



.....Issue 31 – Jan 2019.....

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## PAST EVENTS

### BRIGHTWELLS AUCTION Wednesday 28th November

This very tidy 1951 500cc Vincent Comet attracted strong bidding, but stalled at £20,000 - under its reserve. A deal was later concluded for £23,100.



But this honest and original 1947 Triumph 350 cc 3T made a strong £5,280 reflecting the premium that unmolested bikes can command. Nothing clever or flashy here – a “proper” bike.



What was there not to like about the 1930 Rudge Whitworth Special. Modelled on the all-conquering Rudge “Ulster” racers, these 4 valve thoroughbreds could reach 80 mph (with a following wind!). They had, for the period, massive brakes, although the linked front/rear system was probably a step too far. Showing few, if any signs of restoration, this timewarp beauty soared ahead of its upper estimate to a heady £10,450. Quality sells!



The Commando mentioned in issue 30 made an underwhelming £7,700. To view all the results, visit their website <https://www.brightwells.com>

### Wed December 26<sup>th</sup> – Boxing Day. 11:00 a.m. The 3<sup>rd</sup> running of the **Brass Monkey** ride.

A dull but mild day saw 32 riders sign on for this, the last ride of the 2018. Welcome to those who joined us for the first time and well done to those who made the effort to travel from as far as Builth, Coventry and Droitwich. Sara Stringer's pictures tell the story.....





**FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – CLUB NIGHT from 7.00 pm at the Moon, Mordiford, HR1 4LW** – Great chance to wear your Christmas jumper just in case you didn't do it on Boxing Day. For the avoidance of doubt – just in case you were beginning to take it for granted.....**NO** stickers and **NO** free food!

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 10:00 a.m. for 10:30 a.m. start - The Castles ride. Starts and finishes at the Market Square in Bromyard, HR7 4BP.**

Roger Bibbings has plotted a 60 mile route to visit or pass-by as many castles as he can find in this first ride of the year. We will definitely be stopping for coffee at Croft castle.



**Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 a.m. - Bristol Classic MotorCycle Show - Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6QN.**

This excellent but unhelpfully named show is actually at Shepton Mallet; as much as 45 minutes drive South from Bristol city centre. Always well supported by clubs, there are lots of interesting bikes to see, plus the usual array of trade stands and an outside autojumble. It's well worth the effort even though it always seems to be bloody freezing and the queue to turn in off the main road is tedious. Tickets are £11 in advance and £13 on the day book on-line at <https://www.classicmagazines.co.uk/category/TICKET>

**Saturday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 10:a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – THE CLASSIC DIRT BIKE SHOW - The International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH** – Does what it says on the tin. Fantastic display of classic off-road bikes with lots of trade stands and an outside Autojumble. If you're interested in Classic off-road **DO NOT MISS THIS SHOW**. Multiple world, indoor and British Trials champion Dougie Lampkin and the mighty BSA

warrior John Banks have been confirmed as the star guests. If you're looking for Autojumble bargains, Saturday is the best day and much as it pains me to say it, you should probably pay the extra £3 for early entry to the autojumble. (From 9:00 a.m.) Tickets are available by phone 01507 529529, or on line - <https://www.classicmagazines.co.uk/product/show/id/18> There is a miserly early booking discount.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – CLUB NIGHT from 7.00 pm at the Moon, Mordiford, HR1 4LW** – A chance to meet up and chat.

**Sunday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> The John Langford run - Market Square in Bromyard, HR7 4BP. Meet at 09:30 for a 10:00 start.** We are the invited guests of the Worcestershire section on this long established run, led by Pete Howells. Finishes at the Watering Hole Cafe, Aymestrey, Herefordshire, HR6 9SR for lunch.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- the Conquest Theatre Bromyard – 7:00 p.m. - Helen Lloyd and her African adventures.** Helen Lloyd will give an illustrated talk on her amazing motorcycling exploits in Africa. Not to be missed, tickets (£5) available from the Theatre website.



**The Cotswold section** arrange a number of social meets throughout the year, usually in pubs and often not associated with any specific ride. These meets are **all at 12:00 noon** and are simply places where members from any section can meet up with other like-minded souls. The next 3 runs are:  
**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2019** - Carpenters Arms, Miserden, GL6 7JA, OS Sheet 163 937 088.

**Sunday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019** - Royal Exchange, Hartpury, GL19 3BW OS sheet 162 799 250.

**Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2019** - Gloucester Old Spot, Piffs Elm, 01.01.20 Carpenters Arms, Miserden 01285 821283 SO 937 088.

### Footnote to the Brass Monkey Ride

Llanfihangel-nant-Melan's, Rob Woodford is beginning to wonder if he and his lovely 1948 G80 Matchless are jinxed on the Herefordshire section runs.



Last time out the fuel taps refused to deliver any fuel and on the Brass Monkey, its wooden top box (carrying secret battery packs!) tried to escape. Further progress was dogged (no jolly festive pun intended) with clutch related gear selection problems. Phill Burden stopped to help Rob re-attach the Top Box and used his local knowledge to take a short cut back to the Moon.

Rob writes, "The clutch continued playing up all the way home and on top of that something strange started happening to the engine causing it to start to pink on hills and then cut out as though seized, however a couple of kicks and off I went. I finally arrived home safely. Mick (the Mole) and Stuart Richards stayed with me and made sure I got home, a big thank you to them." Always one to see the bright side of life. Rob had ".....a thoroughly enjoyable day, with a 100 mile ride on a seventy year old motorcycle and lunch with great friends,

what could be better?" Couldn't have put it better myself – Ed

### "WILL OLD BIKES STILL DO THE JOB?"

In response to Roger Bibbings' article in issue 30, Fred Spaven writes....."As a regular rider of what Roger Bibbings calls a 'tiddler', a 175cc Bantam in my case, I sympathise with his article . I regularly commute on my small, sub 50mph bikes as well as enjoying the slow paced touring he describes (5,000+ miles once). The low speed does not bother me and I go out of my way to take the small roads where possible but it does always feel like I'm holding up the car behind who will then, in desperation, overtake in the least sensible spot. Sadly I think it's a question of the attitude of motorists in this country, they (we?) are very intolerant of delays and simply do not understand that it's quite hard to press on with seven-and-a-half horsepower, a fogged up visor and their headlamps shining in the mirror!"

### SECTION WEB SITE

We will, at last, have our own section website in the early New Year!!!!!! It will be based on the template provided by VMCC HQ. Thanks are due to Elyse Thorley at Allen House, to Chris Lawton-Smith, who has volunteered to build the site and to Simon Durrant who will be managing the website when it is up and running. The site will also carry information on "**Herefordshire on the Edge**. If you have any pictures which you think could look good on the site, please send them to me as soon as possible. We are particularly keen to see pics of our County's wonderful scenery – ideally with the odd bike in the foreground. **PLEASE DON'T BE SHY – IF IN DOUBT, SEND THEM!!**

### LOCAL DIRECTORY

We have from time to time mentioned local suppliers, who can help us to keep our bikes on the road. It is time to review the list and expand it. It will find a permanent home on our Section website. This is a contact service for section members. Inclusion on the list carries **no recommendation** positive or negative. Although I have used each of

these suppliers at least once, you will have to make up your own minds about whether to do business with them.

**Andy Gregory (Tricor Andy) – Triumph Parts specialist.** Triumph only Mail order specialists but will accept callers by appointment open - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 5.00pm. Call 01432 820859 or <https://www.tri-corengland.com/index>.

**ATM Vapour Blasting** – Vapour Blasting, Bead Blasting and Ultra-sonic cleaning. Their unit is on Rotherwas Trading estate in Hereford, but you need to contact Andy on 07989448418 [atmvapourblasting@outlook.com](mailto:atmvapourblasting@outlook.com)

**Brian Blandford** – Redlands, Leodington, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LG – call 07989 927969 very experienced professional motor-cycle engineer. Can tackle both new and old bikes. Some machining and welding facilities. Is familiar with off-road bikes, having worked for Cecil's of Ledbury and been a "works" mechanic on the British MX Championships.

**Dave Lindsley** - Unit 22, Evans Business Centre Enterprise Park, Brunel Road, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0LX Tel: 01568 617 750 <http://www.davelindsley.co.uk> Magneto & Dynamo Repairs for Veteran, Vintage & Classic Motorcycles

**Dave Weaver Upholstery** - Unit 11 Mortimer Trading Estate, Mortimer Road, Hereford, HR4 9SP. Motor cycle seat covers and foams.: Open Mon-Fri: 8.30am - 4.30pm and Sat: 9am - 1.30pm., Email: [dweaverupholstery@gmail.com](mailto:dweaverupholstery@gmail.com) tel.01432 342271. <https://www.daveweaverupholstery.co.uk/>

**Leominster Powdercoat**, Unit 6, Western Close, Southern Avenue, Leominster, HR6 0QD: Powder coating, including sand blasting. Contact Mark on 07817 748294, or 01568 611658. Website <http://leominsterpowdercoat.co.uk/Home.html>

**Malvern Rebores**, Unit 4 Spring Lane North, Malvern, WR14 1BU Tel 01684 572473. Long standing engine re-conditioners - rebores, crank grinding and other engine machining services

**Mitch – or AH Mitchell** to give him his full title. Motorcycle engineer, with good machining and

fabricating skills. Can tackle older bikes and also prepares classic race bikes. Based in Mordiford, but hard to find. Call 07795 626031 for directions or email [andrewhughmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andrewhughmitchell@gmail.com)

**Spaven Engineering** – NE Herefordshire. Contact Fred Spaven on 07817490233, or by email on [fred@spaven-engineering.co.uk](mailto:fred@spaven-engineering.co.uk)

Specialists in the restoration and modification of vintage and classic motorcycles. They undertake work ranging from maintenance and repair jobs through full nut-and-bolt restorations to one-off designs and custom builds.

**Lee Motorcycle Unit 1A/2A, Homend Trading Estate, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1AR. Tel 01531 634475.**

Repairs, service, bike and accessory sales. VOSA approved MOT testing station for Class 1 & 2 vehicles. Facilities include Dynojet rolling road tuning for road, off-road and race and Texa mutli-make diagnostic equipment for fault finding, service lights and key programming.

E-mail; [dyno@leemotorcycles.co.uk](mailto:dyno@leemotorcycles.co.uk)

**Three Pines Garage**, Bredenbury, Bromyard, HR7 4TF. Tel 01885 488188. Car servicing and repair, but also Motorcycle MOTs.

**If you would like to be added to the list, free of charge, or you have suggestions for other local suppliers, please get in touch. We would like to include all local businesses who can help us keep our bikes on the road.**

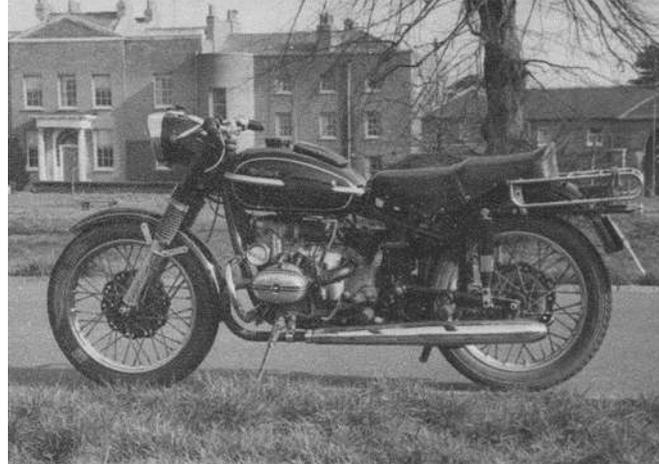
## CAFÉ DIRECTORY

It has been suggested that we do a similar directory for cafes in the wider Herefordshire area – say 75 miles from Hereford. If you have any suggestions for cafes who welcome people riding motorcycles, let us know.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO..... ANOTHER IN OUR OCCASIONAL SERIES

Roger Bibbings bought this Ural new, back in the early seventies. *“It was one of the first imported by the late Fred Wells of Manor Park, East London. It had sprung single seats and an upright riding position. I tried to make to more BMW-like with a dual*

*seat and different bars. The engine drank oil. I fitted Cord rings from a Vauxhall Viva. They made no difference. The front forks had a four lip seal. They were very stiff so I cut two of the lips out. I fitted a close fitting front mudguard and fork gaiters and eventually I tried to gear it up to solo gearing by fitting bevels from a pre-war BMW.*



*It was very solid and came with a massive set of tools, good enough to maintain a tank. I could have persevered with it but in the end I P/Xed it for a 'Featherbed' Norton 650 from Slocombes out on the North Circular. I soon forgot about the Ural - but not BMW flat twins of which I think I have now had about 15.”*

**Do you have any pictures of bikes you owned in “the olden days”? Please send them to us along with a few words**

Find us on  Updates and other stuff can be found on our Facebook page – VMCC Herefordshire section. Feel free to post to it.

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