

# Saxon Warriors



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## Rodders Write's:

Well the end of another year, there's been some great times and some sad times 4 members "Ninja Bev", John Burrows, Phil Tomaszewski, and Graeme "Grum" Hobbs passed away, they will be missed.

On a happier note we had some great rallies and parties this year, for those who haven't been to any rallies let me assure you, you would have a fantastic time and I urge you to give it a try, who can forget Roger the pirate going to the loo at 3 in the morning and falling asleep for two hours on the grass outside his tent!! Then there is the fancy dress on a Saturday night, some really good costumes especially the "Back to School" rally, didn't know we had that many Headmasters and "naughty schoolgirls" in our centre, very enjoyable though!

If you only go to one rally it has to be an International, you will get to meet like minded people from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Scotland, Wales and Ireland (North and South). Some of us also take the opportunity to take some holiday afterwards to tour a bit and see some of the country.

Unfortunately there were not many ride-outs this year but we hope to rectify that next year, so if you have any suggestions for somewhere to go let me Mark or Roger know, thanks.

That's it from me, only to say I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***Rodders***

## *E\*DS S\*CRIBBLE*

Been a bit like the ghost writer this year, hopefully that is now rectified and if every one is happy will put out 6 issues a year as normal, but as mentioned this needs audience participation.

To those who have submitted in the past all is gratefully appreciated.

To new members that may like some past issues, drop me a line and I can sort some out

Anyway, I am open for business all the time, anything considered, have great year all.

Remember , that postal submissions can be sent as well.

Just leaves it for me to wish you and all your families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year

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### *Modders Gambit*

First off have to say, VSOC does not condone, support or endorse any products or modifications, that are carried out, these are at a members own risk. Any and all information is designed to be informative, promote discussion only.

Alright, anyone that knows me, should know that I don't jump into something lightly without, studying it from all the angles, so as a start I'll look at the XVS 1300 Midnight Star.

First off, as before, these bikes are set up very lean to begin with to get through the emissions testing, tip here, if a bike is running lean, heavy blueing of the exhaust headers, rich then the headers have more of a golden hue. Lean up the bike too much, run the risk of burning out the valves as well as the piston crown.

Okay the oxygen sensor, hands up if you know when this operates?.....Only at ignition, after the bike is running the EFI unit takes all its measurements from the throttle position sensor and the air intake only, so does spending £80 for a plug in unit make sense to me, for me no. The chugging that is experienced at say 30 in third is non existent in 2nd, however slow speed turns, a bit like a tractor unless you feather the clutch slightly. Why ? All down to the exhaust, being as everybody knows too restrictive. The answer is one of two things, cheapest option is around £20 for an 11/4" holesaw and 30 seconds of time for European bikes, 11/2" for American bikes, takes out the end baffle, the EFI has enough leeway that it can cope with this small change in the increased flow of the Exhaust gases.

Another thought towards the the oxygen sensor, the bike will happily run with it unplugged, hence after market pipes that don't allow for the insertion of the sensor.

So where do we go from here.

Well, basics are in general, if you put an open exhaust on you need to cope with the change of the exhaust gases, in that these are now disappearing out the back end at an increased rate, as you have changed the flow here, you generally have to increase the flow in, this can be done through a simple, though labour intensive mod to the stock air box, in you drill 100 plus air holes, yeah not too enamoured with that thought though have seen it done neatly, again this small change the EFI handles quite nicely.

Okay so where does that leave us, aftermarket slipons with no mapping, for me, the jury is still out, at the end of the days these slipons are a big change, the EFI is clever, can cope with a lot of different changes but from what I have read and heard a bit concerned that they Lean the bike up too much, put like this if a bike set up already lean, runs on average 50-52mpg, change the pipes and that increase to 60mpg, I feel from a personal point of view that this is too much and could create problems down the line.

So for me the answer is around £1200 unless I import, V&H or Cobra 2 into 1, fuel pak and a Hyper charger, baby needs to speak without ruining the engine.

Research what you want to do, look at the pro's and con's, what seems a simple and effective compromise could cost you in the long run.

All comments welcome, lets talk about other bikes Virago's etc, if anybody would like me to look into something just holler.

8 members of Centre 10 decided to extend the party season by attending the annual Centre 8 halloween party in Birmingham. Some people thought we were mad I mean camping at the end of October , well you had to be a bit crazy! However fortune favours the brave and so we arrived on what was forecast to be a really cold evening to a very warm welcome from our hosts.. We were joined by members and friends from Centres 4,5,6,8, & 9 and a really great evening was had by all. The theme was cowboys and Indians and we all entered into the spirit of things- by donning our checked shirts,waistcoats and hats. Pistols were also in evidence but thankfully no shootouts were required as the evening was one of the best of the year. Despite the forecast I personally never felt it was a cold night ( thankyou Jack Daniels ) and the morning was spent packing up tents having a bite to eat , saying goodbyes although it was very late morning before I felt like going anywhere. This do comes highly recommended and is one I will be attending in 2011.

Roll on 2011 and a happy christmas to you all

Mark (aka disco duck)



# Humour

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## Church Bulletins

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters.

These sentences (with all the Bloopers) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

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The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning; 'Jesus walks on the water'

The sermon tonight; 'Searching for Jesus'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, it's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard of love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday will be tryouts for the choir; they need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some of the older ones.

The scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot luck supper Sunday 5:30pm – prayer and medication to follow

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind; they may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies bible study will be held Thursday morning at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The vicar would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the bacon and egg breakfast next Sunday.

# VSOC Centre 8 POST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011

7:30pm till late



at  
**Chuckery WMC**  
**Beacon Street, Walsall**  
**WS1 2DL**

**Live Music/Disco/Buffer**

**Entrance £4 (U16 Free)**

Ticket are now available from

Jan Orton  
46 Shipley Close, Branston,  
Burton on Trent,  
Staffordshire. DE14 3HB

Please get your tickets in advance for this event to enable caterers to prepare

## NATIONAL AGM UPDATE

Sorry it's taken a while but here are the relevant bits:

### RALLIES

In 2011 there are 4 National rallies, after this there will only be 3 National rallies per year, the thinking behind this is with the International as well each year it was getting expensive to attend all 5. The rally to go will be the one at the end of June. To this end the Centres will be put into areas North, Midlands, and South. So we shouldn't get 2 rallies in one area in any year. The rallies for 2012 are May bank holiday C3.....last full weekend in July C19.....and Aug bank holiday C17.

The International will remain the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June.

### PARTIES

Parties in the rally season will no longer be sanctioned by the VSOC, therefore Centres will have to arrange their own insurance, the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August will be an open party weekend.

### FLYERS

All rally and party flyers must contain the FULL postal address.

### DOGS AT RALLIES

ALL reps were in favour of banning dogs from rallies and apologies were made for the number of dogs at the Welsh rally this year.

(yes all the jokes were made)

### LEAVING EARLY

The VSOC constitution states that no bikes to be started before 7am, this will stay, however since some people have a long way to go after a rally and like to get an early start they can take their tents and luggage TO their bike and NOT their bike to their tent.

## Dear Diary

### Meetings

Sproughton: Wildman Inn 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Hartford Marina: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

### LANDMARK CHALLENGE

The landmark challenge is being held again in 2011, organised by Brian C2 IRELAND.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

There has been some concern from centres that members have been leaving the club for personal reasons and joining another centre as an associate. From now on all associate members details will have to be given to Malcolm Bland for checking of any issues before a centre can join someone as an associate. We don't have or intend to have associate members so it doesn't involve us.

Just had some info in from Blackjack Bob.

During the winter and early spring Blackjack Bob and Nick Lappage will be putting together a club calendar, hopefully to be ready next Sept/Oct. Price around the £10 mark. Keep checking Bobs merchandise page on the web-site and also at the rallies for further information.

Hi Andy

Hope things are good with you . If you have not had time to put anything together for newsletter then have proposed a charity carboot to raise extra pennies for the charity, just need a advert or something to scrounge enough stuff to make holding a carboot sale worthwhile Will look at doing it in the summer obviously will sort out a date later.

Disco

So you are forewarned folks, Mark I'll draw up a proper add for the next edition, so folks can be thinking, hmm why you thinking of this now, you getting something for Crimbo you wish to pass on ha ha.....

*Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to All.*