



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to issue 3 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 and I will remove you immediately.**

GOOD START FOR ENTRIES

With a month still to go, we are well over half-way to our target of 100 entries with a great mix of machinery. We have 7 pre- WWII bikes, including Terry Pickering's rare and beautiful 1928 twin port OHC 350 cc Humber Sport, which will proudly carry the #1 plate. It is probable that there are only 4 survivors in the UK and this is the only one that is actually running.



Average age of the bikes is 51 – a little younger than their riders, who average 61. The oldest bike is still Steve Sumner's 1926 'S26 BSA. After 3 years of trying, we welcome, not 1, but 4 Lambrettas to the event!

Mark Layton's classic understated TV175 is one of three similar models. Perhaps we might see a Vespa or an eccentric rarity like a Triumph Tina, a Maicoletta or a Heinkel Tourist



IF IT'S ITALIAN IT MUST BE RED!



Simon McCarthy's 1970 Nuovo Falcone looks sharp in its red livery – we are more used to seeing these bikes in police blue or military drab. Jeremy Atkinson managed a Gold medal on his in 2017

MORE WHEELS THAN STRICTLY NECESSARY

Keeping company with Pete and Jan Howells, Gold medal winner from last year - Linda Johnston returns with her Lomax and Bewdley's David Malcomson forsakes his usual solo for an arm wrestle with his 1955 Norton 19S. Brave man!



A staggering 27 different marques are entered. Honda lead the way with 8, closely followed by BSA. Average engine capacity is still a meaty 482cc! Where are the mopeds and the step-thrus? Not a single British 2-stroke in sight. Ride yours now before "stinkwheels" are banned altogether!

NORTH V SOUTH

Offering a choice of start points has proved very popular, with more than 40% of entrants opting for the new Northern start at the Lion at Leintwardine Both venues will be providing breakfasts, but you will need to book. Details will be included in the final instructions.

PLANNING AND FOLLOWING YOUR ROUTE

To give ample time for planning, the precise location of the 32 "Waypoints" will be emailed to all entrants on June 10th, There is no right, or indeed wrong, way to plan and follow the route, but the

better prepared you are, the more enjoyable the day will be and the more **"Waypoints"** you will reach. We identify the **"Waypoints"** in 4 different ways. You may use any or any combination of these to locate the waypoints.

Ordnance Survey Grid References – 6 figure grid references. These can only be expected to place you in a 100 metre square. They have been plotted from 1:50,000 Landranger series maps

Postcodes – These can range in accuracy from very precise to very imprecise, particularly in rural areas. In open country it is not unusual for the postcode to be several hundred yards from the waypoint. So treat postcode locations with caution.

DMM co-ordinates (degrees and decimal minutes). These are expressions of latitude and longitude and are the most accurate of the descriptions. They can be used in "Google Maps", "Google Earth" and many satnavs.

Descriptions – you will not be able to identify the waypoints by these alone. They are there to provide you with comfort and confirmation. If the description really doesn't support your map reference or DMM co-ordinate, then you are probably in the wrong place!

SATNAVS (including mobile Apps) - You are welcome to use a Satnav. The latest versions allow whole routes to be programmed in. Be sure you have a suitable power source and that you have a "weatherproof" unit, although, of course, **it will not rain this year!** If you are considering a mounting system for your Satnav, you might like to look at the RAM range of products.

1:50,000 ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

Not the only way to plan the best route, but they will definitely make your planning more effective and help you to find the best roads. If you intend to achieve Gold standard, **you will need the following maps 137, 148, 149, 150, 161 and 162** To make the event as affordable as possible, we've negotiated an additional 5% discount for section members and for entrants to **"Herefordshire on the Edge"** with Dash 4 it - the "on-line" map seller.

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Simply use code **VMCC** at checkout which will automatically take the 5% off. This will make a standard OS Landranger or OS Explorer map just £6.29. (current RRP £8.99) <https://dash4it.co.uk/>

FOLLOWING YOUR ROUTE

Tank bags with "see-thru" panels are simple and effective, or you might like to try a "ROUTE ROLLER" or "ROUTE HOLDER". Simple to use – A4 sheets just slip between the clear plastic sleeves to provide reasonable weather protection



They clip to 7/8" or 1" bars and are easy to take on and off the bike. Available from the VMCC shop for £25 inc. P&P, but disappointingly available from other places for substantially less!



2016 & 2017 Gold medal winner John Munday uses laminated OS map sections, enlarged to make them easy to read. He fabricated this little lectern arrangement from bits and pieces he found in his shed and some handlebar "mirror mounts" found on eBay. I do like a bit of "Shed Art"

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.

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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