

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the fourth edition of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and 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!

HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE EDGE – JUNE 26TH



Entries have now topped 50!. It is still possible to enter up until 10:30 a.m. on the day, but don't forget that it will cost an additional five whole English pounds!!! For full details and entry forms contact Geoff McGladdery by phone/text on 07588 559698 or email geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk

THE BIKES AND RIDERS

Riders from as far afield as Avon, Cambridgeshire, Devon, Pembrokeshire, Derbyshire, Kent and Surrey will share the roads with a strong contingent from Herefordshire and the surrounding counties. 22 different marques will be on show, the most popular being BSA and Norton with 5 each. There

are 22 Brits, 13 Japanese, 5 German and Italian plus a handful of others. Ten 2-strokes including at last, a Bantam and an MZ will join three 3-wheelers include this striking Kermit coloured Guzzi outfit



There are a surprising 12 pillions! Average age of machines is 48 and average capacity a massive 520 cc! Smallest bike is 49cc. We have a couple of mopeds, but still no "step through" and not a scooter in sight

Oldest bike is Steve Sumner's 1928 New Imperial. The youngest bike is a 1989 Kawasaki.

My own favourite is this immaculate 1948 Nimbus



THE ROUTE - follows as closely as possible the boundary of Herefordshire. There are sections of

fast road but many of the roads are remote rural and narrow.

THE START FINISH

This has been moved to the Traveller's Rest on the roundabout at the end of the M50 and its junction with the A449. You can get breakfast here and the bikes will leave between 08:00 and 10:30

THE CARDINAL POINTS

All entrants must stop at all of them and at one of them for a minimum of 30 minutes, so it is a good place to see the bikes. The others are.....

NORTH – The Lion at Leintwardine - SY7 0JZ
<http://www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk/>

Probably the best place to see the bikes, most of which will pass through between 11:00 and 15:00. The Top Bar has been set aside for our use and there is a special sandwich menu. If you wish try one of their renowned Sunday Lunches, you will need to book direct with the Lion before the day of the event.

EAST– The café – British Camp car park - WR13 6DW Well known to riders. A great old fashioned café at this local beauty spot.

WEST – The Granary, Hay on Wye HR3 5DB. This great café, close to the centre of the beautiful and historic town of Hay-on-Wye, serves excellent food and drink.



One of the more remote codeboards is sited in the Black Mountains above Hay-on-Wye. Not sure how many will make it out to here.

New members

We all know old bike owners who are not currently VMCC members, but who would enjoy riding with our section and attending our meetings. Why not encourage them to join us? A strong VMCC and a strong Herefordshire section will benefit us all.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 2nd - BROMYARD GALA RIDE

A short run for section members and exhibitors, meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Gala Field - The Burgess Farm, just outside Bromyard on the B4214. HR8 4JY 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!

July 13th - Bunch of carrots - Midweek ride - meet at 10:30

We have no leader and no route for this ride at the moment. Is there anyone out there who rides old motorcycles? Don't be shy, share with like-minded people some of the local roads that you know so well. If you would like to give it a go, contact me on 07588 559698

July 28th - Club night - The Moon at Mordiford.

Encouraged by the enthusiasm of Landlord and Landlady Allan and Karen, we are moving our club nights here for the foreseeable future.

Meet at 7:00 p.m. to ride or later if you just want to chat. Bring yourself and your bike and meet other section members - there will be a short local ride returning to the pub for 8:00 p.m.

July 31st - Sunday morning ride starting at Bringsty Common cafe WR6 5UJ 10:30 a.m.

Ride around Bringsty Common, Bromyard Downs and the Malverns. Some of Herefordshire's finest country roads. Finish for lunch around 1:30 p.m. at "The Nest" cafe Little Verzons Farm, Hereford Road,

Ledbury, HR8 2PZ. If you would like to ride, just turn up or contact me on 07588 559698

AUGUST 10th Mid-week ride starting at Ross-on-Wye Cattle market 10:30 a.m.

A ride around the Forest of Dean, led by James Delaney. Still provisional at the moment. Further details in next newsletter, in VMCC Journal and on VMCC web page.

August 25th - Club night - The Moon at Mordiford.

Don't forget we have moved venue from the Carrots

Meet at 7:00 p.m. to ride or later if you just want to chat. Bring yourself and your bike and meet other section members - there will be a short local ride returning to the pub for 8:00 p.m.

BROMYARD SPEED FESTIVAL - APRIL 2ND 2017

Following on from the spectacular success of the first Speed festival in April of this year, organisers have confirmed that there will be follow-up event on April 2nd 2017.

It will be included in our section 2017 calendar - I'm sure it will become the "must do" event for local historic vehicle fans.



Find us on 

We 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. Volunteers?

Members' bikes

Never a dull moment for section members. We were asked to provide bikes for publicity shots for a version of Romeo & Juliet, set in 1955.

Please note - the bikes won't have speaking parts in the productions!



Geoff McGladdery's 1960 BM Bonvicini. Nothing like a bit of variety!



