



## 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.

### HERE WE ARE AGAIN

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> running of "Herefordshire on the Edge". In addition to this newsletter, you should have received a set of regulations and an entry form. If you haven't, then email me at the address above and I will send them to you immediately.



### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2018 TWO START/FINISH POINTS.

You may choose either, but you must start and finish at the same point to qualify for an award.

- The usual Start/Finish at the Travellers rest on the outskirts of Ross-on-Wye HR9 7QJ is retained, and will now be known as the Southern Start/Finish
- A new Northern Start/Finish has been added at The Lion Hotel, Leintwardine SY7 0JZ.
- If you are resident at either of these hotels then you are eligible for free parking all day.

### ACCOMODATION PACKAGE

For those travelling from afar to the event, we have been able to organise a special price for either B&B or half board for entrants staying 2 or more nights at the Lion. Set in stunning surroundings on the banks of the river Teme, in the picturesque village of Leintwardine, this quiet country Inn 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 renowned town of Ludlow. There are only a few rooms available, so please book early. Take a look at the Lion's website

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

For one night stays at the Lion, the usual rates apply.



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. To make a booking, use their website. Their normal rates apply. Whilst they have a lot of rooms, early booking is recommended.



There are of course other hotels and guest houses in the area, just use the usual websites to search. Unfortunately, we are not able to act as a booking agent.

### HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE "RAGGED EDGE"

For the ambitious and those who have done the event before, at least 4 of the waypoints will have alternative locations, sited on non-damaging unsurfaced roads and possibly involving a water splash. In normal summer conditions they will be passable with care (and some skill) on road tyres. 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**" badge **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.

### SOME NEW ROADS AND WAYPOINTS

To keep the event fresh, we will have some completely new places to visit for this year and in addition, we will change the location of a number of the traditional waypoints to tempt you down some different roads. The Cardinal points will remain the same.

## THE BIKES AND RIDERS

We had 21 different marques entered in last year's event, the most popular being BSA with 10, followed by Honda and Royal Enfield with 7 and Triumph with 6. There were 39 Brit bikes (excluding the 3 Indian Enfields), 18 Japanese and only 4 Italian machines. Two 3-wheelers entered alongside 64 solos. A somewhat surprising 12 pillion/passengers started. Just two ladies entered. I guess the rest were at home knitting!

Average age of machines was 47 and average capacity a portly 499 cc! Smallest bike was Simon Taylor's 49cc Honda Camino – Hope to see you and the Camino again this year Simon. Not a single scooter in sight. It would be great to see some this year. Canine sidecar passengers were conspicuous by their absence.



## PHOTOS AND HISTORY OF YOUR BIKE

When you enter, please don't be shy in sending me pictures of your machine. Send me old pictures if you have them – Box Brownie specials would be great. Let's see some flares, some leather jackets, some teddy boys, silk scarves and submariner's socks. Let's see some flying helmets, some army greatcoats and flat caps. Let's see some kipper ties and platforms. Parkas and Hush Puppies. Don't forget the nice shiny pictures of your meticulously

restored money pit. Before and after pics are ideal. If all else fails drag it out into the sunshine and point your mobile phone at it! If you know anything of the history, please let me have it. Is it the only one of its kind in the world? Is it the only one of its kind in Ledbury? Is it the first one made or indeed the last one made? Have you owned it since new, did you pay 2/- for it, or swap it for a bloater paste sandwich? Was it once owned by a 3 fingered butcher from Barnstaple? Does it have the unusual woggle sprocket that was only fitted to 1876 left hand drive models? Has it done the Giro D'Italia? Were you or your children conceived in the sidecar? Was it .....none of the above? What may be dull and familiar to you is often captivating to others. We need this for our newsletters and press releases. I can't promise to publish everything, but I will do my best. Here's my favourite from last year – Feel the sheer joy of riding. Thank you David Malcomson.



## ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

A number of 2017 entrants raised funds for our wonderful Herefordshire Charity – The **St Michael's Hospice**. In addition, we collected donations of £70 on the day! If you would like 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.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/>  
**WESTERN REGION ROAD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
As per 2017, "**Herefordshire on the Edge**" is a qualifying event in the 13 round WRRTC. Each of the events has its own unique character and presents a great opportunity to ride your bike in some great parts of our country. We will publish a full list of events in the next newsletter, if you would like more information, you can contact Robert Rendell by email at [ear@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:ear@globalnet.co.uk)

## VMCC MEMBERSHIP

Herefordshire on the Edge 2018, is organised by the Herefordshire 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 give good reason to join us. Anyone joining the VMCC on the day will have their non-member's entry premium refunded.



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