



NEWSLETTER

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

ENTRIES

If you or your friends haven't entered yet, it would be very helpful if you put your entry in 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!!!

THE BIKES AND RIDERS

A fascinating range of entries so far. We have 23 different marques, the most popular being BSA, Honda, Moto Guzzi, Norton and Yamaha with 4 each. There are 22 Brits, 13 Japanese, 5 Italian and a handful of others. Three 3-wheelers will share the road with 50 motor-cycles. There are a surprising 12 pillions! Average age of machines is 48 and average capacity a massive 532 cc! Smallest bike is just 49cc – It seems bigger is better, but I'm not convinced. Where are the rest of the tiddlers? Surely we can find a Bantam, a "step-through" or

an FS1E? Oldest bike is a 1928 New Imperial, closely followed by a 1934 Norton. We even have a 1948 Nimbus (below). Not a single scooter in sight.



Entries come from far and wide including Devon, Derbyshire, Avon, Kent, Cheshire, Surrey, Powys, Pembrokeshire, as well as a strong local presence.

THE ROUTE

The route (Issue 11) has now been published. The deafening silence means that there are no further glaring errors. Thanks go to Rod and Lisa Baraona (below) for pointing out the errors in the first issue.



CAR PARKING AT THE START/FINISH

All day parking at the Travellers Rest is very restricted and management insists on charging £5 for vehicles left for more than 3 hours. If you are staying locally, it would be best to leave your car, trailer or van at your hotel and ride your bike to the start. As an alternative and through the generosity of one of our entrants, we have been able to arrange free all day parking at a local hotel - How Caple Grange, HR1 4TF. It is situated on the B4224 just 4 miles (6 minutes) away from the start venue. If you haven't already booked accommodation, this would be an ideal place.

THE CARDINAL POINTS

You must stop at one of these for a minimum of 30 minutes Your attendance at each of the Cardinal points will be recorded on the back of your **"Codeboard Check Sheet"** with an orienteering punch. **You** are responsible for recording your time of arrival and departure.

NORTH – The Lion at Leintwardine - SY7 0JZ
<http://www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk/>

Standing on the banks of the River Teme, this is probably the best place to see the bikes, most of which will pass through between 11:00 and 15:00. The Top Bar has been set aside for our use. A **"Cardinal Point North"** sign will be on the front door of the Top Bar.

For those wishing to press on, there is a special sandwich menu, but for supporters, spectators or those wishing to take their time, you could try one of their renowned Sunday Lunches. You will need to book direct with the Lion before the day of the event.

EAST– The café – British Camp car park - WR13 6DW Well known to riders. A great old fashioned café at this local beauty spot. The usual range of drinks and snacks is available.

SOUTH ALSO START AND FINISH - 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

Breakfast is available here from 07:30. Either - Continental buffet breakfast for £6.99 :- all you can eat cold buffet including tea, coffee, juices, cereals, and toast or.....

Full cooked Breakfast £8.99 :- Same as above but including all you can eat hot fresh breakfast, items include sausages, bacon, grilled tomatoes, beans, mushrooms, black pudding, bubble and squeak, hash browns, eggs how you would like them and also a veggie option if necessary. **PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAIL IF YOU INTEND TO HAVE BREAKFAST HERE.**

Food and drink will also be available here at the end of the event.

WEST – The Granary, Hay on Wye HR3 5DB. Set on two floors, this great café, close to the centre of the beautiful and historic town of Hay-on-Wye, serves excellent food and drink. Often very busy, so please be prepared to be patient and allow some time in your schedule.

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

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

We would urge you to consider raising money for a wonderful Herefordshire 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/>

CODEBOARD CHECK SHEET

Collected at the start - a 9 cm x 21 cm card which can be folded up into a pocket. You must note the 2 digit code of every codeboard you pass in the correct box on the card.



CODEBOARD CHECK SHEET

CLEARLY RECORD THE INFORMATION

SHOWN ON THE CODEBOARD IN THE CORRECT BOX

Your name.....

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

1	2	4
5	6	7
8	9	10
11	12	13
14	15	18
19	20	21
22	23	26
27	28	29
30	START	FINISH

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

CHEATING!!!

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

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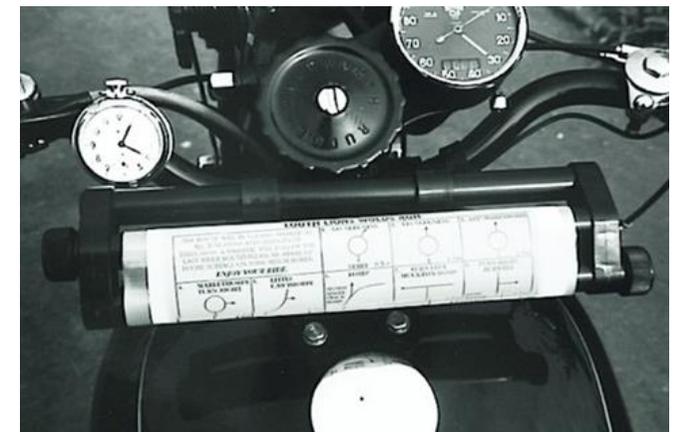
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ROUTE ROLLER

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