

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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

DEREK FOXTON – THE “PRIMITIVES”

More than 20 members and friends enjoyed a fascinating evening with renowned local motor-cycle historian Derek Foxton at the Bunch of Carrots. Derek gave us a fascinating tour through the dawn of motorcycling, showing pictures of many of his own rare machines. There was a strong Herefordshire theme running through the evening giving members a chance to share their own reminiscences. We were delighted to be joined by friends from the Gwent and Worcester sections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 are in April's edition of the 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 has planned a route and provided route cards – Don't be shy!! call Geoff McGladdery if you would like to lead this ride Tel. 07588 559698. **YOUR SECTION NEEDS YOU!!!!**

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.

June 8th – Midweek Meander around Mid-Wales and the borders. Meet at the Texaco Station Kington - HR5 3DZ. **10:00 for 10:30 start** Finishes Granary café, Hay-on-Wye for late lunch contact Geoff McGladdery Tel. 07588 559698 for more details.

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 to find out more.



"Bike" Magazine Editor Hugo Wilson with his rigid 350cc Matchless – who needs a KTM?

23RD JUNE BIKE SHOW – THE CARROTS

Club night in June will take the form of a bike show. All bike will be welcome – more details in next month's newsletter

LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB MOTOR CYCLE SHOW – SUNDAY MAY 1ST

This annual show, featuring bikes of all ages will be held on Sunday May 1st at Withington Village Hall from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Entry is free

Find us on 

We now have a Facebook page – VMCC Herefordshire section. Thanks to those who are

using it. We are still looking for someone who could start a Twitter account for the section.

HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE EDGE – JUNE 26TH



The first ever running of this unique event will give riders a chance to explore by motorcycle or 3 wheeler 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, to challenge entrants' riding and navigation skills and test their machines over a wide range of surfaced roads. 24 waypoints – identified by easy to locate code boards - will be spaced at roughly 10 mile intervals around the border of Herefordshire. Riders should plan and follow a route to visit as many of these points as they choose. The minimum distance to visit all 24 points will be in excess of 200 miles. Entrants may use any appropriate equipment to plan and follow their route (i.e. Satnavs are allowed)

All finishers successfully visiting all 4 designated cardinal points plus any other 4 waypoints 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. Entrants are encouraged to raise funds for St Michaels Hospice, who are giving the event their support. The event has already attracted riders from all over the UK to

share our beautiful county. We will continue to advertise **"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 and by encouraging all your friends to enter. Cost is **only £5 per machine**. For full details and entry forms contact Geoff McGladdery by post, at 7, the Hopkilns, Bishops Frome WR6 5BP, by phone/text on 07588 559698 or email geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk

The Bunch of Carrots

In every respect but one this great pub is the perfect venue for our section. 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

Members' bikes

Committee member Shaun Gay has managed to find this interesting AJS with a wonderful dustbin fairing



We would be happy to publish pictures of any interesting bikes that you have

BROMYARD GALA

Up to 100 classic bikes and 50 cycles are expected to be on show at Bromyard Gala on the weekend

July 2nd & 3rd. A great chance to show your classic and to attend this good old fashioned country show. The Bolddog Lings Freestyle Team will amaze the crowds with their gravity defying Freestyle Motocross show. We are organising a short run for section members and exhibitors on Saturday evening, meeting at the entrance to the Gala Field at 6:30 p.m. and finishing at The Green Dragon, Bishops Frome, around 7:30 p.m. The ride will be OK for older bikes, mopeds and auto cycles (although you might have to pedal occasionally!!). Last year's group included a couple of scooters a BSA flat-tanker, a rigid Triumph 500 and a Norton Commando!

Entry forms are available on the Bromyard Gala website <http://www.bromyardgala.org.uk/>

BROMYARD SPEED FESTIVAL – APRIL 2ND

What a great day for Bromyard. Lots of old bikes and cars – including the first Bluebird - driving briskly round a closed road circuit. Thousands turned out to watch this first ever event and another is planned for 2017. We will let you know as soon as the date is fixed.



Section Chairman Geoff McGladdery on his 1950 Triumph Trophy follows a Manx Norton into "Hop Pole corner"