



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the event newsletter. It is sent only to those who have already entered or who have expressed an interest in entering. If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please let me know.

ENTRIES – THE GOOD NEWS

Entries have already exceeded our “break-even” number, so a big thank you to those who have supported the event. To those of you who have asked for forms or expressed an interest in entering, it would be very helpful if you put your entry in sooner rather than later. We have to order medals in a couple of weeks and it would be nice to have the clearest picture of just how many we need.

Entries will still be accepted up until 10:30 a.m. on the day, but don't forget that they will cost an **additional** five whole English pounds!!!

THE BIKES AND RIDERS

A fascinating range of entries so far, including Colin Beasley's splendid 1956 Triumph “T” Bird (*see below*). We have 13 different marques, the most popular being, Honda, Moto Guzzi and Norton with 3 each. There are 15 Brits, 8 Japanese, 6 Italian and a



handful of others. Only two 2-strokes to date and only one 3-wheeler. There are a surprising 12 pillions! Average age of machines is 47 and average capacity a massive 590 cc! Smallest bike is a 250 – It seems bigger is better, but I'm not convinced. Where are all the fiddlers, surely we can find a Bantam, a James a Fanny “B” a DT, an MZ, or even a “step through” or an FS1E? Oldest bike is a 1928 New Imperial, closely followed by a 1934 Norton. We even have a Nimbus!!! The newest bike is a 1989 Kawasaki.

We have entries from Devon, Derbyshire, Surrey, Pembrokeshire, Lincolnshire and Sussex as well as a strong local entry.

CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS

It has become necessary to add a few more codeboards, so that those navigating by satnav aren't directed down the M50! There will now be 30, including the cardinal points.

The number of boards needed for medals has changed accordingly. All finishers successfully visiting the 4 cardinal points plus any other 6 points will receive a bronze award. Those visiting cardinal points plus 12 others receive a silver and those visiting 24 points, including the cardinal points

receive a gold. The length of the route remains the same – probably around 200 miles to visit all 30 codeboards

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

If you intend to plot the route using Ordnance survey maps, you will need sheets 137, 148, 149, 150, 161 and 162

THE ROUTE

The route follows as closely as possible the boundary of Herefordshire. You will find yourself constantly criss-crossing the borders with Powys, Gloucestershire, Shropshire and Worcestershire. There are sections of fast road but many of the roads are remote rural and narrow. This is one of the more remote codeboards up in the Black Mountains above Hay-on-Wye. Don't panic, the ford is an option – the road runs alongside it!



THE CARDINAL POINTS

No harm in confirming the four Cardinal points. They are all cafes or restaurants and you **must stop at one of these for a minimum of 30 minutes**

North – The Lion at Leintwardine - SY7 0JZ

East – The café – British Camp car park - WR13 6DW

South – Traveller's Rest at the roundabout at the end of the M50 and its junction with the A449 on the outskirts of Ross-on-Wye - HR9 7QJ

West – The Granary, Hay on Wye HR3 5DB. The staff at these cafes have kindly agreed to punch the cards. It would certainly help our cause if you used these as your rest stop.

CHEATING!!!

Don't – if you want a gold medal that badly, just ask and you can have one!!

CODEBOARDS

The codeboards will look something like this prototype – they will be A4 size (30cm x 21 cm) and fixed to trees or road furniture and – if you are on the right road – be very easy to see. Our aim is to make them as easy to find as possible, so that you can get on with the riding



CODEBOARD CHECK SHEET

The **"Codeboard Check Sheet"** is a 9 cm x 21 cm card which can be folded up into a pocket. Note

the 2 digit code of every codeboard you pass in the correct box on the card. Your attendance at each of the Cardinal points will be recorded on your check sheet with an orienteering punch



CODEBOARD CHECK SHEET

CLEARLY RECORD THE INFORMATION

SHOWN ON THE CODEBOARD IN THE CORRECT BOX

Your name.....

Your number..... Reg. No.....

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24

. Don't forget to fill it in, don't forget to get it punched at the Cardinal points and don't lose it – this is your only record.

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

If you would like to raise money on your ride, we would strongly urge you to consider a wonderful local Charity – The **St Michael's Hospice**, an independent charity, which provides all of its services free of charge. It costs over £13,000 per day to provide patients with all the care they need. 90% of all its funding is raised by the local community. Their renowned motor cycle group – The Hospice Angels - will be helping out during the event. You can find all you need to understand and support the charity on their website. Please let us know if you are collecting for the Hospice - <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/>

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