

VRA UK Southern Region Newsletter

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Due to work commitments there was no newsletter for Sept. Sorry... Ed

Membership News

Its that Time of Year again.

Membership subs are upon us again. It's time to renew your membership of the VRA. This is easily done if you have Paypal through the link on the main VRA site. However, for those of you that want to use more conventional forms of payment it can be posted to Jo "Bloggs" Pearson, VRA UK Treasurer. Any problems then feel free to contact Druid druids57@yahoo.com. (07952097757) or Big Al. alun.lewis8@btinternet.com (07523 898848). After all, 25 quid isn't bad for a family membership.... All subs must be paid by the end of October.

It's been another busy month in the VRA calendar, what with the "Mini" AGM at Party on the Marches, (POM) and the Presidential election, meets and rideouts, all in all quite an end to this season's riding. Look out for the Christmas parties as they appear in the What's On page of the website or in these newsletters.

Monthly Meet at Weyhill.

Yet another poor attendance at this meet with our Regional Sec, Druid, doing all he can to announce the possibility of a regional rally in 2009. Looks like we are going back to Marlborough football club for a rally in May 2009..... Great venue, great people, watch this space..

Party on the Marshes.

Although not as many turned up as was hoped it was a successful rally with Mork, Mindy and the TIVRA crew pulling out all the stops to ensure a VRA party second to none. Mork's POM bribes were well publicized through the VRA website and he didn't disappoint. Rain was abundant as it always is but this didn't deter the VRA faithful from enjoying the company of like-minded souls and partying till they dropped. Bear in mind that this event was the first move of the annual AGM from May to September, so as to bring membership subs renewal inline with the rest of the calendar, it still proved to be a talked about rally with lots of fun for everyone.....

Lets look forward to the next POM and make more effort to support Mork and his TIVRA Vikings.

President elected!

This year's Presidential election was a closely fought contest between two very renowned and outstanding members of the VRAUK.

Chief, known as the founder of the VRA and current world President, fought a close battle with Badges, current Vice President and International Liaison. Both candidates produced good arguments for their standing and suggested great ways in which the VRA can be maintained as a club and even improved upon. The result was unprecedented in its closeness. Chief scraped home to victory and is re-elected as President. No mean feat considering the magnitude of Badges standing within the club and congratulations to both for this closest of contests.

What's on in the South

Weekly meets..

The Red Lion, Stubbington.

Monday Night, Bike Night

Every Monday night is Biker's night at the Red Lion Inn, Stubbington nr Fareham.

Just a few miles from Junc. 9 M27 and a good welcome from the hosts.

The Bold Forrester's, Marchwood

Every Thursday a small group of Bikers are meeting at The Bold Forrester pub, Marchwood. It's a small meet but an ideal way for local Southern members to meet other clubs and riders. Smugglers BC

(there's a few in the VRA) have a couple of their members there each Thursday. Come along and be made to feel welcome by one and all.

Loomis mid Week Run

Every Wednesday night at the junction of A272 and A32 at West Meon.

Loomis Café, open till 9pm, always a good meet for a bacon sarnie and a cuppa.

Southampton MAG meet

The Southern MAG meet at the Cricketer's Pub, Eastleigh every Wednesday night. A well attended meet with Jez C (VRA member) organising ride outs and weekly goings on. There are meets every Thursday. Jez can be contacted through the members list. These MAG meets have been a popular biker event in the south for a few years now and attract riders from all over the region.

Brightonia Custom Bike Show

12th Oct. 2008

This is a brilliant day out at the tail end of the year. Its all in aid of the Sussex Heart Charity. A MUST day out, just ask those that have been.

Druid will be leaving Fareham at about 9.00 on Sunday to travel down to Brightonia. He will pull in and wait in the layby just past the 2nd chichester roundabout, near the stand up van. He will wait until about 9.45 and then head down towards brighton for 10.45 meet up with SEVRA at Patcham Service Station just off the A27 as you head into Brighton.

Hoggin the Bridge 9

19th Oct. 2008

In aid of charity this brilliant rideout starts from Aust services (Severn View), Junc. 1 M48 (Old Severn Bridge) at 11 am. On the English side. The ride over the bridge is always well supported and locals turn out to see the spectacle that is Hoggin the Bridge. Badger (Royal Cotswolds) is arranging to meet those wanting to go at Gordano Services, M5 Junc 17, at 9am. More info at www.hogginthebridge.co.uk. Cost a tenner in advance for your Tshirt and Pin Badge. Its well worth it

News and Views

Given the poor attendance of the monthly meets at Weyhill this is your opportunity to voice your opinion as to how you want the southern region run. Much as it is good to have something of a home for the region to meet it may be that you would prefer the monthly meet to vary across the region.

Send your suggestions to Druid at druids57@yahoo.com. (07952097757) or Big Al. alun.lewis8@btinternet.com (07523 898848).

Footnotes

New to the monthly newsletter is a feature that YOU are going to write. If anyone in the Southern region has something to say, whatever it may be then please email or send it to us that we may include it in the letter. It may be an opinion, news, rally/run report, something for sale, anything. You never know what it might turn up! See you next month

Stop Press

Big Al is having a small party at his house in Southampton on Friday 31st October... Yep its Halloween!!!! Dress up, bring the kids, call if you want to come and play. 02380 908601 Beer, Buddys and Bombs.... He's got fireworks..... Lord help us