

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the eighth edition of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and in printed form at Club events.

SOMETHING TO SAY?

Why not tell us about your bikes, your rides your opinions – This is **YOUR** newsletter! Let's hear what you think!

Report on the ride out Sunday 30th Oct – A tour of Bredon Hill

"A grand day out Gromit!" That's what you missed if you opted for couch surfing or DIY duty.



More accurately, you missed a grand **morning** out, as by common consent we opted for a coffee rather than lunch and were back in Ledbury before 1:30 p.m. leaving plenty of the day for all the other things in our lives. Autumn leaves and beautiful villages made for a great ride.



Final accounts for the 2016 event show a small profit of £30.75, thanks largely to the generosity of our main sponsors without whom it would not have been possible. If you get the opportunity, please try to support these local businesses in the same way they have kindly supported us.

Holden Vintage & Classic

<http://www.holden.co.uk/>

Powerful Imagery – Ray Whittaker has already designed next year's logo

<http://www.powerfulimagery.co.uk/>

Lee motor cycles of Ledbury

<http://www.leemotorcycles.co.uk/>

Sign Right

<http://www.signrightsigns.co.uk>

We must also thank the whole organising team, who gave their time, energy and petrol just for the love of it!

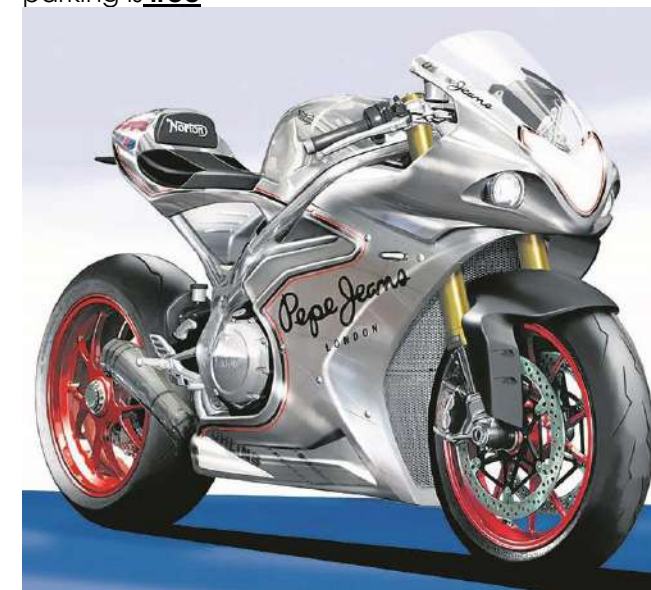
Herefordshire on the Edge 2017 (June 25th) is included in the VMCC Western Region Road Trials Championship. The other 11 rounds are 2nd April, **Felix Burke Trial**. 19th April – **Cheddar Trial** 7th May, **Moonraker Trial**, 14th May, **Cotswold Signpost Rally**, 11th June, **Black Mountain Trial** (WS Wales Section), 24th June (Saturday), **Flat Tank Rally** (held in the Forest of Dean), 1st July (Saturday), **Cotswold Weekend Road Trial**, 9th July, **White Horse Trial** (West Wilts Section), 6th August, **Somerset Signpost Rally**, 10th September, **Vale of Glamorgan Trial** (S Wales Section), 15th to 17th September, **Saundersfoot Weekend** (WS Wales

Section), 24th September, **Levis Trial** (N Birmingham Section)

If you're interested in any of these excellent events or in the Championship, then contact Robert Rendell, ear@globalnet.co.uk

MOTOR CYCLE SHOW LIVE - NEC

If you really need an excuse to visit motorcycle live (Nov 19th – 27th) then looking at the sensational new Norton 1200cc V4 might just do it. You don't even have to worry about being seduced into spending £44,000 on one as all 200 are already sold!! With manufactures showing more than 100 new models. It looks like the best show for many years. Tickets are £25 per adult, £1 per child and £15 per Senior and don't forget the scandalous cost of car parking - £12. If you go on a bike, indoor parking is **free**



NOW HERE'S A THING

A rare Honda CT200 from 1965. This 90cc pushrod step-thru has 8 gears. The drive chain feeds to a supplementary ratio changer on the rear swinging arm. The rider has to dismount and select high or

low ratio which activates the larger or smaller rear sprocket. The bike – a USA only model – was devised for hunters to carry on the back of their RV (Campervan to you and me). The strange chrome thing on the front forks is a gun rack. This one is UK



registered and will be seen on a club run soon! *Have you got any rare, weird or wonderful bikes? Let us have some pictures and we will be pleased to print them.*



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 validate our 2017 calendar. Your input is essential. We also need to elect additional officers to secure the section's future. The Agenda is in a

separate attachment. Accounts will be available on the night

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, knows this area as well as anyone and you can be assured of a good morning out. Call Pete for details on 01886 853293

Boxing day ride Monday Dec 26th – Meet at the Moon Mordiford, HR1 4LW - 11.00 a.m.

Strictly for Brass Monkeys - 1 hr maximum then back to the Moon for a warm and mince pies - **Be a HERO!**

Winter Wanderings Sunday 29th Jan Market Square, Bromyard HR7 4BP – 9:30 a.m. –

Season opener - In conjunction with Worcester Section.

SOME NEW IDEAS FOR SECTION RUNS

To encourage more members out on their bikes, we are proposing some different runs. Please let us know the kind of ride that would entice you out on your pride and joy

Breakfast ride – Sunday 19th March Meet at The Travellers rest car park at the end of the M50 - HR9 7QJ – 9.00 a.m for 09:15 start

A 2hr ride with breakfast half way - aiming to be back in Ross by 11:45 at the very latest.

Sunday 21st May- Starting and finishing for lunch at the Lion Leintwardine - SY7 0JZ 10:00 for 10:30 start.

A ride specially designed for Flat tankers, girder forkers, mopeds and step-throughs - Maximum 50 gentle miles Steve Sumner is organising the run and has already planned most of the route!. You can contact Steve on nvgsteve@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 24th September 24/9/17 – Meet at OK Diner on A49 roundabout Leominster HR6 0DQ - 09:30 for

10:00 start - Open roads ride to Clee Hill and beyond. 2 hour ride with a coffee half en-route. Suitable for larger capacity and more powerful machines. **VMCC members only** may use modern bikes on this occasion only. Plan is to be back at Leominster by 12:30 . – For details contact Dave Brand on 07870 633064

LED LIGHTING FOR OLD BIKES

We have one these H4 12volt LED headlamp bulbs on test at the moment. First impressions are stunning. We will be reporting back on its performance. Do you have any experience of LEDs? Have you used Paul Gough's 6volt LED stop/tail lamps? Please tell us what you think



LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Can you recommend any local business. Who has given you and your bikes good products or service? We would be happy to give them a mention

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

