

## HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to edition 12 of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and in printed form at Club events.

### AUCTION RESULTS

**HJ Pugh** - March 4<sup>th</sup> - The Amazing Seeley Yamsel 3-cylinder race bike was the star of the show, but bidding stopped at £32,000 well short of its reserve, an eye-watering £100,000.



This smart 1971 BSA B25T sold for £3021 including commission. A nice bike complete with V5, but the blue Moto Guzzi Stornello featured in issue 11.5 didn't meet its reserve.



**BRIGHTWELLS** - 8<sup>th</sup> March - An undistinguished bunch of smaller Italian bikes looked worse in the metal than in the catalogue. None of them set the saleroom on fire. The 1972 750 SF Laverda, which weirdly had the Borani alloy rims painted silver brought £6720 whilst the 2 low mileage Kawasaki Z200s, which weren't in great condition brought £2800 each!! The delightful little '65 James Cadet was about right at £1680, while the nicest bike in the auction – this 1974 XL250 Motorsport went for a strong £4704 (all prices include commission & VAT).



Herefordshire relinquishes its unaccustomed role as the motor-cycle auction centre of the UK to the biggest of them all – Bonham's at Stafford Show on **Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Entry is by catalogue only and a catalogue costs a mere £25! I guess it's to keep the "riff-raff" out (you and me?).

### THE LONG RIDE HOME – SYDNEY TO LONDON

An illustrated talk by Nathan Millward - Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at Bromyard Conquest Theatre – 7:30 p.m.

**DESPITE WHAT THE VMCC JOURNAL CALENDAR SAYS, THIS EVENT REPLACES THE USUAL CLUB NIGHT AT THE MOON** Over 130 tickets have been sold already. Bring your friends and family and let's make this a sell-out. There will be a few tickets for

sale on the door, but to be certain book on line at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/conquesttheatre/events>



### Sunday Match 19<sup>th</sup> – BREAKFAST RIDE

Slight change of plan, the ride will now start **and finish** at the Traveller's rest on the M50 roundabout outside Ross (HR9 7QJ). Meet at 08:45 a.m. for a prompt start at 09:00 a.m. The ride will take us south of the river and into the Forest of Dean, returning to the Traveller's by 10:30 latest for breakfast. Contact Geoff McGladdery on 07588 559698 if you need more details.

### Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Yarpole Parish hall 7:30 p.m

**"Tales of a long ride home – a lifetimes experience"**

Dave Minton, the Internationally renowned motor-cycle journalist gives an illustrated talk. Entry just £5

### Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> Bringsty Common 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m

**BRINGSTY GRAND PRIX 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Bromyard Speed Festival will host a re-creation of the Bringsty Grand Prix for off-road bikes. last held in 1947. [motorcycles@bromyardspeedfestival.co.uk](mailto:motorcycles@bromyardspeedfestival.co.uk)

**Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April 9th 2017 - Prescott Bike Festival:**  
Prescott Hill Climb, Gotherington, GL52 9RD. An action-packed day for all the family. For more information visit:-  
<http://www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk>

**Wednesday April 13th - South Shropshire and the Long Mynd. Meet at Brightwells Café - HR6 ODE 09:30 for 10:00 start**  
A mixture of open roads and small lanes, crossing the Long Mynd and finishing for a late lunch at the excellent café at Ludlow Food centre SY8 2JR. Coffee stop along the way.

**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>



**Thursday April 20th - Club night - The Moon at Mordiford - HR1 4LW. 7:30 p.m.**

Have a beer, meet like-minded people and talk *motorbikebollocks* - what more do you need? Might even be warm enough to come on your bike! Club nights are always 3rd Thursday in the month.

**Sunday April 23rd - Mid Wales Meander to the Dams at Rhayader.**

Meet at the Texaco station Kington - HR5 3DZ at 09:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start. Coffee halt at the Elan Valley visitor centre café and finishing for a late lunch at the Granary café Hay-on-Wye. This is a splendid ride - don't miss it!



**Sunday April 30th 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - ANCIENT TO MODERN MOTOR CYCLE SHOW - Withington Village Hall HR1 3PP**

The 6th edition of this excellent local event, which raises money for local and national cancer charities. All types and ages of bikes welcome with a special display of race bikes. If you would like to show a bike, call Dave on 07474 668342

**Thursday May 11th - Midweek ride out - details to be arranged - see next newsletter.**

**Thursday May 18th - Club night - The Moon at Mordiford - HR1 4LW. 7:30 p.m.**

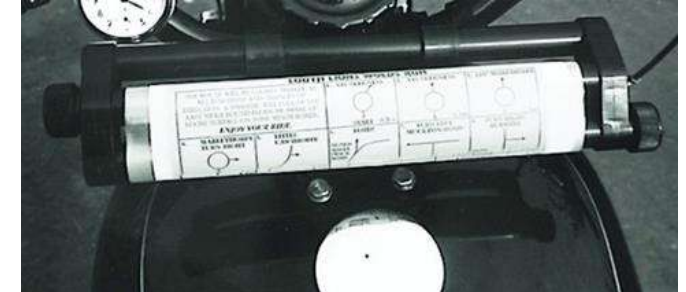
The usual *Noggin and Natter*, but If you fancy the first evening ride of the year - 1 hour around the local lanes, be there at 7:00 p.m. prompt.

## FINDING A ROUTE - "OLD" STYLE

If traditional Ordnance Survey maps are your thing, We've negotiated an additional 5% discount for section members and for entrants to "Herefordshire on the Edge" with Dash 4 it - the "on-line" map seller. Simply use code **VMCC** at checkout which will automatically take the 5% off. This will make a standard OS Landranger or OS Explorer map just £5.55. (current RRP £8.99) <https://dash4it.co.uk/>



If you need to see your map easily, you might like to try a "ROUTE ROLLER" or "ROUTE HOLDER". Simple to use - A4 sheets just slip between the clear plastic sleeves to provide good weather protection



- Fits 7/8" or 1" bars. Easy to take on and off the bike. Available from the VMCC shop for £25 inc. P&P, but disappointingly available from other places for substantially less!

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