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OPEN NIGHT Photos by Andy Lucas



BIGFOOTS RAMBLINGS



What can I say about July 6th, fantastic. The biggest turnout we have had, at least 200 bikes, trikes and outfits, a magnificent turnout. We filled the car park, lawn, grass verge and the side road to Kings Pyon. There were some wonderful spotlessly clean machines and some specials, including a 250 Indian with a talisman twin engine fitted in place of the original 250 side valve. He had come down from Aberystwyth. Pete Howels 250 Moto Guzzi / BSA which he built himself (as he puts it from all the junk he had lying around) won an award, so well done Pete. It was good to see Lyn back on the Benley (ask her about the ride home) We sold out of pig, raised a decent amount for the Air Ambulance, it stayed dry and all I had from the riders was how enjoyable the evening was. My thanks to all who helped out on the night, we could not have done it without you. A special thank you to Bob and John for rattling the buckets and to Sue & Herb for looking after the entrance once more, oh and to the bloke on the mike (Dave P) who waffled on all night. Last but not least the two Daves for doing the judging for us, how they sort winners out of such a mix of machines god knows.

Hard luck story of the night goes to Ed who broke down on the way to the Bush when the engine seized. Luckily he was close to a man with a van who is also a bike owner. It was good to see Ian Logan from Martley with his wife and their Tiger 100 (owned from new) he's been restoring it forever it seems. It was its first journey and not completely without mishap but he made it.

On July 10th a few of us went to Radway Bridge vintage day. There were some very nice vehicles on site This is a very laid back day, come and go as you like, no rules, regs or entry fee, plenty of eats, a rock group, a 40s duo and no rain - a very enjoyable relaxed day.

Ride safe
(Bigfoot).

COMMITTEE UPDATE



Last month a member had mooted the idea of using *facebook* for the club but as I was away I didn't know whether it referred to committee meetings or the club meets generally. When you think about it, we should be looking at every opportunity to improve club activity and adopting any method that shows a clear benefit. Trouble is, I hear the cry go up, not everyone has a computer (or Internet-capable 'phone) so adoption would alienate many. There are currently 53 from 164 signed up to the club's private *facebook* page— about one-third of the membership.

There are other clubs that operate solely using social media rather than face-to-face meetings for the purposes of planning and organisation freeing up time and cost. Given the operational advantages there is, however, a tension with one of the club's objectives which is to organise social activities. Yes, runs, meets, shows etc can be signposted and readily updated with changes or other events but there can be no denying the value of a good old chat. The two aren't mutually incompatible of course and, with considerate planning, it could work well if members decide that's the way to go.

It seems the best way forward is to allow this to grow organically, as it were, with any transition being driven by members' preferences; one indicator of this might be a significant proportion signing up to *facebook* for example. At present the committee, like the membership, don't all have the wherewithal for remote communication which precludes early adoption of the idea but certainly worth considering. So, a watching brief for now, but do pass on your thoughts about this and any other issue.

I promised also to tell you about the plans to raise additional cash at next year's Withington Show. Well, Dave has already begun the planning and his great idea (like all great ideas) is simple – don't give away the money! Or more precisely, keep the money-making opportunities in-house. The Bratwurst van has been a great success in the past and provided welcome food at sensible prices with no effort on our part but only realised a £60 pitch fee. Co-incidentally, the owner is moving away and, although willing to come again (which gives an idea of how lucrative it is) presents us with an opportunity to provide this service ourselves. However, there are two major risks: lack of expertise and equipment. So, Dave has joined forces with the Worcester Auto Club who have both of these attributes in spades. They welcome opportunities to help meet their operational costs and will provide the food etc and we split the (small) outlay and (large) profits. What could possibly go wrong?

Life in numbers: membership at 164, business (current) a/c £2509, deposit a/c £2593, charity money has risen to £851 thanks to successful open night (£200 on raffle). We ate all the pig which justified the low selling price as we more than covered costs.

Vice grip

MOORE MUTTERINGS:



I like the mid-week meets. Maybe it's because I haven't been retired that long but I still get a slightly guilty pleasure from riding the bike in the middle of the week when the wage slaves are otherwise occupied.

Location is different each month and the mileage varies quite a lot, June was roughly 25 miles away, whereas July was roughly 55. For me, a big part of the fun is choosing the route and going places I probably wouldn't normally have a reason to go to. This may be why I have a well-earned reputation for excelling at getting lost (there had

to be something I was good at), but that's all part of the fun and I've met some really nice people when asking for directions. On one occasion I asked a guy at a garage for directions, he offered to escort me to the meet so I invited him to join us. He fitted right in and made himself at home.

As with the locations the number of people who turn up varies quite a lot as well. There is a core group that tend to turn up whatever the location and weather (though sometimes the majority are in cars) but particularly during the summer months, numbers increase as the wage slaves get holidays and the weather improves. You never know who's going to be there and the changing group keeps the conversation fresh.

If you haven't tried one, come along, it's a great way to spend a few hours in the middle of the week.

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

HOME ON THE RANGES RUN

Holmer Rd garage was busy at the start as The Hospice Angels were also gathering ready for a fund-raiser at Shobdon. It was good to see club members with affiliations to different organisations; in fact I suspect that single-club members will be in the minority. The sun was out and I debated removing a layer and breaking out the summer gloves but decided to wait and see how it went on the way to the first stop.

Being back-marker has some compensation as you sometimes have to put on a turn of speed to catch up or not get separated through towns/traffic lights etc. One thing I wasn't so keen on though was that I don't look so good in pink! Especially in an XL sized vest which ballooned out like a spinnaker when on the move causing the Velcro fastening to yield and the vest to transform into a scarf.

The first leg to the Honey Café was uneventful apart from shooting the red lights (under the watchful eye of the WPC waving us through the broken down system). On arrival Eddie joined the group to make us the round dozen. The clouds looked ominous and wet weather gear came out and proved essential as it transpired. The summer gloves stayed in the top-box.



We set off towards Builth crossing the river via the old bridge near Llanstephan and picking up the B4567 at Erwood Station. Conditions were favourable and we were flowing nicely. Once we turned towards Tirabad at Llangammarch Wells the weather sidled up to us waving a big stick and started spitting at us. Conditions slowly worsened with the temperature dropping below 11°C as we negotiated the military road down to Llywel. Turning at Trecastle we headed towards Llanddeusant where I noticed the roadside sheep had a Rastafarian look about them and I

pondered the sagacity of a newly ploughed field in such poor soil. I was ready for a cup of tea!

Will had chosen the West End Café over the Owl's Nest on the basis of speed of service; a decision bolstered by additional indoor seating as the rain began to increase. Fed and watered we bailed out the boats bikes and set off back to the Honey Café by way of Tirabad (nasty right-turn junction there at Cynghordy bang on a crest with limited visibility), and over the ranges to Upper Chapel passing a group of idiots enthusiasts on an eclectic range of machines (you can tell my bike identification is sadly lacking). A first for me was to pass through the centre of Brecon; I don't know why but I've either used the by-pass or the road past Morrisons.

We arrived to a small welcoming committee at the Honey Café (usual suspects) by which time we were thoroughly dampened in all areas with some staying for a cuppa before continuing their journey, while others cut their losses, choosing to forego a drink and pressing on home. As ever, despite the weather, everyone had got something from the day, and didn't mind at all that the run was virtually the same as one the previous year, except in reverse. We didn't buy Will's argument that there were different views, well, maybe there were but we hadn't seen them!

Steve Hackett

BRIDGENORTH & RADWAY RUN

I put on this run at the last minute when I realised there was a gap in the diary and some members were scheduled to display their equipment at Radway Vintage Day. Needless to say my lack of planning duly bit me on the bum later when forced to do a diversion due to road closure and the enigma that is Ms Garmin's 'recalculating' ringing in my ear. I swear that one day she will ask me, "does my bend look big in this?" and I'll have an answer ready!

With eleven of us on eight bikes, a Grinnall at the rear, we set off at 09:01 (OK, that's enough precision) in order to beat the breakfast queues at the Food Stop – it worked. There was an upbeat mood despite the odd threatening cloud with short-sleeves in evidence; the good feeling stayed with us although the bare arms didn't last the day.

A fairly pedestrian ride got us to Bromfield where we turned across Ludlow race course – amazing that they have to put down mats to cover the roads across the course on race days! I don't have much occasion to use the B4365 but was pleased to note how well suited it is for learners as it's easy to read and broken up with speed changes at regular intervals.

The Food Stop provided standard breakfast at £4.00 with tea at £1.20 and I was feeling set up for the day when a biker came in asking for the owner of a BMW ST. It appears that there is a bit of a neighbourly dispute between the café and the premises next door, the owners of which had put up a dividing barrier between bikes that had inadvertently parked on their bit. The biker had noticed the tape was sticky on one side and the wind had blown it against the tank and fairing and had been wrenched off unceremoniously. Fortunately the cheap version of ACF50, aka a dirt patina, had prevented any damage and the bike was moved out of harms way.

Negotiating Low Town on the way home got us onto the B4363 for the run towards Cleobury. Regular warnings about the road being closed nine miles ahead were ignored even though we were turning off at eleven - what could possibly go wrong? Now, this is where the good mood comes in. Glass half-empty or glass half-full? Problem or opportunity? After a little adventure we fell onto the B4364 and had a very enjoyable stint to Ludlow. Not wanting to use the A49 home we did a detour via Tenbury and Bromyard for another little stint to consolidate the smiles.

Radway came into view a bit later than expected so we fell onto the tea and cakes before either setting off home or nipping next door to stroll around the Vintage Show. There was a good selection of tractors, stationary engines, military vehicles, cars as well as LCMCC stalwarts with bikes. In fact, there were members showing across at least three sections that I noticed. It was a nice, laid-back event with live entertainment, refreshments, great ice cream and all for St Michael's Hospice and MS Society charities.



I'm sure the satnav said to turn left, Ethel!
(pic by Carol Powell)

Steve Hackett

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND BEYOND

Anniversary run 31st July Start Leominster 10am Coffee Stop: Thomas Shop Penybont 10.45am Tour of the Rhayader Dams www.rhayader.co.uk

Open night raffle Raffle seller Bob Dean. £200 raised for Air Ambulance.

REMEMBER LCMCC v Malvern MC & LC Club Skittles Match on Friday 12th August

FOR SALE



Honda Deauville NT700, 2008, 11,600 miles, one owner, Heated Grips, Top Box, Std & Large Panniers, ABS, Adjustable Screen, Power Socket, Detail Service History & MOT, Excellent condition. £3250. Jim Delahay, Tel 01989 564407.

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/>

www.aidansweeney.co.uk/ . AidanSweeney, Traditional Gents Outfitters, 7-8 The Market Arcade Brecon Powys LD3 9DA - For anyone like me whose waistline has disappeared and finds it necessary to wear braces: It can be difficult finding a pair with decent clips that don't let go with a twang at critical moments, without resorting to the industrial type with crocodile clips. I can recommend these, not cheap but I have wasted (waisted) loads on supposed quality braces with inferior clips and Aidan is a smashing bloke to deal with.
– Brian Johnson

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: Run to the Seaside, Laugharne

Date: Sunday 7th August

Start: 9:00am Texaco Garage, Holmer Road , Hereford **Finish:**

Route:

Meal/Drink Stops: Morning coffee Owls Nest, Llandovery

Dinner at Laugharne, Stopping for two hour visit.

Visit Dylan Thomas boathouse. If you want a bit of culture!

Afternoon tea back at Owls Nest, Llandovery

Organizer: John Peters 07790 620128 Dave Peake 07474 668342

RUN SHEET

Title: Bob and Len run – Suitable for all bikes

Date: Sunday 14th August

Start: 9:30 am Texaco Garage, Holmer Road , Hereford **Finish:** Shobden 1.30 approx. Lunch available

Route: Approx. 90 miles on A + B roads

Meal/Drink Stops: Coffee stop tba. 11.00am approx.

Organizer: Bob & Len Bobs no. on the day 079341826887

MID-WEEK MEET

Date: Wednesday 17th August

Venue: Red Lion, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7TY

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

RUN SHEET

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

Date: Sunday 28th August

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

Route: A, B and C roads in North Wales.

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

Organizer: Dave Browning

Contact: 07527 803509

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

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

AUGUST	
Wed 3rd	Club Night
Sun 7th	John Peters & Dave Peake Run to the Seaside
<i>Sun 7th</i>	<i>Herefordshire County Fair, Selleck – Display of pre 1970 vehicles</i>
Wed 10th	Committee Meeting
Fri 12th	LCMCC v Malvern MC & LC Club Skittles Match @ MM&LCC Link Way, Off Howell Rd, Malvern Link, Worcs, WR14 1UQ
<i>13th & 14th</i>	<i>Tortworth Vintage Rally (GL12 8LF)</i>
Sun 14th	Bob & Lens Run
<i>Sun 14th</i>	<i>MWTRA Powys Enduro</i>
Wed 17th	Mid-Week Meet, Red Lion, Llangorse
Sun 28th	Dave Brownings Golan Heights Run
SEPTEMBER	
Sun 4th	Shelsley Walsh Bikefest
Wed 7th	Club night
Sun 11th	Bigfoots Classic Drivers Run
Wed 14th	Committee Meeting
<i>16th – 18th</i>	<i>Stoke Prior Steam Rally B60 4LF</i>
Sun 18th	George Vaughan's Run
Wed 21st	Mid-Week Meet, Ragleth Inn, Ludlow Rd, Little Stretton, SY6 6RB
<i>Sun 25th</i>	<i>Forden Classic Bike Show</i>
OCTOBER	
Sun 2nd	Memorial Run
<i>Sun 2nd</i>	<i>Mid-Wales Classic Bike Show. Pant-y-dwr, Nr Llanidloes</i>
Wed 5th	Club Night
Sun 9th	Terrys Run
Wed 12th	Committee Meeting
Wed 19th	Mid-week Meet
NOVEMBER	
Wed 2nd	Club Night
Wed 9th	Committee Meeting
Wed 16th	Mid –Week Meet
DECEMBER	
Wed 7th	Committee Meeting
Wed 14th	Club night- Christmas Meet
Wed 21st	Mid-Week Meet

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