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HERE WE ARE AGAIN

Welcome to the second running of “**Herefordshire on the Edge**” In addition to this newsletter, you should have received a set of regulations and an entry form. If you haven’t, then email me at the address above and I will send them immediately.



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017

We had such a positive response from those who rode last year's event that we chose to change

very little. The event will still circumnavigate Herefordshire and you will still get the chance to spend a little time over the borderS in Shropshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Powys. There are now 32 waypoints – an increase of 2 over last year. The main changes to the optimum route will be in the South East quadrant. The mileage required to gain a “Gold” remains around 150 and.....best of all, the entry fee remains at £5!

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HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE EDGE 2016

52 machines were entered and 43 actually took the start line. Despite the rain, an intrepid 30 finished – the official definition of **finish** is “*having your card punched at the start and at the finish*”. Five of the fab 30 didn't qualify for an award, two qualified for Bronze medals, 7 took away Silver medals and a splendid 16 left with Gold **medals**.

Six of the Gold medallists visited all 30 waypoints an amazing achievement.

Thirteen riders started, but didn't finish. The rain encouraged a few to take “an early bath”, but several others succumbed to mechanical failure.

BIKE MAGAZINE

Thanks to **Bike Magazine** for this excellent coverage. Rumour has it that Editor Hugo Wilson might even enter this year. We would like to see 100 entries for 2017 and publicity like this certainly helps. Thankyou Bike Magazine.



VMCC WESTERN ROAD TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

We are delighted to announce that this year's event will be a round of the VMCC Western Region Road Trials Championship. We welcome those committed to the series and hope that they will enjoy riding in our wonderful county. Don't worry if you're not part of the championship – **NOTHING CHANGES** - you don't have to do anything differently from last year.

Other events in the Championship are as follows:-
2nd April, Felix Burke Trial (Cotswold Section)

9th 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)

25th June, Herefordshire on the Edge

1st July (Saturday), Cotswold Weekend Road Trial

9th July, White Horse Trial (West Wilts Section)

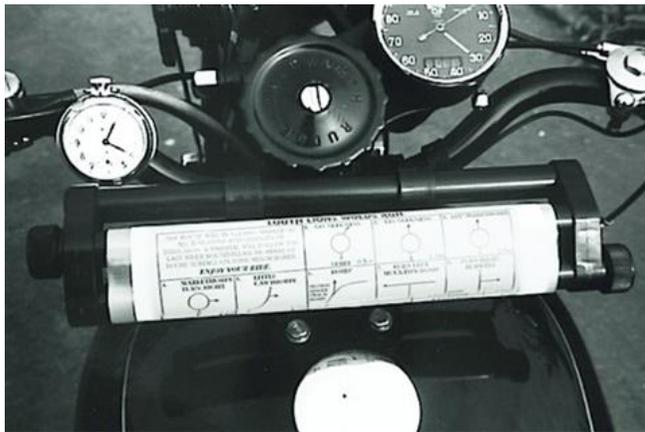
6th August, Somerset Signpost Rally

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 would like to try some of these rounds, then why not contact WRTC co-ordinator Robert Rendell at Ad Astra, Seabrook Road, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4LY. Tel 01452 863470 or email ear@globalnet.co.uk



OLDER AND SMALLER – IS SIZE IMPORTANT?

Given the geography of Herefordshire and the placement of the codeboards, you will spend a lot of time on small scenic country roads. Smaller, less

powerful and older bikes are ideally suited to this type of “going” and are at no disadvantage to larger and more modern machines. Interesting to note that 3 of the 6 bikes that visited all 30 codeboards, were under 250cc! One of the oldest bikes – the 1948 Nimbus and one of the smallest – a 175cc Bantam both gained gold medals. The average engine capacity of the machines that didn't finish.....over 600 cc! Need I say more?



DUAL STARTING POINTS

Serious consideration was given to the idea of a second start and finish point at Leintwardine, but it was rejected on the grounds of logistics and resources, This will be considered again for 2018.

ACCOMODATION

If you're making a weekend of it, you can reserve rooms at the Premier Inn, adjacent to the start by phone 0871 527 8944 or online at

<http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/herefordshire/ross-on-wye/ross-on-wye.html>

We are in discussions with other providers in the county and will keep you up to date in future newsletters with any recommendations or special offers.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO CLIPS

Don't forget to send us pictures of your machine when you enter, along with any interesting history or stories. We need this for event PR and of course for this newsletter. If you have anything from 2016 we would love to see that too. Send it to geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk If you wish to have accreditation for your pictures, please advise us when you send them.



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