



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to issue 2 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.

ENTRIES

A good start to entries, we are already more than half-way to our target of 100 and ahead of the same time last year. We have seen entries from many old friends as well as a number of new faces. Many of you who won't be able to make it this year have sent their best wishes, which are really appreciated.

We will accept entries on the day, but there is a small premium of £5 per vehicle.

NEW FOR 2019

Subject to final confirmation, we have received rarely granted permission to use the wonderful Eastnor Park estate road, which runs from the A449 just west of British camp down to the Main entrance to Eastnor Castle on the A438. This road is largely gravel topped, but is perfectly rideable on any bike on road tyres.

ELECTRONIC "ON LINE" ENTRIES

Almost 60% of the entries have been received electronically. BACS payments are still in the majority, but an increasing number of you have

used PayPal. The good "old-fashioned" stamp, cheque and envelope is, of course, perfectly acceptable. If you have entered and not received a brief email, confirming your acceptance, please contact us on herefordvmcc@outlook.com

TWO START/FINISH POINTS.

About 40% have chosen to start at Leintwardine, with the remainder at Ross-on-Wye. You may choose either, but you must start and finish at the same point to qualify for an award. You can change your start/finish point, but no later than Friday June 21st.

ACCOMODATION

The Lion at Leintwardine is fully booked, although it may be worth ringing them to check for cancellations 01547 540203. The nearby historic town of Ludlow is hugely popular with visitors and has become something of a food capital for the Midlands and Borders. There are some wonderful restaurants and plenty of good accommodation. Why not make a long weekend of it? Ludlow town centre to the start at Leintwardine is about 9 miles.



Accommodation is still 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. If they are

full, the beautiful historic market town of Ross-on-Wye has a wide range of accommodation and is a great place to spend some time. Ross centre to the start is about 2 miles



HEREFORDSHIRE ON THE "RAGGED EDGE"

We will be using some new waypoints this year, but the basic principles will remain the same.

- At least 4 of the waypoints will have alternative locations, sited on non-damaging unsurfaced legal rights of way.
- These are the "Ragged Edge" waypoints.
- They are **alternative** waypoints and not additional.
- Some waypoints may involve a water splash or Ford.
- Entrants choosing to visit all 4 of these alternative waypoints qualify for a "Herefordshire on the Ragged Edge" badge in addition to any other award they may earn.

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 have already seen a significant increase in older bikes this year, we have 5 "Banbury" eligible bikes entered and a total of 12 Pre-World War 2 machines. It's so good to see riders of these older bikes taking up the challenge. The Sumner family's 1928 Model 7 New Imperial - "Chuffa" to his friends will be making his 4th appearance and will be hoping to better his 2016 Bronze medal.



Neil Kerr's 1937 Rudge Special will be making its debut – it looks very capable with proper brakes that look as if they might actually work.



Of the newer machines, Steve Leech's 1986 Kawasaki GPZ 600R – seen here at the Pepper Mill

waypoint last year – looks like a handy tool for the job. He will be hoping to repeat his "Ragged Edge" Gold medal ride of 2018.



The average age of machines entered is 55 and the average age of the riders is an impressive 64! Average engine capacity is a rather portly 466cc. We have three 3-wheelers. But no scooters or mopeds yet. Smallest bike is Rob Holidays Honda MTX 125. Don't think you need to bring a big bike. Gold medals have been won on all shapes, sizes and configurations. As a general rule – "Smaller is better".

PHOTOS AND HISTORY OF YOUR BIKE

When you enter, please don't be shy in sending me pictures of your machine and don't forget to include a few details of its history. I can't promise to publish everything, but I will do my best.

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

A number of 2018 entrants raised funds for our wonderful Herefordshire Charity – The **St Michael's Hospice**. In addition, we collected donations of £25 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/>

PROMOTING THE EVENT

Whilst we are advertising and promoting the event far and wide, the best form of advertising is personal recommendation. If you have enjoyed the event and would like to see it grow and prosper, then please circulate the Regulations, Entry forms and Newsletters to your friends. An event poster has been sent to you with this newsletter. Why not circulate it, or print it off and stick it on the noticeboards of your local bike shop? You'll also find an entry form and regs attached to the email – feel free to pass them on too.

VMCC MEMBERSHIP

Herefordshire on the Edge 2019, 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 of £6 refunded.



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