



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to issue 1 of the event newsletter. It is sent only to those who have previously 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.**

6th EDITION

Welcome to the 6th running of “[Herefordshire on the Edge](#)”, which will be held on **Sunday June 26th 2022**. In addition to this newsletter, you should have received a set of regulations and an entry form. If you haven't received these, please email me at the address above. We will be delighted to see all of you who have entered before and hope that those of you who haven't yet entered will do so in 2022.

COVID

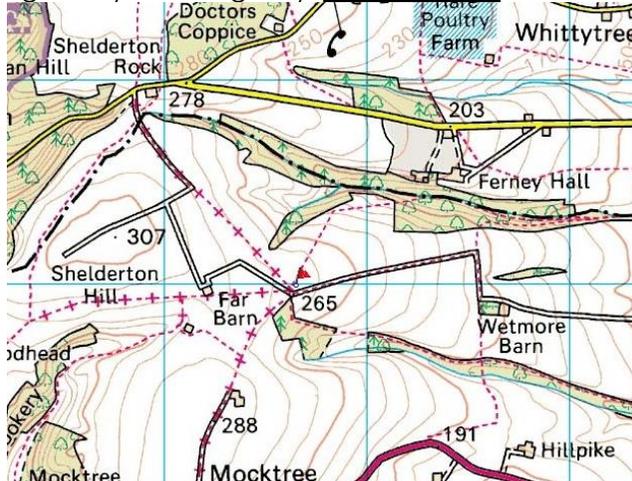
It would appear that the new national approach is to live with the dreaded virus, so there is a high probability that we will be able to hold the event in the same way it has been held in previous years. If that is not possible and the event has to be cancelled before June 24th, we will return any entry fees in full.

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

“[Herefordshire on the Edge 22](#)” – is an enjoyable, full day event for 2 or 3 wheelers. It will challenge entrants' riding and navigation skills and test their

machines over a wide range of surfaced roads. The 6th running of this unique event provides entrants with the opportunity to explore some remote and beautiful corners of one of Britain's most scenic, most historic, but least visited counties.

The locations of 24 waypoints, spaced at roughly 5 mile intervals on and around the borders of Herefordshire will be published two weeks before the event, in the form of post codes, 6 figure grid references, DMM map co-ordinates and “*what three words*”. You simply plan and follow a route to visit as many of these waypoints as you choose. You are welcome to use maps, satnavs or any other system you feel comfortable with. There is no right way or wrong way, **just your way!**



TWO START/FINISH POINTS.

Once again there are 2 start/finish points. You may choose either, but you must start and finish at the same point to qualify for an award.

- The Southern Start/Finish will be located at the Travellers Rest HR9 7QJ, on the outskirts of the beautiful market town of Ross-on-Wye.
- The Northern Start/Finish will again be based at The Lion Hotel, Leintwardine SY7 0JZ.

In the event that these venues are unable to open normally (see COVID), we will be able to manage the start/finish admin in gazebos, at or close to these locations.

ANYTHING NEW FOR '22?

The basic structure of the event remains the same, with any changes being minor and based on entrants experiences and feedback. We will of course have some new and interesting roads to ride and places to visit whilst retaining the old favourites.

“150” AWARD

Following its highly successful introduction in 2021, the 150 award will be continued in 2022. In addition to whatever event award you receive, if



the combined age of you and your machine totals 150 or more, you will automatically receive the 150 award conditional upon you visiting all the cardinal points and arriving at the finish control before it closes.

“50” AWARD

In the same way we aim to encourage older riders on older machinery, we would be delighted to see younger riders on newer machinery (but still at least 25 years old). To that end we will make a special award when the age of the rider and machine equals 50 or less. As per the above, the “50” award will be made in addition to any event award and is conditional upon you visiting all the cardinal points and arriving at the finish control before it closes.

HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE “RAGGED EDGE”

For the ambitious, four of the waypoints will have **alternative** locations, sited on non-damaging unsurfaced roads and possibly involving a water splash. In normal summer conditions these will be passable on road tyres with care (and some skill). You may choose to visit any or all of these alternative waypoints as you wish. Entrants visiting all 4 qualify for a **“Herefordshire on the Ragged Edge”** ribbon in addition to any other award they may earn. NB these waypoints are **alternatives** and not additional. It will be quite clear when the route instructions are issued, where these alternative waypoints are. There is absolutely no penalty for not visiting these alternative waypoints.



All other awards are detailed in the “Regulations”

ACCOMODATION

For those travelling from afar to the event, we would strongly recommend staying at the Lion at Leintwardine. Set in beautiful surroundings on the banks of the river Teme, in the picturesque village of Leintwardine, this quiet country inn with its riverside gardens is the perfect place to unwind, enjoy a drink or dinner, as well as being in an excellent position for exploring the delights of North Herefordshire, South Shropshire and the wonderful historic town of Ludlow.



There are only a few rooms available, so please book early.

<http://www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk/home>

Accommodation is available at the Southern start at the Premier Inn, which is on the same site as the Travellers Rest - Ledbury Road, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7QJ.



To make a booking, use their website. Their normal rates apply. Whilst they have a lot of rooms, early booking is recommended. They sold out in 2021! There are of course other hotels, guest houses B&Bs and camp sites in the area. We recommend exploring the “Visit Herefordshire” website, which has a directory of local accommodation

<https://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/>

Unfortunately, we are not able to act as a booking agent. All arrangements for cancellation charges

are made between the hotels and the guest. We regret that, **“Herefordshire on the Edge 22”** can take no responsibility for these charges.

WHY NOT MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT?

If you fancy making a full weekend of, **“Herefordshire on the Edge 22”**, we will be arranging rides starting from Built Wells and from Ross-on-Wye on Saturday June 25th. Experienced local section members will lead the rides and route maps will be provided. There is no charge for these additional rides and no need to register in advance.

The market towns of Hay-on-Wye, Ross-on-Wye, Ledbury and Ludlow will reward time spent and a walk on the wonderful Malvern Hills may be the ideal preparation for Sunday's ride. Bromyard Gala takes place on the same weekend. This long-running traditional country show has something for everybody (even a display of old motorcycles!)



THE MACHINES AND THEIR RIDERS

In 2021, 103 machines were entered, including ten 3-wheelers, a healthy increase over 2019. Forty

nine machines were of British origin and 26 Japanese. We were delighted to welcome 30 different marques. Honda proved the most popular with 15, closely followed by Lambretta with 10. Norton, Triumph and BSA, each with 8 entries were the most popular of the British Marques.



Average age of the machines was 52 with the oldest being Peter Cottrell's 107 year old Humber.



The average age of the riders was 64 and our youngest entrant, Harley MT350 mounted Jack England - a mere child of 30!



Our oldest rider, (who shall remain anonymous), was born in 1939, took a bronze and vows to be back this year on a smaller bike.



Average machine capacity was a lumpen 533cc. We didn't see any British "go-to-work" 2-strokes last year, not a single Bantam, Excelsior, James or Francis Barnett. Please have a look in your shed,

you must have one somewhere. Where are you moped riders and step-thru fans? Remember for 2022 - "Small is beautiful".

Statistics show that this event seems to suit 2 and 3 wheeled machines of all eras, marques and capacities.....so, If you're wondering if your bike is suitable, then whatever it is, **the answer is definitely yes!**

PHOTOS AND HISTORY OF YOUR BIKE

When you enter, please don't be shy in sending us pictures of your machine. Send old pictures if you have them – Box Brownie specials would be great.



Let's see some loon pants, some brothel creepers, or leather jackets, silk scarves and submariner's socks. Let's see some berets, some flying helmets, army greatcoats and flat caps. Let's see kipper ties and platform

shoes, Parkas and Hush Puppies.

If all else fails, drag your pride and joy out into the sunshine and point your mobile phone at it!

HISTORY

If you know anything of the history of your machine, then please share it with us. Is it the only one



of its kind in the world? Is it the only one of its kind in Brecon? Is it the first one made or indeed the last one made? Have you owned it since new, did you



pay half a crown for it, or did you swap it for a bloater paste sandwich? What may be dull and familiar to you is often captivating to others. We need this information for our newsletters and press releases. I can't promise to publish everything, but I will do my best.

WESTERN REGION ROAD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Western Region Road Trial Championship will take place this year. The format will be the same as before, with points awarded to entrants in each qualifying event. The championship will be using its traditional classes, veteran, vintage, post-vintage, post-war, post '60 or classic and post '75 or modern.

The qualifying events are:

Events in bold type are confirmed.

April 2nd & 3rd	Cheddar Weekend
April 9th & 10th	Felix Burk Weekend
May 22nd	White Horse Trial (Wilts)
May 22nd	Black Mountain Trial
June 26th	Herefordshire on the Edge 2022
July 9th & 10th	Flat-Tank Cotswold Weekend
Aug 7th (Sun)	Somerset Signpost Rally
August 13th (Sat)	Cotswold Signpost Rally
September 11th	Vale of Glamorgan
Sept 16th – 18th	Saundersfoot Weekend
September 25th	Levis Trial

There is no requirement to formally enter the Championship. Entering any of the events automatically enrolls you.

If you would like more information on any events in this excellent championship, contact Robert

Rendell by email at ear@globalnet.co.uk or phone him on 01452 863470.

SECTION WEBSITE



The Herefordshire and Mid-Wales Section website can be found by following the link below. There is a whole section devoted to the history of **Herefordshire on the Edge** including past results and lots of pictures. You can also download the 2022 Regulations and Entry Forms from it. We will publish all updates and other information on the 2022 event to the website as well as in the event Newsletter.

<https://herefordmidwalesvmcc.org/events-calendar/>

CWMPAS

Introduced in 2020 as a substitute for the COVID hit **Herefordshire on the Edge**, **CWMPAS** was run again in 2021, proving so popular that there will be an event in 2022, centred, as usual on Mid-Wales.



Cwmpas '22 will be open from April 15th (Good Friday) until Oct 5th and waypoint information will be available on our website at least 2 weeks prior to opening and will be mailed directly to all

those on our mailing list. Event stickers, badges and certificates will be awarded as usual.

VMCC MEMBERSHIP

Herefordshire on the Edge 2022, is organised by the Herefordshire and Mid-Wales section of the VMCC and would normally be limited to VMCC Members only.

Non-members are invited to take part, in order to see at first-hand what the VMCC is all about. If you are not a member, we hope that our event will



provide a good reason to join us. Anyone joining the VMCC on the day will have their non-member's entry premium of £6 refunded.

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Since the first event in 2016, entrants have raised funds for our wonderful Herefordshire Charity – The St Michael's Hospice.



We would be delighted if you chose to support the charity. You can find all the information you need on their website. Please tell us if you

have collected for the Hospice.

<http://www.stmichaels-hospice.org.uk/>

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