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## NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 2

Welcome to Issue 2 of your event newsletter. Feel free to circulate the attached regulations and entry form to your friends and clubs, or post them on websites or forums.

### ENTRIES

If you haven't entered yet, it would be very helpful if you did it sooner rather than later. Entries will still be accepted up until 10:00 a.m. on the day, but don't forget that they will cost an **additional** five whole English pounds!!!

### BIKES AND RIDERS

Our aim is to get 100 bikes out on the road and I'm delighted to say that we're well on the way. We have 16 different marques about half of them Brits. BSA is the most popular with Honda a close second. Average age of the field is 48 and average capacity is 468 cc. Largest bike so far is the 900 ccc Virago of Mick and Rose Smith, the smallest is Fred Spaven's 175cc Bantam. The oldest bike is Steve Sumner's 91 year old BSA S26. He did get a bronze medal last year on his 89 year old New Imperial! The only lady rider so

far is Sue Beasley who will be piloting this smart Honda 400/4. The Suzuki Hustler will be the mount of husband Colin – a gold medal winner last year. No 3-wheeler entries yet – last year we had 3. Six pillion passengers have been entered. In 2016, four pillions won gold medals!



"Furthest travelled" is a close run thing, but, Arthur Metcalfe will have to travel 153 miles to the start with his smart looking 250SCR Ducati – looks like the ideal tool for the job.



## PLANNING AND FOLLOWING YOUR ROUTE

There is no right, or indeed wrong way to plan the route and then follow it. There is no doubt that the better prepared you are, the easier and more enjoyable the day will be and the more "Waypoints" you will reach.



We use 4 different ways of identifying the waypoints. You may use any or any combination of these to locate the waypoints.

**Ordnance Survey Grid References** – 6 figure grid references are used. Remember that these can only be expected to place you in a 100 metre square. They have been plotted from 1:50,000 Landranger series maps

**Postcodes** – These can range in accuracy from very precise to very imprecise, particularly in rural areas. In open country it is not unusual for the postcode to be several hundred yards from the waypoint. So treat postcode locations with caution.

**DMM co-ordinates** (degrees and decimal minutes). These are expressions of latitude and longitude and are the most accurate of the descriptions. They can be used in "Google Maps", "Google Earth" and many satnavs.

**Descriptions** – you will not be able to identify the waypoints by these alone. They are there to provide you with comfort and confirmation. If the description really doesn't support your map reference or DMM co-ordinate, then you are probably in the wrong place!

### 1:50,000 ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

Not the only way to plan the best route, but they will definitely make your planning more effective and help you to find the best roads. If you intend to achieve Gold standard, **you will need the following maps 137, 148, 149, 150, 161 and 162** To make the event as affordable as possible, we've negotiated an additional 5% discount for section members and for entrants to **"Herefordshire on the Edge"** with Dash 4 it - the "on-line" map seller. Simply use code **VMCC** at checkout which will automatically take the 5% off. This will make a standard OS Landranger or OS Explorer map just £5.55. (current RRP £8.99) <https://dash4it.co.uk/>



You could try Ordnance Survey's "On-Line" service, which for £19.99 gives you 12 months unlimited access (including printing) to the full range of OS leisure maps on your computer, tablet or smartphone. To find out more, log on to their website.

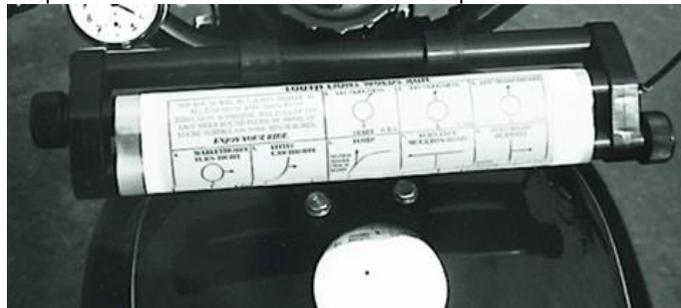
<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-mobile.html>

**SATNAVS** - You are welcome to use a Satnav. The latest versions allow whole routes to be

programmed in. Be sure you have a suitable power source and that you have a "weatherproof" unit, although, of course, **it will not rain this year!**

### FOLLOWING YOUR ROUTE

Tank bags with "see-thru" panels are simple and effective, or you might like to try a "ROUTE ROLLER" or "ROUTE HOLDER". Simple to use – A4 sheets just slip between the clear plastic sleeves to provide reasonable weather protection



- Fits 7/8" or 1" bars. Easy to take on and off the bike. Available from the VMCC shop for £25 inc. P&P, but disappointingly available from other places for substantially less!



2016 Gold medal winner John Munday used laminated OS map sections, enlarged to make them easy to read. He fabricated this little lectern arrangement from bits and pieces he found in his shed and some handlebar "mirror mounts" found on eBay.

If you are considering a mounting system for your Satnav, you might like to look at the RAM range of products.

<http://www.rammount.com>

### PHOTOS AND VIDEO CLIPS

Remember to send pictures of your machine with any interesting history or stories. We need this for event PR and of course for this newsletter. We would love to see anything from 2016 too. Send it to [geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk) If you wish to have accreditation for your pictures, please advise us when you send them.



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