern Czech, trip to Prague, and all the entertainment on campsite.

If you want to come let me know ASAP. There are 60 places reserved on site, 12 are already taken within these dates 15th, 16th & 17th. I intend, with a few others, to attend the Belgium Vmax rally.

Cost per person approx £420. If you are interested, let me know.

Thanks Otto

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Rideouts

Rideout season is formally over but if there's a nice Sunday and you fancy a ride out with the chance of meeting up with other members then Squires around 10:00 on a Sunday is the suggested place and time.

Winter Rideout

If you don't know where you fancy going then how about Mablethorpe Sand-racing? It usually starts about 09:30 (depending on the tide), free to watch, all the cafes etc open for a cuppa or fish & chips.

The next 2 meetings are 11th and 24th November.

Events

2007

11 th November 25 th November	Sand-racing at Mablethorpe
23rd November - 2nd December	International Motorcycle and Scooter Show NEC - Birmingham

2008

February 9th	Yorkies Xmas/Valentine Dinner Dance Cairn hotel, Harrogate
March	Yorkies AGM
23rd - 26th May	VSOC Centre 17
13th - 15th June	VSOC International Rally – Finland Säkylä, about 75km from harbour of Turku
4th - 6th July	VSOC Centre 19
1st - 3rd August	VSOC Centre 15
4 – 18 th August	Czech Trip
22nd - 25th August	VSOC Centre 3

Yorkie Rideouts

Date	Destination	Depart From	Time
25 th November	White Rose MCC Toy Run - The Coniston pub, Louisa St, Idle	Rear carpark of AMF Bowl Keighley	12:00 prompt

Yorkie Meetinas

Remember that meetings continue through the winter period. Bikes not compulsory!

Day	Location	Time
1 st Tuesday	The Reindeer, Overton, Nr Wakefield	8pm
3 rd Tuesday	The Royal Oak, Hirst Courtney, Nr Selby	8pm

Other stuff you might find interesting

From the VSOC website19th October 07

Virago Fibreglass Mudguards

Dear Nick.

I was recommended to get in touch with you by a number of your members.

Can you inform your members with Virago XV 535 750 & 1100's that I can offer them replacement rear mudguards made in GRP and also XV750 / 1100 Front mudguards also in GRP.

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Yours

Wayne Ayers (proprietor)

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