



.....Issue 25 - July 2018.....

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Welcome to issue 25 – This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and will be available in printed form at Club events. **If you do not wish to be receive further copies of this newsletter please let me know and I will remove you from our mailing list immediately.**

PAST EVENTS

Thursday June 14th - Mid Wales, Eppynt and the Borders ride. A small but enthusiastic group tackled this excellent ride. It started badly for Rob Woodford on his exquisite Matchless, with a fuel blockage.



Fortunately, Roger Bibbings had the idea and IJT of Kington had the “O” ring and the patience to help us out. Rob was able to stop his “Finger in the Dyke” job and carry on with the ride. Lunch at the Lakeside café Llandrindod Wells was excellent and we decided to finish the ride at Rob's House to see his amazing **man cave** and equally amazing bike collection. Lots of lovely single cylinder pre-1930 Triumphs. Rob has promised to bring at least one of them to the bike show on July 19th .

Sunday 17th June 2018 - The Banbury Run - British Motor Museum , Gaydon, A great success as usual. It would be good to enter a section team for 2019. Do we have a volunteer to be team Captain?



Thursday June 21st - 7.00 pm - The Moon, Mordiford - Club Night and Autojumble

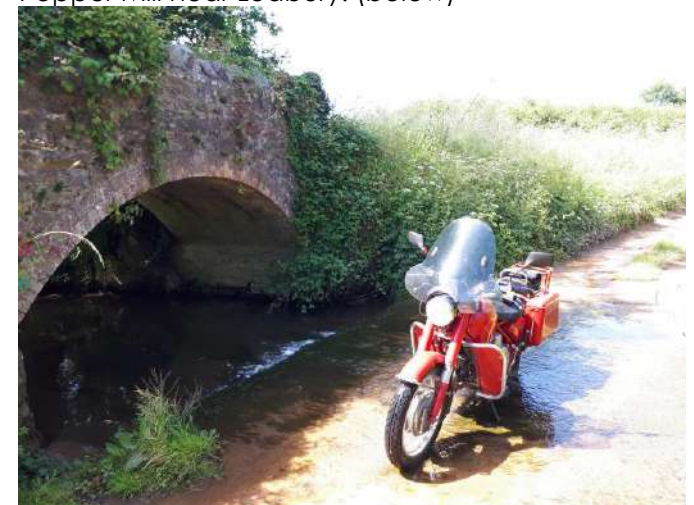
Not the roaring success we had hoped for, but it is clear that if we keep this in the programme for next year and promote it strongly enough, it will be an excellent addition to our calendar.

Sunday June 24th - HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE EDGE

The third and best running of our flagship event. 76 machines entered and 65 actually took the start line – an increase of 15% on 2017. 53 machines finished.

The official definition of finish is “*having your card punched at the start and at the finish*”. Three of the finishers didn't qualify for an award, as their bikes were less than 25 years old. Almost half the starters made “Gold Medal” standard. A further 9 achieved silver medals and 7 qualified for bronze. Nine of those Gold medal winners visited all 32 of the waypoints – a mighty achievement. A handful of entrants arrived after the checkpoint had officially closed, but we awarded them medals anyway!

The new innovations for 2018 worked well. The Northern start/finish at Leintwardine attracted almost 40% of the entrants and the “**Ragged Edge**” award for those who chose to visit 4 alternative off-road waypoints, proved popular too. 20 of the 54 finishers qualifying for a “**Ragged Edge**” ribbon. Many of you will know one of the four waypoints – Pepper Mill near Ledbury. (below)



What became of the local entrants?

Quite a mixed picture. Let's start with the Pre WWII bikes. Rob Woodford unfortunately had to withdraw due to a family bereavement. Steve Sumner's 1926 BSA seized on the 5 mile ride from home to the start! And as if that wasn't enough, his 1928 New Imperial cried enough after the long climb up from Hay to Olchon Brook. Steve did at least manage to dip his toes in the water, before he packed the red hot New Imp in the van.



Steve Sumner at the Leintwardine start with "Chuffa"



There were some outstanding successes amongst this group. Terry Pickering and William Galliers both claimed Gold Medals. Terry, riding his ultra-rare 1928 (now believed to be 1927) 500cc OHC Humber was the first rider to do so with a Banbury eligible bike. Here are the pair looking very determined at the Ross start.



Presteigne couple Linda Johnson in her Lomas 223 and Mike Hunting (seen here at the finish at Leintwardine) on his 1972 Commando Roadster, both made Gold Medal Standard.



Linda not only drove the Lomax herself, she even did all the navigating – all Mike had to do was cruise

round on the Commando – nice work if you can get it! No wonder he looks so happy.

The youngest entrant, Hereford's David Palmer – seen here at the start on his CX 500 café racer also made Gold.



Mick White and his beautiful 1959 175 cc Ducati Silverstone Super collected a bronze as well as the prize for **"The bike the organisers would most like to take home"**.



More news of local riders follows in our August issue.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

6th, 7th & 8th July – Festival of 1000 bikes at Mallory Park
Mallory Park, Church Rd, Kirkby Mallory LE9 7QE

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Mallory Park is one of the UK's great circuits from a spectator's perspective with almost 100% circuit view from many vantage points. The Festival of 1000 Bikes has no restriction on paddock access. You really can mix with all the superstar riders and view their works machines up close. The emphasis on Saturday is "road" bikes and on the Sunday "Race" bikes.

Entry on the gate - Saturday - £18, Sunday - £23, Whole weekend, including camping and Friday session - £45

6th, 7th & 8th July – Linton Music Festival, Alma Inn, Linton, Herefordshire, HR9 7LN.

Music from 14 bands (including 3 from USA), more than 30 real ales and ciders, food stalls, camping, showers, etc. The Festival, organised by section member Mike Bertenshaw has raised more than £100,000 for charities over the last 17 years. Your support would be most welcome. For more info, click on their website.

<http://www.lintonfestival.org/>

Thursday 12th July – The Forest of Dean ride . Meet at Travellers Rest/Beefeater, Ledbury Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7QJ 09:30 for a 10:00 a.m. start.

Mike Bertenshaw has planned the ride to include a lunch stop around 12:30 p.m. at The Rising Sun at Mosely Green - good food, beer and cider (for those who dare). Also has a sloping drive for anyone needing bump-start! There is an interesting 40 minute route back to Travellers Rest via Blakeney, Littledean and Mitcheldean. You can find the route by clicking here.

<https://www.motogoloco.com/map?route=52126&key=3afc4089>

Thursday 19th July Club night and bike show - The Moon Inn, Mordiford, HR1 4LW from 7:00 p.m.

This is the 3rd time we have organised this event and it has become extremely popular. Open to all, this has become Herefordshire's favourite free bike show. Just turn up and bring a bike - or several bikes bring a friend or several friends as you wish. No formalities and no entry fees, Barbecue and prizes. If you need more info contact Dave Brand on 07870 633064.

Sunday 22nd July – ride to Founders Day. Meet at the Moon at, HR1 4LW at 08.00A bit of an experiment this one. You will find a thread on our Facebook page and the idea is to use this to let people know that you are going, or that you have a spare seat in your car or van. You could then travel the 90 miles to Lutterworth in convoy or in small groups. If you do nothing, then nothing will happen. How pro-active is our section?



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Founders Day is set in the scenic grounds of Stanford Hall. It has become one of the major UK events in the 'old bike' calendar. From humble beginnings almost fifty years ago with just a hundred or so visitors and half a dozen people selling surplus bike bits out of their car boot or laid out on the obligatory 'paste table' the event has grown in to a vast slick and professional operation. There is a large arena to the front of the hall along with an auto jumble nearing 300 pitches in number and taking up the whole area to the front of the hall.

Thursday July 26th – H&H Classic Motorcycle auction – National Motorcycle Museum Coventry Road,

Bickenhill, Solihull B92 0EJ. Viewing from 9:00 a.m. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m.

With around 250 lots ranging from project to perfect restoration, this is one not to be missed. There are a number of Vincents, Nortons and Scotts, which should attract attention along with my favourites - a rare 1938 500 cc NSU 501 OSL



and this 1964 49cc Moto Morini Corsarino. It would make a challenging ride for the 2019 Herefordshire on the Edge! Will it fetch as much as the Vincent 150 mph <https://online.handh.co.uk>



Thursday August 9th - Midweek ride - *High above Hay*, Arthur's Stone and Brobury Scar.

Meet at Tesco cafe Abbotsmead Rd, Belmont, Hereford, HR2 7XS at 09:30 for 10:00 start. To Bredwardine and then up the steep and rewarding climb to Arthur's Stone and then on through the lanes to Red Darren - the highest point in the County. Following the mountain road to Olchon Brook water splash (optional). Dropping down into Hay for lunch at the Granary and then back by the splendid B4352 to Bredwardine, where we cross the Wye, take a look at the river from Brobury scar - the 8th wonder of the world! - and finish at Oakchurch Farm shop for well-earned tea (and cake?)



Thursday August 16th - 7.00 pm at the Moon, Mordiford HR1 4LW – Club night and evening ride. An hour around the lanes to Hole in the Wall and then back alongside the river to the Moon. Meet at 7:00 for the ride.

Sunday August 19th – A ride across the roof of Mid-Wales. Meet at the OK Diner Ludlow Road, Leominster HR6 0DQ, 10:00 FOR 10:30 Start

Main roads will take us close to the source of the Wye and the Severn on Plynlimon and then homewards via Llyn Clywedog, Llanidloes, Llanbister and Knighton, before returning to Leominster. At 145 miles, it is a full day's ride. Coffee lunch and afternoon tea stops will be advised in next month's newsletter.

Saturday Sep 15th – VMCC Training day – Curborough Sprint course, Netherstowe Lane off Wood End Lane. WS13 8EJ.

Your chance to learn how to ride older bikes with mysteries like hand changers, thumb throttles and manual advance and retard mechanisms.

VMCC TRAINING DAYS 2018

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Prices:

Members - £50

Non-members - £80

These courses are always popular and you will need to book in advance. Call 01283 540557 for details.

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we have to report that section stalwart Dave Wynter passed away on June 23rd. Dave's funeral service will be held at Holy Rood Church, Mordiford HR1 4LN, on Wednesday July 11th – sorry no time is published at the moment – followed by a comital at Hereford Crematorium. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu of St Michael's Hospice may be sent to Earnest Heal, Funeral Directors, 5 South Road, Broadwell, Coleford, Glos. GL16 7BH

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