

ESSEX SECTION VMCC 2025 BLUEBELL CAMPING WEEK

Venue: The Museum of Power. Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex. CM9 6QA

Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May 2025

Open to Current members of the VMCC. Please show your membership card when signing on. The 25 year old bike age rule does not apply to this event.

Secretary of the meeting: Dave Bradley 07808 294139 email dc_bradley@talktalk.net

Access to the event & to the Camping Field is via John Thresh Way, this is a left turn 0.2 miles past the Mill House Hotel on the B1019 if travelling from the Maldon direction.

B&B is available at The Mill House Hotel website. millhousemaldon.co.uk 01621 841518

The Mill House Hotel is situated directly opposite the Museum of Power.

First day of arrival for campers is from 11am on Monday 28th April.

The last day of departure is by 11am on Saturday 3rd May.

Riders have to sign on each day from 9.00 to 9.45am. There is a £2.00 fee per rider per day paid when signing on each day. VMCC membership card also to be shown when signing on.

Daily Tulip Route Sheet rides on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

A Run Leader will also lead a Drop Off version if you do not want to follow a route sheet.

The runs will start at 10.00am each day. The route sheet riders will leave a few minutes earlier.

Overall run lengths each day will be in the region of 75 to 100 miles. There will be Morning Coffee, Lunch and Afternoon Tea stops for each run.

The cost for Camping is £15.00 per unit per night.

There is a group meal on Thursday evening at The Mill House Hotel, total of 30 places. The meal time will 7.00pm for a sit down at 7.30pm. The cost is £25.00 and has to be pre booked along with a £10.00 deposit per person, balance to be paid to the Mill House after the meal. See meal details lower down. Preference for places will initially be given to the on site campers up until the 7th April. After this date places for non campers will be allocated in the order of receipt.

A take-a-way Fish & Chip Supper will be arranged on Friday. Orders and cash payment will be taken on Friday after the days run has finished. Meal time approx 6.30 -7.00pm.

Tuesdays lunch has to be pre ordered, mark your choice on menu sheets, no deposit is needed.

Name of rider. VMCC membership No

Address

Mob Phone email

Make, Model & cc of motorcycle

Name of Passenger if any

Camping @ £15.00 per night per unit. I will be camping fornights.

Payment of camping fees is by cash only on site to the Event Secretary, Dave Bradley

I would like number of places at Thursday evening meal @ £10.00 deposit per place.

Indicate meal choice (1) Roast Beef (2) Roast Chicken (3) Vegetable Lasagne

Dessert choice (1) Apple Crumble & Custard (2) Fruit salad

Please make your meal deposit cheque payable to **Vintage Motorcycle Club Essex Section**

Send completed entry form and your cheque if wanting a meal place, to

Dave Bradley, 41 Burlington Gardens, Hadleigh, BENFLEET, Essex SS7 2JJ

There are male and female toilets and wash hand basins on the camping field and chemical toilet disposal point. There is no shower facility on site. The on site cafe is open 9.30am to 3.00pm but closed on Monday and Tuesday. (Free entry to museum with your VMCC membership card)

Strictly no parking or camping near or adjacent to the Pavilion on the camping field. This is permanently rented to a third party who requires clear access at all times.

With reference the Above form.

All campers to complete the entry form. If you do not want a place at the Thursday evening meal then after filling in the necessary details you can take a screen shot of it and email it to me dc_bradley@talktalk.net Please no forms via WhatsApp, I can't print them out. If you want a place at the Thursday evening meal then you have to send them and your cheque payment by snail mail. Camping fees as stated above to be paid by cash only to me Dave Bradley on arrival at the MOP.

The Tuesday lunch stop at the Fox Inn at Matching Green wants food for our group pre ordered and also a weeks notice, though no deposit is required. **Please indicate your lunch choice on the separate Fox Inn menu sheets lower down and return them to me either by email or snail mail.** We were hoping not to have to pre order food but it seems to be a requirement now at many pub/restaurants.

At signing on Wednesday there will be a menu sheet for you to make your lunch choice for the Eight Bells Pub at Bures. We have to email it to them before the run leaves the MOP.

As mentioned on Page 1 there are route sheets for all four days runs. Each run will also have a run leader using the drop of system if you prefer to use that system. The run leader will indicate to the rider immediately behind him where to stop at a turn or junction and it is his job to direct the following riders where to go. Do not move off from this marker position until the back marker comes along and signals to you to move off. The back marker will not overtake you. **At mini roundabouts if no marker has been dropped off then the route carries straight on.**

Now the routes.

Tues	Coffee at Norton Heath Cafe – Lunch at the Fox Inn, Matching Green	
	Afternoon Tea at The Blue Egg (long route)	Total for day 89.4 miles
	Afternoon Tea at Blakes Craft Centre (short route)	Total for day 82.1 miles
Wed	Coffee at Rayne Station. Lunch at the Eight Bells, Bures	
	Afternoon Tea at Abberton Reservoir Cafe	Total for day 73 miles
Thurs	The Wat Tyler History Run	
	Coffee at Ongar Sports Club – Lunch at Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea	
	Afternoon Tea at Westfield Nursery or White Elms Garden Centre, Bicknacre	Total for day 74.3 miles
Friday	The Military Run – Breakfast at 10.30am at Colemans Fisheries, Little Braxted.	
	10.4 miles to Breakfast then a ride of 18.5 miles for a 1 to 2 hour visit to the Combined Services Military Museum in Maldon. No lunch stop on this route.	
	Afternoon Tea at Stow Maries Great World War Aerodrome	Total for day 45.7 miles

The Combined Services Military Museum is a privately owned museum and does not receive any Public funding and relies almost entirely on the entrance fee paid by visitors. Our VMCC section has had two evening club night talks about how the museum was started and how it developed to what it is today. They have a very wide range of military equipment from the Army, Navy and Air Force from a couple of centuries ago up to recent times. They even have on display the only surviving canoe from the World War 2 Cockleshell Heroes Mission.

The admission charge at the Museum is £9.00 per adult or £8.50 concession.

During our evening talks it was mentioned about discounts for large groups so the entrance fee may be less for our visit to the Museum.

Appetizers**MIXED OLIVES 3.95****GARLIC BREAD 4.45****CHEESY GARLIC BREAD 4.95****FARMHOUSE PATE 8.95**

Served with onion chutney and toasted sourdough

HOMEMADE SOUP 6.95

With sourdough

Please ask a member of staff for the soup of the day

PRAWN COCKTAIL 8.95

Served with baby gem lettuce and brown bread

GOLDEN BRIE WEDGES 8.95

Served with cranberry sauce and rocket

HALLOUMI FRIES 7.95

Served with a sweet chilli dip and rocket

CREAMY GARLIC MUSHROOMS 7.95

Served on top of sourdough bread and rocket

Main Courses**8oz RUMP STEAK 24.95**

With chips, roasted cherry tomatoes, field mushroom and peppercorn sauce + onion rings 2.50

HOMEMADE STEAK & ALE PIE 18.50

With chips and seasonal vegetables

LAMBS LIVER & BACON 15.95

With mash, crispy onions, seasonal vegetables and red wine gravy

CARVED HONEY ROAST HAM 14.95

With fried eggs, chips and rocket

BEER BATTERED COD 18.50

With chips, peas, GERHKIN and tartare sauce

WHOLETAIL SCAMPI 15.95

With chips, peas and tartare sauce

CUMBERLAND SAUSAGES 14.95

With chive mash, peas, onions rings and red wine gravy

Vegetarian option: swap for veggie sausages

HOMEMADE TIKKA MASALA – CHICKEN 15.95 CAULIFLOWER (V) 14.95 KING PRAWNS 17.95

With coconut coriander rice and naan bread

Burgers

All served in a brioche bun with skinny fries and coleslaw.

CHEESE & BACON 16.95

Homemade steak burger with American cheese, bacon jam, lettuce and tomato relish

BLUE CHEESE 16.95

Homemade steak burger with stilton, lettuce and onion chutney

SPICY CHICKEN 15.95

Crispy chicken fillet with spicy Cajun mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato

BBQ CHICKEN 16.95

Crispy chicken fillet with BBQ sauce, American cheese, bacon and lettuce

ROASTED RED PEPPER & HALLOUMI 15.95

With sun-blush tomatoes, lettuce and basil pesto

FALAFEL (VE) 14.95

With red onion, lettuce, tomato and vegan garlic mayo Served in vegan bun with skinny fries and salad garnish

Sides

CHIPS 4.75

CHEESY CHIPS 5.75

MAC & CHEESE 5.75

ONION RINGS (6) 4.50

COLESLAW 2.00

SEASONAL VEGETABLES 4.75

ROCKET, CHERRY TOMATO, CUCUMBER & RED ONION SALAD 4.75

Light Bites

All sandwiches served with dressed rocket and crisps. Bread options: white, malted grain, baguette (+1.50), gluten free white (+1.50).

MATURE CHEDDAR 7.50

With tomato relish

BLT 8.95

With mayonnaise

SAUSAGES 7.95

With caramelised onion chutney

TUNA MAYO 7.95

With sweetcorn

HONEY ROAST HAM 7.95

With coleslaw

PATE & GHERKIN 8.95

With tomato and red onion

CAJUN CHICKEN BAGUTTE 14.75

With lettuce, mayonnaise, skinny fries and coleslaw

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK BAGUETTE 17.95

With American cheese, red peppers, fried onions, skinny fries and coleslaw

PLOUGHMANS 14.95

With honey roast ham, mature cheddar, pickled onions, coleslaw and bread

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD 9.95

With crispy croutons and bacon

Desserts**STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING 8.50**

With vanilla custard

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE 8.50

With vanilla ice cream

APPLE STRUDEL 7.95

With vanilla custard

JAM & COCONUT SPONGE 7.95

With vanilla custard

LEMON MERINGUE SUNDAE 7.95

Lemon sorbet, vanilla ice cream meringue, lemon sauce and cream

CHEESE BOARD 10.95

Mature cheddar, brie, stilton, onion chutney

YARDE FARM ICE CREAM £2.00

2 per scoop Vanilla, chocolate chip and strawberry