

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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

THE FUTURE FOR THE SECTION

As you might expect with anything new, there have been some successes and some failures in this our first year. We had excellent attendances for our two guest speakers earlier in the year and we had exceptional support for the Bike Show at the Moon and for **Herefordshire on the Edge**, but attendance at club nights and turnout for club runs has been largely disappointing.

Communication

Communication with section members with email addresses has been good, but for those who rely solely on the VMCC Journal, it has been less than ideal. It has taken our committee a while to come to terms with the deadlines for the journal which, unfortunately is a very inflexible system. Apologies to anyone who feels they have been let down

Volunteers

We are totally dependent on our members giving their time and energy just for the love of it. We have had great support this year, but we need more input from section members if we are to survive and prosper into the future. In particular, we need at least 2 more active committee members and at least 3 more volunteers to plan

and lead club runs. When you read this, please give thought to what **you** can do for your section, not just to what your section can do for you.

AGM

The ideal forum to discuss and resolve all these issues is the section AGM on Thursday November 24th The Moon Inn, Mordiford, HR1 4LW, starting at 7:30 p.m. prompt. Please make every effort to attend – **your** opinions and **your** input are vital to our future.

CHEAP CHEERFUL AND ELIGIBLE

Whilst we would all love to have a garage bursting at the seams with Brouchs, Vincents, or Gold Stars the reality is often something rather different. Not all of us want to invest tens of thousands of pounds on our hobby. Nor do we need to. At the last club run from Bringsty Common, Builtth Wells member John Munday rode over and back on his 1981 Kawasaki Z200.



These unassuming little single cylinder commuter bikes are cheap to buy – typically around £650 for a really good example, cheap to run and hugely capable. In the last few years John and his “Zed” have completed the famous 5,000 curves in Northern Spain 4 times, toured all around the West Coast of Scotland, won the GRAFTON ROSE BOWL at the recent Northamptonshire Section scatter

rally and managed to win Gold and visit every single checkpoint on **Herefordshire on the Edge**. There are many other cheap, simple and capable bikes you could consider like the splendid Honda RSA 250 from 1980 (below). You should be able to find an excellent example for less than £1000. So put away your prejudices and open your minds. If you just want to have a lot of uncomplicated fun you could do a lot worse than consider one of these overlooked little Japanese gems.



BANBURY – HERE WE COME



Section Chairman Geoff McGladdery has just acquired this 1929 Ariel model “B”, with a view to entering the 2017 Banbury run. It runs and stops, but needs the tank sealing and the girder forks re-bushing. You might recognise the bike – it was featured in 6 issues of Classic Bike in 2010.

CHAIN SAW MASSACRE

Pete Howells lost an argument with a chain saw and has a badly injured leg. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope that this pic from this year's Herefordshire on the Edge will cheer him up – some people will do anything to get in the newsletter!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Club night - Thursday 22nd September – The Moon

7:00 p.m for those who want to ride and 8:00 p.m for a pint and a chat. Hope you can make it This will be the last evening ride of the year and you will probably need your lights'

Ride out Sunday 25th September

As we have no volunteers to lead this ride, it will have to be cancelled.

Ride out Wednesday 12th October – The Moon Inn, Mordiford, HR1 4LW

10:00 for a start at 10:30 prompt. A ride through the Black Mountains to Hay-on-Wye for lunch at the Granary at 1:00 p.m., Then home via Bredwardine and the south side of the Wye. We'll find a stop for morning coffee along the way.

Contact Geoff McGladdery (07588 559698 or geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk) for more details or just turn up at the Moon

Club night - Thursday 27th October – The Moon

8:00 p.m for a pint and a chat. Hope you can make it
No evening ride.

Ride out Sunday October 30th – Market Hall Ledbury HR8 1BN

10:00 for a 10:30 start. A tour round Bredon Hill and on to Winchcombe for lunch then back through the lanes to Ledbury. There will be a coffee stop before lunch.

First Annual General meeting Thursday November 24th The Moon Inn, Mordiford, HR1 4LW

Starts at 7:30 p.m. prompt. Please do your best to attend this meeting. We need to review the year and plan our calendar for 2017. Your input is essential. We also need to elect new officers to secure the section's future.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Classic bike auction – HJ Pugh Ledbury Sep 24th

If you've never been to one of these then you really ought to go. All manner of bikes parts and people. A great place to find those elusive parts or that winter project at budget prices! A good

place to sell your unwanted parts and bikes too. Bidding starts at 10:00 with viewing on the Friday afternoon and the morning of the sale. You can find the catalogue here

<http://www.hjpugh.com/cyclesales/240916catalogue.pdf>

Stafford Classic bike show October 15th & 16th

The "Daddy" of them all. Mecca for anyone interested in any aspect of classic motorcycling. If you can't find the bike, the book or the parts here it's probably because they don't exist! A great day out. To find out more take a look at their website <http://www.classicbikeshows.com/event/carole-nash-classic-motorcycle-mechanics-show/>

The Bonham's auction is a show within the show with bikes changing hands for £100,000+ If you want to see how the other half live, or what your dusty Brough Superior is worth, live the dream and invest £25 in their glossy catalogue (admits 2). For a preview take a look at their on-line catalogue.

BEWARE THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!

<http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23602/?department=MOT-CYC>

Bromyard Gala 2017

The Gala has moved from its traditional date of the first weekend in July to the weekend of June 24th & 25th 2017.

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.

Find us on

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

