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LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A WEEKEND AWAY IN EXMOOR – JUNE 2016

Accommodation



The Raleigh's Cross Inn proved to be a good base for the trip being on the southern edge of Exmoor away from busy A routes yet well served by some excellent B roads which provided good access in all directions. Cost was reasonable, rooms comfortable, food acceptable and staff friendly. As is often the case, a few minor tweaks would have lifted it into the next category. Everyone remarked on the creaking floors, cursed the lamentable flow rate and uncontrollable temperature of

the over-bath showers, shook their heads in disbelief at the food/drink ordering system and fought a losing battle with the toast conveyor every breakfast time. Once we had adapted though, we settled into a routine of riding in the day, parking up in the evening and enjoying some good company.

People



Eight bikes and 12 people were booked in; unfortunately, John and Lynda weren't able to make the trip as he had an offer from the NHS which proved too tempting! To miss the trip to Germany last year was hard enough to take but to have to

do so again must have been truly devastating. One of the great aspects of the trip was the flexibility it gave for people to either join in with the group or 'do their own thing'; sometimes by design and sometimes inadvertently!



Technology

Modern communication devices are a great way to keep in touch and we duly had each other's details in our 'phones for such an eventuality. The big flaw (isn't hindsight a wonderful thing?) being that it relies on a reliable signal for both parties - needless to say, signal strength proved to be inversely proportional to

the importance of the call. As if that were not enough, I decided to rely heavily on satnav route mapping and direction. The locals were often bemused to see us travelling first one way then another a few minutes later as we U-turned in response to Mrs Garmin in my ear. Note to self: don't take everything she says literally, especially when it contradicts the picture on the screen and the road ahead. It really did show the sense and simplicity of the drop-off system, where a rider is always at the next junction waiting for any followers. Maybe next year?

Roads

Journeys down to Somerset and back proved a mixed bag with the M5 being busy on the way down causing us to try the A38 on the return. Probably not a wise choice given that the Bristol triathlon was in full swing and diversion signs were scarce – there's another hour of my life lost in useless pursuit. We did, however, find some absolutely glorious roads which alternately enthralled and challenged us. We saw more gravel, grass and wildlife in the roads than Bigfoot could shake a stick at. The toll road down to Porlock Weir was particularly noteworthy for its potholes, loose surfaces and unnecessary speed bumps. We found bridges, a reservoir, a ford, high-hedged lanes, moors, wooded valleys and all of it largely traffic free. Superb.

Places



Life is not always about the ride, sometimes we stopped for rest and refreshment and again we were fortunate in our choices. Dunster is a charming medieval town overlooked by its castle; two hours there is nowhere near enough and I've marked it down for a future visit.

Lynmouth was even more of a honey pot (tourists seem to stray very little from the A39) but definitely worth a visit. We even met a friendly parking warden!



Pleasant little tea shops abound, some within charming villages like Withypool.

Days = 3
Miles = 424
Fuel = 30 litres (64 mpg)



BIGFOOTS RAMBLINGS



Where have all the run leaders gone, are we getting too old to ride our bikes? No, we're not, so come on people and fill in some gaps for us. Mays mid-week meet went well despite the awful weather forecast. 15 of us turned up at the Powis Arms in full waterproofs only to get a few spots of rain.

Terry's run to the train was a good day out. A decent turnout, good company and scenery. Thank you Terry, now all you need is to get the weather as good for the 25 year anniversary run.

The next day being nice and sunny I took the Ariel for a 180 mile bumble through the hills and valleys of mid Wales. I must say, there is something good about riding a British bike through the wonderful scenery we are blessed with in our area.

I went out with the Worcester Section of the VMCC again, on the Ariel on their Welsh Lakes run. A lovely day with a good mix of bikes from Ariel to Vincent Series C Rapide including Honda, MZ and Yamaha.

We had another good Club night, picked up one new member and possibly a second. At the last 2 Club nights we have now got at least 6 new members.

My Classic run started off dull and damp for the 7 of us that started from Hereford but by the time we reached Bronllys it had brightened up and we ended up having a very pleasant ride through the Brecon Beacons. We had 2 hard luck stories. No 1, Dave Therins Moto Guzzi V50 obviously didn't want to play that day. By the time we got to Bronllys he had lost most of the electrics. By dinner time the top box was trying to make a break for freedom. Finally the zip on his jacket jammed. Not his best day but he was still smiling at the end of the day. No 2 was John and Sue Peters not making the run as the front brake pipes on the BMW decided to start leaking. They met us at the end of the run on the Harley instead.

Don't forget, July 6th is Open Night. Any help to set up will be gratefully received. 3pm at The Bush and from 6.30 on the night. Let's hope the weather God is on our side.

Ride safe
(Bigfoot).

CHRIS'S AND RON'S COMMENTS



No Comments from Ron & Chris this month as they are on a well-earned holiday and hopefully having a great time. Having done the picture I thought it would be a shame not to share it and to give a final reminder about the Pembridge Village Show on Saturday 30th July with free entry to all Club members who come on a motorcycle. All the normal village show attractions plus Trotting Races, various food outlets, a beer tent and a craft tent. Ron & Chris look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Moore

COMMITTEE UPDATE



Not so much fly on the wall but hearsay this time as I was away on holiday and missed the meeting. Nevertheless, the minutes give an insight into what transpired and here's my interpretation.

Firstly, I had promised to let you know what came of the plans for raising extra cash at next year's Withington Show but as things have not yet been quite sorted I'll hold this over to next time. Rest assured the event is free, and always will be (apologies to Mr Zuckerberg). Final figure to each charity was £755.12.

Two good runs had been held (Will's and Terry's) and members clearly relish the opportunity to get out and about and it doesn't seem to matter whether the trip is to somewhere visited previously or to a completely new venue, perhaps by an unfamiliar route. Looking at the diary of events shows a few gaps this year and the reasons for this were explored. The obvious answer is that fewer runs are being organised by 'the regulars' without newcomers filling the void. It was encouraging to note (from *facebook*) that self-arranged runs were taking place between small(ish) groups and being thoroughly enjoyed. One of the great things about this is that you go where, when and how you like and supplement the opportunities to get out and about; I never thought I'd say this, but, for some things, *facebook* is your friend. Whenever there is a Sunday run 'gap' we advocate turning up at Queenswood to see who else arrives and do an 'impromptu run'. Nothing's ever simple, though and it's easy for those familiar with doing routes to forget the difficulties first-timers face. To this end it was agreed to collate some of the ideas from the many excellent runs we've had over the years and produce a selection of 'standard runs' which would be made available (either to download or printed hand-outs) to help kick-start others either to do impromptu runs or, hopefully, to provide a starting point of ideas for anyone to put on a run for everyone to enjoy. I'll knock up a few to start us off but to be honest new people and fresh ideas are vital to keep us alive.

Finances are healthy with the business account at £2,592 and deposit account £2,228 with membership at 163; the raffle raised £51 for charity. Only major expenditure was £16 to fix a broken leg - on the gazebo!

Coming up we have the Open Night on 7th July and preparations are well under way: the hog roast is booked (yes, crackling), set-up planned, judges in place and rosettes sorted. I'll give more info into the background of this event next time. Some have mentioned the poster format is looking a bit tired and due for a re-vamp for next year – ideas welcome.

There was a rather enigmatic entry in the minutes that said, "Why do we have formal meetings? Could it be run by *facebook* etc". Not having been party to the discussion I can only wonder whether it referred to committee meetings, club nights or whatever. As an advocate of social intercourse (beware predictive text!) face-to-face rather than through electronic media, this makes me stop and question my own reasoning and to recognise the value of others' ideas, especially as I said earlier that fresh ideas are vital to keep us alive! More info on this next time.

Vice grip

MOORE MUTTERINGS:



Finally, after dealing with the expected and far too many unexpected problems associated with the purchase of a 10 year old motorcycle for competition use, Bobs Triumph Speed Four was race ready. Saturday at some unreasonably early hour of the morning we set off for Gurston Down, a speed hillclimb near Salisbury for the Tony Marsh Memorial Midsummer Speed Fest, a car hillclimb where the motorcycles are an invited feature.

Bob was entered in the Road Legal class of the NHCA championship which this meeting included MV Augusta, Suzuki GSXR, Triumph 955 and one of the men to beat, ex LCMCC member and BSA owner Andy Greenhouse from Hereford on an Aprilia Tuona. Final sum up of the day was “went from useless to not good but great fun and a good starting point on a new bike”.

(Sue Moore, email: bobandsuiz@hotmail.co.uk).

WELSH NATIONAL RALLY 2016

I have enjoyed riding the Welsh National Rally many times since the early 1990's. Back then to achieve a gold award it was necessary to ride through the night, but these days the event takes place on Saturday only. I have not been aware of riders from our club taking part other than the late Trevor Hunt who was there every year I did it and was well known to all the organisers and regular riders.

The Rally takes place on the second Saturday of May every year and two weeks before the event you receive the final instructions, an outline map of Wales with 46 locations marked and a list of towns and villages corresponding to those places. This enables you to plan a route to the places you wish to visit in order to achieve the award you are aiming for. This year I decided to ride for a gold award so I planned a route to visit 12 unmanned controls and the 3 manned checkpoints required to do this. The start and finish is at Castle Caerinion near Welshpool and I selected a route to go around North Wales as I prefer to ride there rather than to the South.

Arriving at the Community Hall about 8am I signed on and collected the list of questions that relate to the unmanned controls. These enable you to visit the controls you have selected for your route and find the answer needed which you enter on your control card against the location. I took the opportunity to have an egg and bacon roll and a cuppa and absorbed the buzz as riders set off or made last minute preparations.

I set off heading West to my first control at Dinnas Mawddwy as an anti-clockwise route would enable me to reach the three manned controls quite early in the day. These have a closing time of 6pm so if you leave them late and do not make good progress through the day you can find yourself running out of time. I continued towards Tywyn and up the coast to Fairbourne, my first manned control where my card was stamped and I was logged in. Onward and Northward via a couple more unmanned controls and into my second manned control at Dinas Dinlle otherwise known as Caernarfon airport! I took the opportunity to visit the café and another cuppa and a cake was enjoyed, refuelling is so important.

My ride continued through Snowdonia steadily filling in the answers at different checkpoints. There were of course, plenty of bikes around and often the location of the control was easily seen because of the group of riders around it. This year's most popular bike seemed to be the Triumph Explorer 800 although all kinds of bike were taking part, old and new, big and small. The weather had been good so far, but when I was having some lunch in Betws Y Coed there was a shower which had passed by the time I was ready to leave,

good timing I thought. Another control ticked off at Pandy Tudur before the final manned checkpoint at Woods motorcycles in Abergele. The tea and coffee was free here so it would have been rude to refuse. Just 5 more controls to visit as I headed towards the finish; Llandyrnog, Cerrigydrudion, Fron Goch, Llangynog and finally Llangedwyn where the parish church won best kept burial ground in1978, answer noted on the control card and head for Castle Caerinion.

On arrival I presented my card and was given my Welsh slate coaster and was told I had won a prize in the raffle, what a good day this was. I took advantage of the hot food on offer before heading for home, between Churchstoke and Craven Arms there was a heavy downpour, but as that was the only rain I had ridden in all day I could hardly complain. I rode my BMW R1200GS Adventure 420 miles door to door which is a good day out, but you can go for other awards which involve less mileage, and if you want you can do more. The regs for the event are available from Clive MCC about the end of February so if you want a day out in Wales look them up next year.

David Horne

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND BEYOND

The Club welcomes **new members** Lee Davie and Sally Mayne from Kington bringing total membership to 163.

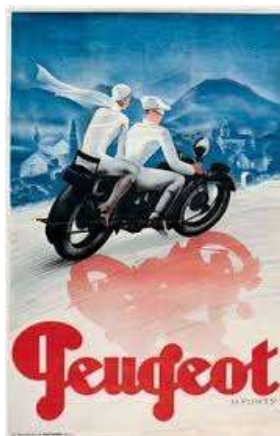
June Club Night raffle prizes donated by: Bob Dean, Lynda & John Wilshaw, Will Morgan, John Peters, Steve Keith, Phil Ball, Barry Ruck, Alan Kiley. Raffle seller Bob Dean. £51 Raised for Club funds.

Message from the organisers of the Hereford Motor Show: We're holding our annual Motor Show in High Town, Hereford on the 25th June and this year have added Classic cars. Having looked at the space yesterday we thought it would be nice to add some classic motor bikes. The car dealerships are in the middle of High Town and the classic vehicles are in Maylord Square and Maylord Street. Lots of footfall there and you get a light lunch care of Sunshine Radio!! You need to be there by 9.30am.

REMEMBER Club night on Wednesday 6th July

25yr Anniversary Run Join the run in the morning, join at lunchtime for the ride in to The Bush Inn or go straight to the finish, but **NOT** before 3pm

FOR SALE



Triumph Tiger 800 City Tail Bag- £50 Steve Powell 07777607379

NGK BPMR7a Spark Plugs £3.49 each or £6 for 2 Terry Bass 01432 355683

NGK B2LM Spark Plugs £2.99 Each or £5 for 2 Terry Bass 01432 355683

5 Litre Non Fling Chainsaw Chain oil also suitable for M/C chains £15 Terry Bass 01432 355683

1 LTR 2 stroke oil £3 Terry Bass 01432 355683

Further details of most items can be found on the Club website in "members' ads" <http://lcmcc.uk/lcmcc-members-ads/>

MEMBERS SERVICES

Eric Rees Motorcycles: (Run by club member Ray Griffiths) Discount MOTs for club members: General repairs & servicing on all bikes. Agent for Helite AirBag jackets. Phone 01432 266164.

John Baber: Car components, service equipment, motorcycle batteries and car number plates discounted to club members. 07798 573337 or 01981 250004

Richard Logan: welding services 01886 888419.

Terry Bass: Chainsaw chain, ultrasonic cleaning for motorcycle carburettors, stockist of Peek Metal Polish, genuine parts available to order for Hinckley Triumph & Honda (1990 to date, including bikes, mowers, generators etc). Up to 10% discount on genuine parts and massive savings on pattern parts (normally in stock for lawnmowers generators etc.). Phone: 07968 648237 or see www.terrybass.co.uk

Bill Wilson: operates his own transport business.07791 751954 (anytime).

Lynda Wilshaw Classic Cakes. Homemade cakes baked for any occasion. Phone 01432 760540

Dave Robinson (Kington Farm Supplies): 10% discount to club members for Morris Oils including Classic single grade SAEs or Classic Film multi-grades, semi & full synthetic oils and good quality tools including AF & some Whitworth. 01544 230661 and ask for Dave.

RECOMMENDED BY MEMBERS:

Clothing alterations, repairs & tailoring (including) leather: Sew Bright 01432 352622 (Highly recommended by many members)

Seat repairs: Buck Hardman 07788633722 (repaired Bigfoots seat on the Ariel)

Drive chain oiler. Tutoro, Lydney 01594 841097 (recommended by Bigfoot)

Sheepskin seat covers, canvas bags, sheepskin slippers and boots (Local supplier) web site: <http://www.yurtmatters.co.uk> Email: yurtmatters@yahoo.co.uk Tel 07952 99832 or 01981 510271 (made comfy sheepskin seat cover for Bigfoots Ariel)

Not strictly a recommendation but **LCMCC club members are eligible for 10% discount** on items purchased online at the **Green Spark Plug Company**. Enter the discount code CLUBMEM10 in the coupon code area of the checkout. website: <http://www.gsparkplug.com/> more detail here: <http://lcmcc.uk/blog/2016/02/12/members-discount-at-green-spark-plug-company/>

CLUB SHOP

Club shirts & other clothes etc.: Clubsport have set up an online shopping facility for us: www.clubsport.co.uk/index.php/clubshops/category/85-leominster-classic-motorcycle-club

Or you can order at any of their shops: Leominster (South Street), Hereford (All Saints Court), Ledbury (Bye Street), Ludlow (Old Street), Newtown (Broad Street), Ross on Wye (High Street) and Kington (Church Street). Please note: The design for the club logo is held at the Clubsport base in Kington but any branch's staff can find it amongst the local sports clubs listed on their in-house computer system.

Badges, Stickers etc: Enamel lapel badges £1.00

Club stickers (small £1 large £1.50) all available from Bob Dean & Lynda Wilshaw at club nights

Club book: Copies of Sheila Whittingham's history of the club can be ordered direct from Blurb. The webpage to order is <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/2563482>

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RUN SHEET

Title: Lakes and Cakes Run – This will be a brisk run to Lake Vyrnwy, probably around 160 miles.

Date: Sunday 17th July

Start: Total Garage, Leominster at 08:30 **Finish:** Finish: Watering Hole, Aymestrey (16:30)

Route: A mixture of A, B, C & D roads - some gravel likely in centre of some.

Crossgates via Presteine and Monaughty = 35

Machinations, Llanbrynmair via Abbey-cum-Hir, Pant-y-Dwr, Llanidloes = 70

Lake Vyrnwy via Pandy, Dinas Mawddwy, Llanymawddwy = 95

Glansevern Hall, Garthmyl via Dolonog, Llanfair Caereinion, Berriew = 123

Watering Hole, Aymestrey via Abermule, Newcastle, Clun= 160

Meal/Drink Stops: Breakfast/Additional pick-up: Crossgates (9:30-10:00);

Elevenuses: Llanbrynmair (11:00-11:30);

Lunch: Vyrnwy (12:30-13:15);

Ice cream/tea: Glansevern Hall Gardens (Garthmyl) (14:30-15:00);

Finish: Watering Hole, Aymestrey (16:30)

Organizer: Steve Hackett

Contact no

01432 272244 (on day 07731509995)

MID-WEEK MEET

Date: Wednesday 20th July

Venue: Severn Arms Hotel, Penybont, Powys, LD1 5UA

Meet from 12.00 noon for lunch or just a drink and a natter

RUN SHEET

Title: Conway Run- This will be a brisk run and not suitable for slow riders.

Date: Sunday 24th July

Start: 10am Ravens yard, Welshpool, Junction of A458 and A490

Route: A,B and C roads to Conway

Meal/Drink Stops: Stops will be scheduled en route.

Organizer: Dave Browning

Contact: 07527 803509

RUN SHEET

Title: 25year Anniversary Run and Free Buffet- Suitable for all bikes

Date: Sunday 31st July

Start: 10:00 am Garage next to OK Diner, Leominster

Route: This will be a run of approximately 100 miles taking in some spectacular scenic A&B roads

Meal/Drink Stops: 11am Tea & Coffee Stop, 1pm Lunchtime Snack, 3pm BUSH INN "Free Buffet"

Organizer: Terry Bass

Contact: 07968 648237

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

(Events in italics are non-club events and advisory only and details should be checked)

	JULY		AUGUST
<i>Sat 2nd</i>	<i>Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb –Cars and Bikes</i>	Wed 3rd	Club Night
Wed 6th	Open Night	Sun 7th	John Peters & Dave Peake Run to the Seaside
<i>Sun 10th</i>	<i>Radway Bridge Vintage Day</i>	Wed 10th	Committee Meeting
<i>Sun 10th</i>	<i>ACU Western Championship Trials, Dewdales Hope Farm, Bodenham, HR1 3HY</i>	Fri 12th	LCMCC v Malvern MC & LC Club Skittles Match @ MM&LCC Link Way, Off Howell Rd, Malvern Link, Worcs, WR14 1UQ
Wed 13th	Committee Meeting	<i>13th & 14th</i>	<i>Tortworth Vintage Rally (GL12 8LF)</i>
<i>Sat 16th</i>	<i>Oswestry Classic & Vintage Transport Rally</i>	<i>Sun 14th</i>	<i>MWTRA Powys Enduro</i>
Sun 17th	Steves' Lake & Cake Run	Wed 17th	Mid-Week Meet, Red Lion, Llangorse
Wed 20th	Mid-Week meet Severn Arms Hotel, Penybont, Powys, LD1 5UA	Sun 28th	Dave Brownings Golan Heights Run
Sun 24th	Dave Brownings Conway Run		
<i>Sat 30th</i>	<i>Pembridge Show</i>		
<i>30th & 31st</i>	<i>Aberdare Park Road Races</i>		
Sun 31st	Terry's 25yr Anniversary Run and FREE Buffet		
	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER
Sun 4th	Shelsley Walsh Bikefest	Sun 2nd	Memorial Run
Wed 7th	Club night	<i>Sun 2nd</i>	<i>Mid-Wales Classic Bike Show. Pant-y-dwr, Nr Llanidloes</i>
Sun 11th	Bigfoots Classic Drivers Run	Wed 5th	Club Night
Wed 14th	Committee Meeting	Sun 9th	Terrys Run
<i>16th – 18th</i>	<i>Stoke Prior Steam Rally B60 4LF</i>	Wed 12th	Committee Meeting
Sun 18th	George Vaughan's Run	Wed 19th	Mid-week Meet
Wed 21st	Mid-Week Meet, Ragleth Inn, Ludlow Rd, Little Stretton, SY6 6RB		
<i>Sun 25th</i>	<i>Forden Classic Bike Show</i>		

(Longer term outlook can be found on the club website)