

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the first ever edition of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address, copied to our Facebook page and available in printed form at Club events. We need **YOU** to contribute to future editions. So tell us about your bikes, your rides – whatever you think will be of interest to your fellow members. This is **YOUR** newsletter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

An apology is due here! Owing to our inexperience at using the VMCC system, some of the early events have not appeared in the VMCC journal and changes to the plans have not been properly advertised. This problem is behind us now. We hope that any inconvenience to members has been minor.

20th March – planned ride from Ross-on-Wye
Please note this event has been cancelled

24th March – Bunch of Carrots 7:30 p.m.

Derek Foxton will be giving an illustrated talk on the so-called 'Primitives'. These early motor-cycles have belt-drive and are usually clutchless. Many feature surface carburettors - often described as "organised leaks" - and very little in the way of brakes. These wonderful creations were in use at the dawn of powered personal transport. Perhaps not everyone's cup of tea, but it should be worth experiencing. Derek is an interesting speaker and a real expert on the subject. Non-members are welcome so feel free to bring your friends.

13th April – Brightwells café Leominster 9:30 a.m.
The Café is on Brightwells auction site HR6 ODE. We will leave for this first of our midweek rides at 10:00 a.m. sharp for a trip into South Shropshire, stopping for coffee and lunch and returning to Leominster by about 3:00 p.m.
Leader – Geoff McGladdery Tel. 07588 559698

24th April – Texaco Garage Kington 9:30 a.m.
The garage is on the main road through Kington – the old A44. It is the only Texaco station in the town – post code is HR5 3DZ. Leaving at 10:00 a.m. sharp for a ride through the beautiful scenery of Mid-Wales stopping for coffee along the way and finishing with a late lunch at the Granary café in Hay-on-Wye. Around 2:30 p.m..
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28th April – Club night -Bunch of Carrots 7:00 p.m.
Bring yourself and your bike and meet other section members – there will be a short (1 hour) ride around Haughwood and the Wye Valley, returning to the pub for 8:00 p.m. If you've got anything you want to sell, bring it along.

1st May - Founder's Day Biennial Rally: Section members invited to help man the Bringsty Café check point with the Worcestershire Section. Contact Richard Bullock, 01905 641216, or 07958 771677. Better still, why not ride in the event – details of all the checkpoints should be in the next VMCC journal

13th May – VMCC 70th Anniversary Baton Relay Rally (in conjunction with the Worcestershire section) 12:00 a.m. – Meet at the Duke of York Berrow WR13 6JQ for handover from the South Cotswold section. Contact John Porter for more information – 01386 553329 or 07836 748586

14th May - VMCC 70th Anniversary Baton Relay Rally (in conjunction with the Worcestershire

section) 12:00 a.m – Meet at the Farmers Arms, Birtsmorton - WR13 6AP to hand over the baton to the Flat Tank section. Contact John Porter for more information – 01386 553329 or 07836 748586

22nd May – Tenbury Wells ride 09:30 for 10:00- Meet at Tenbury Main car park (on B4204). Finish at pub for lunch. **As I write, we have no leader for this ride so here's your chance to do something for the section.** Local resident Pete Howells is very happy to plan a route and provide route cards – Don't be shy!! call Geoff McGladdery if you would like to lead this ride Tel. 07588 559698

26th May – Club night -Bunch of Carrots 7:00 p.m.
Bring yourself and your bike and chat to other section members – there will be a short local ride returning to the pub for 8:00 p.m. If you've got anything you want to sell, bring it along.

15th & 16th June - Trail riding in the Peak District
This event, based at Bushey Heath Farm, Tideswell, Derbyshire, will only take place if there are at least 4 riders. Cost will be around £50 per



head, staying in their excellent self-catering bunkhouse accommodation. Take a look here for more info. <http://busheyheathfarm.com/>

Riding will be on a mix of road and easy trails. Previous off-road experience is helpful, but not essential. You need a trail friendly bike and some suitable off-road clothing, plus a good sense of humour, The rides will be led by local experts. Please contact Geoff McGladdery Tel. 07588 559698 if you would like to know more.

HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE EDGE – JUNE 26TH



The first ever running of this unique event will give riders a chance to explore by motorcycle some remote and beautiful corners of one of Britain's most scenic, historic and least visited counties

"Herefordshire on the Edge" will provide an enjoyable, non-competitive, long distance event, designed to challenge entrants' riding and navigation skills and to test their machines over a wide range of surfaced roads.

24 waypoints will be spaced at roughly 10 mile intervals around the border of Herefordshire. Riders should plan and follow their route to visit as many of these points as they choose. The minimum distance to visit all 24 points will be about 240 miles. Code boards or other easy to locate identifiers will be displayed at each of the 24 points so that proof of passage can be established. Entrants may use any appropriate equipment to plan and follow their route (i.e. Satnavs are allowed)

All finishers successfully visiting the 4 designated cardinal points plus any other 4 points will receive

a bronze award. Those visiting cardinal points plus 8 others receive a silver and those visiting 18 points, including the cardinal points receive a gold. Entrants visiting all 24 points, can be very proud of their achievement.

We believe that the event will attract riders from all over the UK to share our beautiful county so we will be advertising **"Herefordshire on the Edge"** as widely as possible. You can help to put our section on the National Map by entering, volunteering to help out in the planning or running of the event and by telling all your friends to enter. Cost is £5 per bike and full details and entry forms can be obtained by contacting event secretary Geoff McGladdery by post, at 7, the Hopkilns, Bishops Frome WR6 5BP, by phone/text on 07588 559698 or email geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk

Ho-Chi-Mihn trail – Illustrated talk



There was an excellent turnout for Geoff McGladdery's illustrated talk on a ride on the Ho-Chi-Mihn trail in Laos in February. In addition to some great slides and video clips provided by travelling companion John Roach, Geoff brought along some of the kit he used. John Munday kindly brought along his Honda 250CRF trail bike – similar to those used on the trip. If you have been involved in exciting motorcycle adventures – let us know about them.

Members' bikes

This wonderful AJS outfit belongs to section Treasurer Robin James – let us have some pictures of your favourite bike, we will be happy to show them here.



The Bunch of Carrots

In every respect but one this great pub is the perfect venue for our section, but unfortunately the charge for the hire of the upstairs room is too high for our limited budget and we have been unable to negotiate a better price. If you know of a pub within 3 or 4 miles of Hereford centre which would be a good venue, please let us know and we will take a look Tel Geoff McGladdery on 07588 559698

Find us on

We now have a Facebook page – feel free to use it – VMCC Herefordshire section. Is there anyone out there who could start a Twitter account for the section?

BROMYARD SPEED FESTIVAL – APRIL 2ND

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

Take a look at their website. You might like to enter a bike or just go along and watch