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RESULTS

A comprehensive results sheet will be posted to you and sent by email. It's too big to fit on these pages, so here are the highlights
52 paid to enter and 43 actually took the start line. Despite the rain, an intrepid 30 finished – 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. Seems about right.

THE SPECIAL ONES

Six of the Gold medallists visited all 30 waypoints a considerable achievement. They were, Chris Richards (Kawasaki Z200) John Munday (Kawasaki Z200 special) Stuart Richards (BSA B25), Rod and Lisa Baraona (AJS M18), Henry and Jessica Hornby (Norton Commando Mk2A) and Colin Beasley (1956 Triumph Thunderbird). It is rumoured that all 6 are members of the secretive “*Eat More Pies*” motor cycle group. Andrew Shortridge and Fred Spaven deserve a special mention for achieving

Gold on the 1948 Nimbus and a “*well-used*” Bantam respectively.



GOLDEN OLDIE

Steve Sumner and his very recently restored 1928 New Imperial - seen here at the start with Roger Bibbings, who's idea this all was - performed impressively to win a Bronze and comfortably walked off with the “*Oldest Bike and Rider*” prize, kindly donated by Lee motorcycles.



CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

The Welch boys livened up the start riding a selection of their Grandad's bikes and managing to get 6 codeboards before retiring to attend a family party. They promise to be back next year and will be trying for medals. You have been warned!



Thirteen riders started, but didn't finish. The rain encouraged a few to take “*an early bath*”, but several others succumbed to mechanical failure. Chris Lawton-Smith collected 19 waypoints, but couldn't get the badly starting Sunbeam to the finish. Hannah Carthew's DT250 just refused to run properly – a fuel problem was suspected, but couldn't be fixed. Oliver Tomlinson on the Can-Am eventually found his problem – ignition wires frayed from rubbing against the tank. He was given great assistance and the use of a garage from a friendly local. Love to know who you were.

THE ROUTE

We calculate that the shortest route to visit all 30 points was 196 miles and the shortest route for a gold medal was around 150 miles. A good day's ride on older bikes on a mixture of roads – most of them slow! The most visited waypoints were 6 - Clencher's Mill Ford and 13 - Marcle Ridge at the Junction of Lyndhalls Lane and Lyne Down. The least visited were 19 the watersplash at Olchon Brook high up on the Black Mountains and 28 the

4 way junction between Clifton and Whitbourne. It seems that everyone who visited 19 chose the watersplash and not the road. This is Oliver Tomlinsons view from his Can-Am.



We were delighted that entrants found the more remote and beautiful places in the county – the land that time forgot. This remote spot is waypoint 5 - Cinders Lane on the gated road section. An amazing 23 machines passed through here, probably doubling the annual road usage!



Codeboards seemed easy to find – if you were in the right place, with the exception of waypoint 29, overlooking Ludlow Castle. Someone took it down from the tree and then later took down the

replacement board. We received no complaints from the public. There were no incidents and all the codeboards were collected in by Monday evening.

THE CARDINAL POINTS

All 4 of the cardinal points were pleased to have our business and provided good service to the events. The Lion at Leintwardine was very popular for lunch.



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If you collected for the Hospice, can you let us know how much you raised.

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Thanks are also due to Simon Holden who printed the results sheets, How Caple Grange for allowing us to use their car park, to Terry Pickering, who kindly lent us the recovery vehicle – which no-one needed to use and to Alan Reed who drove it – or more accurately didn't drive it. Richard Hale and Hume Fairholme kindly volunteered to put up codeboards. Hugo Wilson of Bike Magazine and

Chris Bartrop helped with pre-event publicity. Ian Botham and Giles Willison of the VMCC provided invaluable information and support at the outset and ensured that we stayed on the right side of the law. My neighbour Tony gave up his Sunday morning ride to help out at the start and last but by no means least, my wife Maggie put up with the mess, the disruption, my mood swings and even found time to help with the admin.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO CLIPS

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NEXT YEAR

Following the very positive feedback, we intend to run **Herefordshire on the Edge 2017** on Sunday June 25th. The event will follow a similar format to 2016. Put the date in your diary and tell your friends. It would be wonderful to have 100 machines.