



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 3rd 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

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 ROUTE

The Waypoint list has been published for almost 2 weeks. The deafening silence suggests that there are no further glaring errors. **Any last minute changes will be on display at the start.** Make sure you check before you set off!

THE BIKES AND RIDERS

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 48 motor-cycles. There are a surprising 12 pillion! Average age of

machines is 48 and average capacity a massive 521 cc! Smallest bike is just 49cc. Where are the rest of the tiddlers? Surely we can find a "step-through" or an FS1E? Oldest bike is a 1928 New Imperial, closely followed by a 1934 Norton. Not a single scooter in sight.

If "stinkwheels" and flared trousers are your thing, you'll be pleased to see and hear these two from the seventies - the golden era of "ying-dings".



Simon Holden's 1974 500 H1 Kawasaki



Terry Pickering's 1975 Suzuki GT500.

Keep your eyes open for Ken and Chris Miller on their Kermit coloured Guzzi outfit – you could hardly miss it could you!



Entries come from far and wide including Devon, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Kent, Surrey, Cheshire, Powys, Pembrokeshire, as well as a strong presence from Herefordshire and the surrounding counties. Welcome to all of you.

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.

INSURANCE TAX AND MOT

All vehicles must be maintained in roadworthy condition for the duration of the event and must also be "road legal". Drivers and riders must hold the correct driving licence and have appropriate

insurance as required by the Road Traffic Acts. It is **absolutely** the rider's responsibility to ensure that their machine complies with current law. There will be no scrutineering.

AWARDS

Which will it be for you Gold, Silver or Bronze? Medals are engraved with 2016 on the back and feature the event logo on the front.



MOST INACCESSIBLE WAYPOINT

How many will try to get to Waypoint 19? Remote, but well worth the trip. You'll also pass through the highest point on a Herefordshire road. The watersplash is optional, but it makes for a great picture. You know you want to!



ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Please consider raising money for our wonderful Herefordshire Charity – The **St Michael's Hospice**, 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. You can find all you need to understand and support the charity on their website. Please tell us if you are collecting for the Hospice - <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/>

PENS AND PENCILS!

You need have some way to mark stuff on your codeboard check sheet. Give some thought to how you intend to do this or you could find yourself getting very irritated with the world.

RIDE CAREFULLY

This not a race or a rally. You will be sharing some very small rural roads with walkers, cyclists, horse riders and very large agricultural vehicles. Ride with care, caution and respect for other road users. If you are travelling in groups or sharing the same navigational information, please try to keep groups to a maximum of 4 vehicles.

Remember - you must stop to rest for at least 30 minutes at one of the Cardinal points.

CHEATING!!!

Don't! it's very silly at your age! If you want a gold medal that badly, just ask and you can have one!!

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RECOVERY VEHICLE

Through the generosity of entrant Terry Pickering, we have a recovery vehicle. **This is a last resort, to get you back to the start or your vehicle.** For use only after all your resources have failed to fix your problem. Please don't ring just because it's raining, your bum aches, or because your partner has put the wrong pickle in your cheese sandwich! Call Alan Reed on 07761 088349 if you really need help.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO CLIPS

We would love to have your pictures and video clips of the event to use on our facebook page and in post-event PR. Send them as soon as you can to geoffmac@globalnet.co.uk If you wish to have accreditation please advise us when you send them. If you post stuff on your own facebook page, please remember to link it to ours.

WEATHER FORECAST

Sadly, some showers are probable. Don't even think about not turning up.....WIMP

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VINYL EVENT STICKERS

Collect at the start and fix them to your bike.



