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Welcome to the tenth edition of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and in printed form at Club events.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lots of events for your diary – spring is definitely in the air. Still daylight at 5:45! I think I even saw the sun today!

Thursday Feb 16th – Club night. The Moon Mordiford - HR1 4LW. 7:30 p.m. You will be able to buy and collect tickets for “*The Long Ride Home*” evening.

Saturday Feb 18th and Sunday Feb 19th – Classic Dirt Bike Show, The International Centre Telford TF3 4JH. Opens 10:00 a.m. each day – Autojumble opens at 09:00. If Classic Dirt Bikes are your thing then this is the only show to go to. Great place to pick up bargain riding kit too.
<http://www.classicbikeshows.com/event/the-classic-dirt-bike-show/>

Sunday Feb 26th - John Langford run - Market Square, Bromyard HR7 4BP – 9:30 a.m. – We are invited to join the Worcestershire section on this long standing run.

Saturday March 4th – Classic bikes and spares auction – HJ Pugh, Market St, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ starts 10:00 a.m. Viewing on the morning of the sale and on the Friday afternoon.

Thursday March 16th – Special club night event at Bromyard Conquest Theatre – 7:30 p.m.

An illustrated talk by Nathan Millward

THE LONG RIDE HOME – SYDNEY TO LONDON ON A “POSTIE” BIKE.

By the time she reached 17,500 feet, Dorothy, the wonderful “Postie” bike had lost her milk crate and acquired some “throw-over” panniers along with a conventional petrol tank – pragmatism rules!



You get a flavour of Nathan's journey from this extract from his book “.....by day two a nail had made three holes in my inner tube. I'd stopped to buy talcum powder for my already tender bottom and picked up the punctures in the carpark. I had a repair kit but no tyre levers.....”

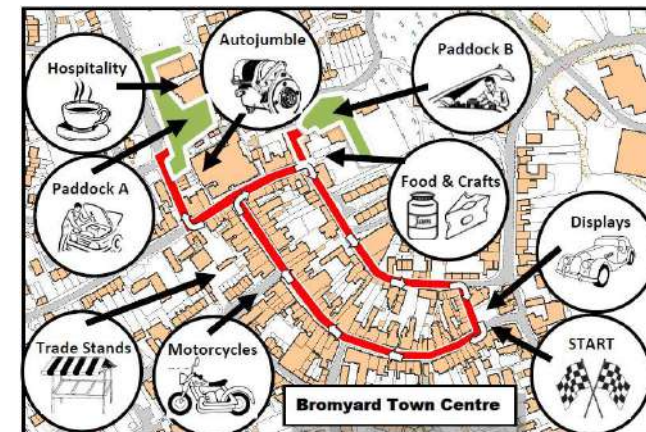
Tickets are selling very well. You can get yours from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/conquesttheatre/events> **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT REPLACES THE USUAL CLUB NIGHT AT THE MOON**

Saturday March 25th – Yarpole Parish hall 7:30 p.m
Tales of a long ride home – a lifetimes experience – Dave Minton £5 Internationally renowned motorcycle journalist. **NB** - It's pure coincidence that this talk has a similar title to Nathan's talk at the Conquest.

Sunday April 2nd Bromyard 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. “SPEED FESTIVAL”. A fantastic free day out. See and hear fabulous old cars and bikes in action on the

streets of Bromyard. For full details check out their website.

<http://www.bromyardspeedfestival.co.uk/>



Sunday 9th April 2017 - Prescott Bike Festival: Prescott Hill Climb, Gothington, GL52 9RD. An action-packed day for all the family in support of the *Nationwide Association of Bloodbikes* (NABB). This seventh edition will be larger than ever, with more manufacturers and clubs plus a large display of historic, modern and race bikes on display in the paddock. Demo areas, passenger rides, stunt show, trade stalls, live music and food will keep the whole family amused. If you're quick, you can even book a place to ride the famous Prescott Hill yourself, and be part of the spectacle. The festival raises vital funds to enable Bloodbikes to carry out their life saving work. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, visit:

<http://www.prescottbikfestival.co.uk>

Saturday April 15th - South Midlands motor cycle Autojumble - Ross Cattle Market HR9 7QQ. 9:00 a.m. start. Go early for the best bits and try the excellent breakfast at the market café. To book a stall contact John Harding on 01989 750731

Monday April 17th - Walsgrove Farm, Great Witley, Worcestershire WR6 6JJ – Red Marley Hillclimb. If

you like pre 1970 off-road bikes this is the place to go. Practice starts at 9:30 a.m. and racing starts at 12:00. Admission £10. Free for children under 11

<http://www.redmarleyhillclimb.com/Welcome.htm>



Saturday June 10th Classic and Vintage Day Cob House Country Park Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YE. Starts at 10:00 a.m. To show your bike, tractor or car, call 01886 888517 for details.

Sunday June 25th – Travellers Rest, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7QJ – our flagship event - **Herefordshire on the Edge**. Regulations and entry forms are now available by email from Geoff McGladdery geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk



Thanks to *Bike Magazine* for this excellent coverage. Rumour has it that Editor Hugo Wilson

might even enter this year. We would like to see 100 entries for 2017 and publicity like this certainly helps.

The Dragon Rally - Feb 11th & 12th 2017

A ritual pilgrimage for over 1,000 hard core riders wanting to prove they can take whatever the British winter weather can throw at them. An eclectic mixture of old school riders on classics and younger riders (quite a few from the Continent) on adventure bikes and outfits; a camping ground not unlike the Somme; an arctic east wind; an overcrowded beer tent; a non-stop supply of hamburgers; a heavy metal band plus lots of beer – all go to make up this strange and enduring motorcycling ritual. Section Secretary, Roger Bibbings writes ".....*The MZ went well if a bit slowly. My fingers and toes were a bit numb. And after 52 years motorcycling I've finally ticked that one off my bucket list. I've even got the badge and the beanie hat to prove it!.....*"



LOCAL SUPPLIERS

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR YOUR CLASSIC?

A.H. Mitchell – usually just referred to as "Mitch" has been in business since 1990 and is as well known as he is well hidden in deepest Mordiford. In addition to repairs and tuning, Mitch offers a range of specialist engineering services such as milling, turning, re-boring, surface and cylinder grinding, aluminium and stainless welding. If you think your

precious parts are only fit for the bin, get in touch with Mitch before you even think of throwing them away. You will be amazed at what he can do. To find him, call first on 07795 626031.

VINTAGE TRAINING DAYS

The VMCC will be holding two training days where you can come and learn to ride vintage hand change machines. They will be on Sat 3rd June 2017 and Sat 2nd September 2017 at the Curborough Sprint Course, near Lichfield WS13 8EJ. If you're interested, contact Ian Botham at VMCC HQ on 01293 540557 or by email lanbotham@vmcc.net

FOR SALE

AJS 350 single, 1961 - £3500. New tyres, Amal Premier carb, Lucas coil, points, condenser and rear brake shoes. Starts easily and runs well, no nasty engine noises. V5 present and MOT'd until late May. If you're interested, call section member John Munday on 01982 551091



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SOMETHING TO SAY?

Why not tell us about your bikes, your rides your opinions – If you've got a bike to sell, we will try to advertise it for you. This is **YOUR** newsletter! Let's hear what you think!

