



NEWSLETTER

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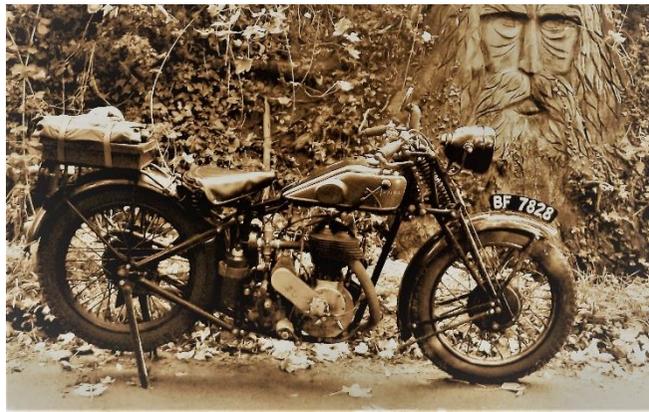
Welcome to issue 2 of the event newsletter. It is sent only to those who have previously entered, those who have expressed an interest in entering and event supporters. If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please let me know.

GOOD START FOR ENTRIES

Entries have been flowing in nicely with more than 30 received already, featuring a good mix of regulars and first-timers. We have 4 pre-war bikes, including this well used and purposeful looking 1936 Scott Flying Squirrel.



Average age of the bikes is 56 – a little younger than their riders, who average 60. The oldest bike is Steve Sumner's 1926 'S26 BSA. You may remember Steve's heroic and ultimately unsuccessful struggle to prepare the bike for the 2017 event. Let's hope he makes it this time. His lovely 1928 New Imperial will be in the safe hands of son Andrew.



HIS AND HERS NORTONS!

We are delighted to have received entries from Staffordshire's Sandy Johnson and David Kington on their Norton Commandos. Sandy's "pretty in purple" bike is a 1971 model.



David's well equipped roadster is from 1972.



THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YELLOW!

Maybe it's just me, but I do like a yellow bike. We had a great looking Ducati Street Scrambler last year and this year Derby's Colin and Dianne Davis have entered this eye catching 1958 650cc Super Rocket. Was it a standard colour for '58?



Only one 3 wheeler so far – the Citroen special of Pete and Jan Howells – Gold medal winners in 2016 and 2017. No scooters and no tiddlers yet, everyone seems convinced bigger is better - avge capacity is 497cc! We know better of course!!

NEW FOR 2018

TWO START/FINISH POINTS.

Definitely a success, with almost half opting for the Northern start at Leintwardine. You may choose either, but you must start and finish at the same point to qualify for an award.

ACCOMODATION PACKAGES

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 beautiful 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 historic town of Ludlow. There are only a few rooms available, so please book early and don't forget to mention the event to get your discount. For one night stays at the Lion, the usual rates apply. <http://www.thelionleintwardine.co.uk/home>

Accommodation is also 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"

We have now selected the 4 alternative waypoints. Entrants visiting all of these "off tarmac" waypoints 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 are **absolutely no penalties** for not visiting these alternative waypoints.

ELECTRONIC "ON LINE" ENTRIES

Almost 2/3 of the entries have been received this way, although only a handful have paid by PayPal. It does seem easier for everyone, but you are of course still welcome to pay by cheque and "snail mail". Don't forget to send us pictures of your machine and a few notes on great moments in its history.

RIFF-RAFF

Sadly, the event has attracted some undesirable elements including south American money launderers. A Mr Baraona, claiming to live in Derbyshire, tendered his payment in Argentinian Pesos. I believe the staple which attached it to the entry has a higher scrap value than the banknote!



Please accept this fine Argentinian currency as full & final payment of any outstanding dues.

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,

- 8th April - Felix Burke Trial (North Cotswold Section)
- 15th April - Cheddar Trial
- 29th April - Moonraker Trial
- 20th May - Cotswold Signpost Rally
- 10th June - Black Mountain Trial (WS Wales Section)
- 23rd June - Flat Tank Trial (Gloucestershire)
- 24th June, - Herefordshire on the Edge
- 1st July - White Horse Trial (West Wilts Section)
- 15th July - Cotswold Weekend Trial
- 5th August - Somerset Signpost Rally
- 19th August - Vale of Glamorgan Trial (S Wales Section)
- 14th to 16th September - Saundersfoot weekend (WS Wales Section)
- 30th September - Levis Trial (N Birmingham Section)

If you would like more information, you can contact Robert Rendell by email at ear@globalnet.co.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?

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. Anyone joining the VMCC on the day will have their non-member's entry premium refunded.



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