

Saxon Warriors



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(Please LOL!!!!)

Ed's Scribble

Okay to say that the newsletter is a bit hit an miss this year is an understatement. Apologies folks hopefully this is the start of regular letters again.

All our well wishes go to Barb as she continues her fight

As well as Dave in his retirement.

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Andy

Dear All,

Just to say a big thank you for letting me hi-jack the centre party for my birthday/retirement do.

I had a great time (well what I can remember) and my guests all enjoyed it too.

Thanks to everyone for their cards and pressies and special thanks to all those who helped to organise things, you know who you are so I won't list you all!

I'm off to bed now to catch up on my sleep but at least I don't have to get up for work next week. Well I might go in for my last day but I won't be doing much!!

See you all soon.

Dave

Hi Andy,

Here's a few more photos for the newsletter, if you need to fill up some space. It is another one of Jeff and Mandy on their wedding day and a couple of Ian and Sally on the dance floor. For a couple of old bikers they scrub up quite well!



Cross Channel Ferries

As the centre is getting more new members I thought a quick word about taking a bike on the ferry might be of help. I remember how daunting it was the first time I had to do it, quite scary really, What do I need? What do I do? How do I.....? and so on.

First thing is getting on the boat, the ramps can be slippery so take it slow and not too much use of the front brake, I use the back brake normally. There will be either chains stretched across the deck or rings let in the deck to tie down to, always go over the chains in a straight line.

Second thing, you will need a couple of ratchet tie downs,as in the picture.



Some ferries will provide them but they are normally

filthy so to keep your pride and joy clean it is best to buy your own, you can get them from any bike shop or off the net and are about £5 to £10 each.

Ferry companies really pack the bikes close together so you won't have much room, even if you have a centre stand use the side stand. Take whatever you need off the bike, for a night trip I take a small bag with jeans t-shirt washing kit underwear etc, obviously day sailing you don't need anything.

Now to tying down, I put one strap between the tank and triple tree and tie that one forward of the front wheel, the second one I put over the driver's seat and tie it down behind the rear wheel and ratchet them down tight. Some people will also tie their front brake on but I don't bother.

Getting off at the other end is really the same as getting on, just take it slow.

The main thing is don't panic, there will be lots of people to help if you get stuck with something but you may have to wait till they have done their bike first!

Hope this helps and have a good time wherever you are headed be it an overseas rally or a holiday touring somewhere. **Rodders**

Hi mate well what a fabulous long weekend it was at the first rally of the year Arrived mid afternoon Friday to find several Warriors there and soon we were 31 in number. Great food was followed by a fab night dancing away to 'The Southbound'.

Saturday morning and all aboard the routemaster for a tour of London Town (see attached photo of a few of us taking a break from all the rioting) was followed by another great evening with loads of coppers everywhere. The band 'Identity Crisis' were soon recognized as the same lads as the previous evening but this did not in anyway distract anyone from what was a truly great evening. Sunday morning and it was a ride out to the Ace Cafe and Hendon Airforce Museum for some of us whilst some sadly had to pack and go home. The evening was spent dancing away to 'Fabulous Parallel' who were two guys who sang an array of styles from rock n roll to reggae to ska, Glam, sixties and quite frankly every style of music you could imagine. Some of us were able to put what we had learned at the previous afternoons jive lessons to good use. All too soon it was Monday and despite the fact we were all shattered if you had told us there was another day and night you would not have torn us away. Congrats to all at C13 for what was a truly amazing rally roll on the next ones

Disco



Hi Andy

Well what a wonderful long weekend it was oop north in Geordie land. For once the weather gods shined on us with the promise that the north of the country was going to get the best weather and lo and behold the forecasters got it right. Heading off on Thursday lunchtime Tracey and myself met up with Sat-Nav & Smiler making a welcome return to the fold and we rode through the rain for 25 miles before breaking away from the southern half of the country and into the sunny north we rode. A few hardy souls had joined us for the Thursday night and a good laugh was had amongst the small band that had arrived early. Sat-Nav got into the party mood real early with some super strength vodkas (guess when you've been away a while you have some catching up to do!) and soon it was the early hours of Friday morning and time to retire. Friday morning was just a stroll into town to get bearings and then back to the site which was filling up nicely. Slowly but surely the Warriors arrived and by Friday night we were 26 strong. Friday night is party night and we all had a good time. The band were the best I have seen in along time and they really got the party going, some had more fun than others (not drunk were you Rodders, not half). Saturday dawned and whilst some went on what turned out to be an epic 6 hour rideout others did their own thing, Whitby, Durham. Some got caught in a short but sharp shower but others made it back nice and dry to find Jeff and Mandy had arrived to make our centres turn out 28 which was a really good effort by all those concerned. And then the disney theme fancy dress. Well it was worth the wait wasn't it. Sat-Nav came out with a fabulous outfit (see photo). Sunday came and although it was sunny the wind had got up and for those who went home it was a windy trip home, for those who stayed it was rideouts to Barnard Castle and Hartlepool and then another really slick band kept our tired bodies going. Monday came and after final farewells to our friends from around the country we had a last breakfast together before heading home with sun all the way. Arrived home mid afternoon and now looking forward to the next party. Until

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Mark (Disco)



Yes I know they are a bit late ha ha.....

Thought I would stick in a bit of my own travels this year, decided to take myself off to Belgium, on a little side note, to Rodders article on ferries, I have been on 8 ferry trips in the past year and half and they are all different. The best has to be the Steam Packet company if quiet, the bike front wheel is rolled into a shoe, similar idea as those used on some toe trucks and work benches, the bike is left in first gear and the front end is locked down, no stands are used and the bike just sits there, only thing I have found is it can be difficult in some points to cross ratchet, but because baby is precious I always carry a small light bike cover, just the job to add protection against nasty straps, I always leave in first, a tip I was told by a veteran (apart from a couple of cable ties on the brake) was a bungee from the front wheel to the side stand, one it stops movement of the forks and potential of the side stand, just another tip to throw out there.

Anyway down to Calais and spend the night there, use a little hotel there called the Pacific, has garages which I like, have used it a few times now.

Next morning, it was time to set out for my biggest adventure yet, me the bike and my Zumo, didn't have a clue where I was going except I was staying in a hotel in a place called Bouillion, south East Belgium.

Heavy rain had passed through during the night yipee, the sun was out and looking for the makings of a good day. Up to Dunkirk and turn left lol.....through Lille and on up towards Brussels loop round towards Namur only 80 clicks to go, started to get a bit overcast as I came through the middle of Belgium, but it stayed kind. So I am riding along and take the turn off, the first real bit of fun of the day, 3.5km of down hill twisty fun, at the bottom and into this beautiful little town which borders both sides of the river Semois, high above the town is the imposing Chateau De Goedfoey, the town is set up in a oneway system, cross the river on a bridge at the bottom and back over on another at the top.

The hotel I can't fault, staff though very little English, tremendously helpfull and always a smile on their faces. A quint old world feel, yes as I read before hand could do with a bit of a face lift in the room, but it was clean, comfortable, good food, as well as the room I had, complete with balcony overlooking the river and the town.

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HUMOUR

IRISH SAUSAGES

Shamus and Murphy fancied a pint or two but didn't have a lot of money between them, they could only raise the staggering sum of one Euro.

Murphy said 'Hang on, I have an idea'

He went next door to the butcher's shop and came out with one large sausage.

Shamus said 'Are you crazy? Now we don't have any money at all!'

Murphy replied, 'Don't worry - just follow me.'

He went into the pub where he immediately ordered two pints of Guinness and two glasses of Jamieson Whisky.

Shamus said 'Now you've lost it. Do you know how much trouble we will be in? We haven't got any money!!'

Murphy replied, with a smile. 'Don't worry, I have a plan, Cheers!'

They downed their Drinks Murphy said, 'OK, I'll stick the sausage through my zipper and you go on your knees and put it in your mouth.'

The barman noticed them, went berserk, and threw them out.

They continued this, pub after pub, getting more and more drunk, all for free.

At the tenth pub Shamus said 'Murphy - I don't think I can do any more of this. I'm drunk and my knees are killing me!'

Murphy said, 'How do you think I feel? I can't even remember which pub I lost the sausage in.'

What I've Learned from My Motorcycle

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

People ask us why we ride a motorcycle. For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.

Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 80 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.



Chateau De Goedfoey, Belgium Bouillon

Apart from wandering round, there is a great falconry display takes place in the main courtyard



Just some of the views.



Apart from a visit to the European Space centre about 30 kms which was a surprisingly good day out, it was time to get a bit more adventurous, a 90k run to Vianden in North East Luxembourg. Some of the best biking roads after I came off the motorway I have seen, the ride there and back was worth it on its own.



Time for the hike, after two hours wrestling twistys for the last 20k, time to climb to the Chateau Vianden, I was knackered, the sweat was rolling off me apart from gulping air like it was in short supply ha ha ha, but was worth the hike. Note here, if you are on the other side of town, a ski lift brings you up. The town itself all very picture postcard.

Alas it was time to head home after a week away, hit rain for about 40K at Namur, again the bike always surprises me in how sure footed it is, 70mph, though got to say I love my Nolan Air helmet outstanding when raining, best I have had. Back to Calais and the 9.30 in the morning and back to reality, traffic coming out your ears. Apart from round cities, where it keeps moving at the speed limit anyway, the roads are quiet, became convinced that there is a ban on lorries on single lane roads in daylight hours, only saw one all week apart from Motorways.



Only thing that surprised me I rolled right up to the Dartford crossing no traffic whoopee.....An the new toy, the GoPro HD strapped to the bike, 720HD film simply stunning. Lots of great footage to help with the memories.

Hi All,

First may I welcome our new members and let you all know about the AGM which is on the 17th October at

RUNCTON HOLME SOCIAL CLUB
SCHOOL ROAD
RUNCTON HOLME
KINGS LYNN
NORFOLK
PE33 0AQ

We normally arrive about mid-day ish and if you wish you can order a meal but it is by no means compulsory. The meal is served about 12-30ish.

After the meal we hold the AGM then we all have a chat and go home to discuss it further! Please note that no orders will be taken after the 11th Oct.

Please be aware that if you order food and for any reason do not turn up you WILL still have to pay for it, cancellations before 11th Oct are fine. I attach the menu for you to look at.

The committee comprise of the following:

Centre Rep	John "Rodders" Ireland (Me)
Treasurer	Andy "Big Boy" Smith (Don't know, you'll have to ask Rosann)
Merchandise	Roger & Julie Moore (The Pinkies.....nuff said)
Dep Cen Rep West	Vacant
Dep Cen Rep East	Vacant
Webmaster	Neil Moore
Newsletter	Andy Whitelaw

I think that we need 2 Dep Reps because our area is so big.

Those people above have expressed a wish to remain on the committee but ALL positions are open to a vote so if you want to stand then please send me your name and position you want to stand for by the 1st Oct please. This year I propose to have Proxy voting so any member who can not make the meeting can still have a say in who gets voted for. I will send out all the names and positions and you can e-mail me your votes and they will be taken into account on the day.

Hope to see many of you at the Tail ender this weekend

Rodders

Dear Diary

Meetings;

TBA 1st Sunday of the month.

Hartford Marina: 2nd Sunday and last Wednesday of the Month

AGM MENU 17 OCT 2010

2 COURSE MEAL

ROAST BEEF

OR

ROAST PORK

OR

ROAST CHICKEN BREAST

SERVED WITH

ROAST POTS, CREAMED POTS,
YORKSHIRE PUDS, PEAS AND CARROTS.

VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE

VEGETABLE COBBLER

ROAST POTS, CREAMED POTS

PEAS AND CARROTS

DESSERTS

APPLE PIE AND CUSTARD

OR

SYRUP SPONGE PUDDING & CUSTARD

OR

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

£7.50 PER PERSON