

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.

THE FUTURE FOR OUR SECTION

There are clearly enough members in the area to support an active section, but attendance at most events is still very patchy and the work is shared between a very small group of people. We must expand the committee and we must find more members to organise runs. Please give some thought to what you might be able to do for the section and call me on 01885 490799, preferably before the AGM. Why not tell us about your bikes, your rides your opinions – This is **YOUR** newsletter! Let's hear what you think!

RIDING ABROAD – WHY NOT TRY IT?



Some of the finest motorcycling roads in Europe can be found in Northern Spain. Well surfaced, deserted and set amongst spectacular scenery,

The Los Picos Mountains are a secret known to only a few British riders. A good way to find out more is to try the Moto Piston Rally in early October. Check their website for details of next years event <http://www.mcpiston.com/ukpistonrally.html>

Report on the ride out Wednesday 12th Oct from the Moon to Hay

A great day, crossing the Wye at Hoarwithy then to the Black Mountains via Longtown and on to The Granary at Hay for lunch, taking in some of the waypoints from Herefordshire on the Edge, including the Olchon Valley water splash. (below)



We had an interesting chat over lunch with Richard and Margaret Williams. They are members of Gwent section but were in the Herefordshire section for many years when they lived close to the Moon. They send their regards to all their old friends in the area. They plan to join some of our rides in 2017.

The route home went via Bredwardine and the south side of the Wye - taking in Dorstone Hill on the way.

Despite a combined age in excess of 130 and a touch of incontinence, these two old boys, who neatly bookend early 50s British bike design, managed the trip to Hay and back with ease.



LET'S HEAR IT FOR CAL

Cal Crutchlow made it two Moto GP wins in a season at The Aussie GP in Phillip Island last weekend. The last Brit to win more than 1 GP in a season was Barry Sheene in 1979. Anyone fancy a trip to the Valencia GP on Nov 13th ?

The Stafford Classic bike show was up to its usual high standard and the Bonham's auction once again made headlines!



This very rare Croft Cameron, Anzani "Super Eight". sold for an eye-watering £203,100, which made the 1948 Vincent-HRD 998cc Black Shadow Series-B look cheap at a mere £113,500!



There were still bargains to be had - this Matchless G9 project sold for just £345 (Inc. premium)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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. Ring Geoff on 01885 490799 for details

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

Starts at 7:30 p.m. prompt. Please do your utmost 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.

Ride out – Sunday Nov 27th. Meet at Tenbury Main car park (on B4204) at 09:30

Finishing at The Bell Inn Pensax, (WR6 6AE) for lunch around 12:00. Worcester section members may well join us for lunch.

Pete Howells will lead the ride. He knows this area as well as anyone and you can be assured of a good morning out. Call Pete for details on 01886 853293

Christmas Dinner planned for 22nd Dec at the Carrots **has been cancelled**. We will try to arrange something at the Moon in the next few weeks

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

The 37th Autumn Classic Bike Show and Jumble Sunday Oct 30th – Three Counties showground Malvern WR13 6NW

The Jumble has seen better days, but it's still worth a visit. The bike show is usually well supported and there is always something of interest. Lots of people ride to the event, so there are plenty of bikes to see. Open from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adult admission £7

22nd Malvern Drive-in Classic Car and motorcycle Auto jumble Sunday 27th Nov - Three Counties showground Malvern WR13 6NW

This event does exactly what it says on the tin, a simple, basic car and bike Auto jumble. More car stuff than bikes.

Open from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adult admission £6

VMCC ANNUAL CALENDAR

After a year without it, the VMCC will return to the traditional annual printed event calendar. All sections must submit their planned programmes by Nov 17th, so we have some work to do if we are to meet the deadline. The calendar on the VMCC website will always be the most accurate and up to date, particularly as the year progresses. It is always best to ring the organiser before deciding to join a run.

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.

