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LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ANCIENT TO MODERN SHOW



Preparations for the show started around 7 months ago, getting details of the show to Real Classic to be included in their calendar of events. After Xmas each year the main sign is taken to be redone with the new date, then, 2 months before the show, it's planted outside my friends' house at Withington right on the junction as you go into the village. The flyers and posters are made up ready for distribution. Sheila Whittingham did two new motorcycle drawings this year, one ancient, Eddie Whittington's Raleigh posed for that one and the modern one, an MV Augusta. The show advert was sent off round the virtual world of the internet. Back in the real world, Mike (Bigfoot) Davies set off on his trusty Enfield doing a tour of local (ish) motorcycle dealers and bike meeting places armed with posters and fliers. I visited the bike shops within Hereford City and tried a few new places like Wicks who displayed a poster and a few flyers for us. Only B&Q said NO. We handed out flyers at Bromyard Festival of Speed, Prescott Bikefest and Abergavenny bus station. In total just over 2000 fliers were handed out.

Well before Xmas I asked Ian Hince, fellow postie if he and his military club friends would like to put on a display of their military motorcycles. Ian confirmed and the display grew and grew. We hired the hall from the night before which made setting up the display easier, it took hours. Three of the military squad camped inside the hall. Big thanks to Wye Valley Military Vehicle Trust members. Ian Hince, Jack England (LCMCC member as well) Neil Bishop, Don Jackson, Dave Powell, Don Higham and Danny Reece. With road pointers pointing the way to the show, I set off for home hoping the weather would be kind.



Come the day of the show the weather was good at first but changed just before 11am with a bit of drizzle which would not go away. However, lots of riders were on their way before 11:00 and once out most bikers, motorcyclists, trikers, whatever tag you prefer are on the whole a tough bunch. According to Bigfoots counter 208 bikes came along. We didn't count the cars but I estimate 80 – 100.

The car park (Bike Park) was completely full at one stage which fulfils one of my ambitions for the



show. We had all sorts of bikes turn out. I must mention Danny Reece (big gun Dan!) He brought along a 750 kilo (15 cwt) anti-tank gun which is capable of piercing 16 inches of solid steel! A round from this I would imagine would take down a row of terraced houses, we did not try it out!

Another who can't go without mention the oldest member Don Higham (80) brought along his 1918 Triumph model H dispatch bike, he was wearing WW1 uniform and a couple of times played his concertina and mouth organ at the same time entertaining the crowd.



Also on the bill a 1984 Suzuki RG 500 Barry Sheene replica was on show inside the hall. Brought over to the show by Pete Tantrum and his wife

from Oxford. Pete started the old bike up to hear the noise and smell, see and taste the two stroke fumes, went down a treat with the crowd.

Upstairs, inside the hall Dave Minton and a friend were selling books, old spanners, manuals etc. We had second hand motorcycle gear stand staffed by Ron Moore. ATM vapour blasting, ultrasonic cleaning had a table as well who seemed more than happy with the day making a donation of £50.

With proper mugs for tea, and the PA system working well this year Mrs Goggins (Di Holloway with her very able assistant) served tea and cake virtually non-stop.

The raffle was pushed as hard as it could be over the PA system, likewise teas and cakes. The end result was over £1530 was raised. With little more to come from Cadburys hopefully.

Big thanks from the annoying person on the mike (Dave Peake) to all who helped make it a great day despite the rains best efforts. *Traffic Control* Mike Holloway, *Car Parking* Lyn & Chris Brewer, *Bike Parking* Mike (Bigfoot) Davies, Carol & Steve Powell, *Sidecar and Trike Parking* John Peters, *Refreshments* Granny Di Holloway (also Co show organiser and treasurer). *Raffle table* Frances & Terry Bass, Sue Peters and Susan Peake.

Footnote: Don't think my singing was that bad when testing the sound system! Hope to see lots of you next year, Ride safe till then...

Dave Peake (photos – various)

BIGFOOTS RAMBLINGS



Let's hope we have at last seen the end of winter. At least we had a chilly but sunny day for Will and Karens run through the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. A very enjoyable route, took us to Chepstow and back to Lucksall. We even had some fresh faces out. Thanks both for an enjoyable day out.

Congrats to Dave P and Diana (Mrs Goggins) for putting on a brilliant show at Withington. Despite the dull damp weather we had more than 200 bikes turn out with a superb mix of bikes, trikes and outfits on site dating from 1918 to 2016. The military display was brilliant, complete with field gun and 2 of my favourite vehicles, land rovers. We had groups from WHAM, Bloodbikes, WIMA, and IAM. They came from far and wide. It was great, hectic but great. A very big thank you to all who helped out on the day. You all did a sterling job. You have really shown the Club for what it is, the best. Thank you one and all.

Now a plug for the Open Night on July 6th. If you can help in any way i.e. setting up in the afternoon, parking/marshalling, selling draw tickets or on the food stall please see me or a committee member.

Plug no 2. On July 31st young Terry Bass is putting on the 25year anniversary run ending up at the Bush Inn for a FREE buffet. Now we really need a big turnout for this one. If you can't make the run just come to the Bush. We need a nice warm sunny day so, no pressure Terry!!

Ride safe
(Bigfoot).

CHRIS'S AND RON'S COMMENTS



Just a reminder about the Pembridge Village Show on Saturday 30th July with free entry to all Club members who come on a motorcycle, especially something interesting. We'll be there from 11.00am through the day. All the normal village show attractions plus Trotting Races, various food outlets, a beer tent and a craft tent. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ludlow Marches Transport Festival was a success with the added attraction of the Food Festival. It could be because we were the only motorcycle entry on the day ???!! but, we won the pre 1985 with our Martini Yamaha XS1100 sidecar outfit and got to meet John Challiss. Good to see Mark Hooper and Mike Owen and to chat to Mike Englands son Jack, hope he gets his military Rotax back on the road soon.

Ron & Chris Moore

COMMITTEE UPDATE



Thinking, as you do sometimes in an idle moment, about why you do something in a particular way, or do it at all, got me pondering about the reasons for this bit in the newsletter. So, rather than repeat stuff you might find elsewhere, I thought a more 'fly-on-the-wall' style approach might give a better insight into what's being discussed and, more importantly, the reasoning behind any decisions we make.

Following an excellent Ancient to Modern Show some time was spent reviewing how it had gone, what lessons had been learnt and what improvements could be made in the future. One of the key targets had been to raise £2,000 which we didn't quite make. Wistanstow is broadly similar yet makes considerably more, primarily through charging admission, so, is the quick answer to do likewise and, if so, how much to charge? During and since the show we had been talking to members seeking feedback and gauging reaction. Not surprisingly, the responses were mixed.

Ultimately, we fell to questioning our objectives for the show: was it to raise money or was it to meet and have fun? (These are our two key club objectives, after all). We decided that we raise money by having fun, not have fun by raising money! In other words, we are primarily a bike club that incidentally raises money for charity and any tension between the two can be resolved more readily. So, it's OK to charge entry as long as it doesn't compromise the leisure and social aspects of the show.

Of course, the £2,000 is a completely self-imposed and arbitrary figure; falling short of such a target is no failure, far from it. Members had suggested various admission strategies: a nominal £1 per vehicle, charging cars only, charging to get out rather than come in (donation in bucket), free admission, and so on. Likewise, many people had expressed concerns about the disincentives charging might bring: queues at the gate at busy times, getting out money with gloved hands, vehicles displaced onto village roads (payment avoiders), congestion in village, angry residents, reduced attendance and so on. Having weighed up all the options we decided that charging admission would be likely to reduce attendance and, as one of the major show attractions is the range of bikes bought in by visitors, any reduction would have a direct effect on the show's appeal.

This wasn't the end of it though. Admission charges are not the only way to raise money. Nor would it be on the price of the tea or cakes. Instead, we hit on a way to increase our revenue without expecting visitors to part with more cash or by adding risk to the club. I have to be rather vague at the moment as we need to approach individuals and assess the viability of the idea before telling you all about it, hopefully next month.

So, this is just a small example of an aspect of one event, there are many, many more and every one of them is much more likely to come to a sensible conclusion when you, the members, pass on your thoughts and ideas. I know for certain that my thoughts on this particular issue have changed considerably over time and I never would have come up with the current proposal by myself.

Vice Grip (Steve Hackett)

MOORE MUTTERINGS:



For those that don't have email and those that don't read theirs, the following email was sent out a couple of weeks ago.

FREE All you can eat buffet

That got the foodies to open it instead of deleting the email.

Some of the more perceptive of you may have twigged that the appearance of a profile by Kitati indicates a lack of genuine ones for the News Letter.

I appreciate the only reason I haven't received yours is that

- a) Your dog ate it
- b) It fell in the waste tray when you were changing the oil
or
- c) Your computer crashed and you didn't save it

I've attached another one for you to have a go at. Feel free to omit questions, change them, add others or generally change them to suit yourself. Photos are always welcome and appreciated.

You can send completed ones direct to me at bobandsuiz@hotmail.co.uk or give them to any of the Club officials who will make sure they get to me. The ones we've had so far have been a welcome addition to the newsletter and I'd really like to keep it going but, it depends on you. I'd also like to say that pillion riders are also members.....

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

Ps. some articles would be nice too.....

REPORT ON THE WORCESTER MOTOR FESTIVAL 17TH MAY



In the Friday club email I noticed this event was on. Checked out the website and it said they were short of motorbikes. A quick phone call to check terms and conditions and I was given an invite. It was still a bit chilly leaving at 7-15 am for the run over, needed to be there by 8-45am. The bike ran well, only got over taken once despite holding a steady 60mph and that was by a police car on double whites!! Managed to go right when I should have gone left on the far side of Worcester, so we went all the way round the one way system again. Once on the right road it was well sign posted. I found my entrance, and as promised, my exhibitors pack, which contained my Exhibitor

pass, a programme and a couple of money off vouchers for food, was waiting for me. I quickly found my place at the end of Pump Street, just off the High Street. Most of the pedestrian area was given over to displays of new cars and an assortment of classic cars and motor cycles. I went for a wander, found the Worcester Auto Club and said hello, then down to Skellerns to say hello to the owner and talk about his collection of restored Japanese bikes. On the way back I had a chat with a nice old chap about his very pretty Francis Barnett. When I returned to the bike I found it dwarfed by a massive Buick to the right of me and massive Oldsmobile to the left of me. I soon found myself talking about the bike to what seemed an endless stream of people, far more than one would at a traditional show, can only be put it down to the large number of people who were passing by. Throughout the day there was a lot of different music genres performing and various fun and games for the children. The excellent weather no doubt helped to make it a successful event. If you have an old bike (pre 1970) and want a nice day out in Worcester next year I would suggest you keep the date free. As a thought I wonder if the Club should make



an effort to put a display on in the town centre when there is a motoring event taking place to raise the profile of the club and to attract new members.

Mike England

PS If you are over Worcester way beware of a noisy black J reg BMW 5 series driven by a baseball wearing youth. He does not obey speed limits, reckon he did 60 in a 30, does not stop at red lights and his overtaking leaves a lot to be desired.

A PENSIONERS DAY OUT (AND NO, IT WASN'T TO THE SEASIDE!)

The Velocette Owners Club had decided to hold an event at Brooklands, the old pre-war racing circuit, near London, so I thought "sounds like a good idea", and being May maybe the weather would be O.K.

Standing around at the Ancient to Modern day, feeling cold and my Douglas covered in rain, a long trip the following Sunday was probably a non-starter, a pity as I had never been to Brooklands in over 50 years of riding, it being such an iconic place for motorcycling history. However all the week before the weather people kept saying how hot and sunny the Sunday would be, that was until the Friday when they suddenly invented thunder storms in the morning...Oh well!!

As I left the house at 6 am I was greeted by thick rain mist, the fact that I had cleaned my Velocette, was not looked on kindly by the weather. I set off riding down the wrong side of the road due to a torrent of water flowing down the bit I was supposed to be on, even a farmers lane had deposited itself across the road giving me a 50 yd. trials section to negotiate. The one saving grace was the lack of traffic, in fact I had almost reached Gloucester before having a vehicle on my side of the road, (a Range Rover, overtaking me in the 30 limit)

The roads finally started to dry out towards Swindon which I hit after 2 hours and 100 miles, and I stopped at the first services, to dump my waterproofs, leaving me in my leathers for the first time this year. I cruised down the various motorways at around 65-70 mph without getting lost, then I had to find the Campbell entrance to Brooklands which was of course not signposted, due to it being for competitors only.

This was the main attraction for me as, if you turned up on a Velo. you were entitled to ride up the test hill, hill climb. I arrived at 9.30am which gave me plenty of time to peruse the museums full of old competition cars and bikes, talk to various people, and walk onto the remains of the famous banked track.

After an early afternoon briefing we were given armbands to allow us to ride the hill and the highlight of the day for me was after giving the bike some stick up the hill, to return back down via the old banked track. To have actually ridden where so much fame and history was made was a real turn on, and the sun was out!!.



After completing my runs I set off for home, again cruising at 65-70mph. I had ridden 340 miles, used 20 litres of fuel and arrived home before 6.00pm making it a 12 hour day, on a 61 year old 500cc 36 bhp motorcycle no aches and pains due to a proper riding position, and no cissy fairing or screen.

Anyone want to buy a 3 year old Moto Guzzi ?

Ed Whittingham

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND BEYOND

The Club welcomes **new members** Michael Humphries and Jo Lewis. Total membership stands at 153. **May Club Night raffle** prizes donated by: Steve Keith, John Peters, Brian Johnson, Phil Ball, Alan Kiley, Steve Hackett, Raffle seller Chris Moore and Barbara Baber. £54 Raised for Club funds.

Open Night posters are being printed ready for distribution to dealers etc. They are available to members to download via facebook and website, and June Club night from TB for those without computers, to pass on to anyone interested. Dave Linsley & Dave Minton will be judging again this year. Cathedral school will be bringing their latest bike built by students - nice to see youngsters interested.

Withington Show went well, superb job done by Di (Mrs Goggins) and Dave and their many helpers. Military stand was superb - well done guys; they want to come again next year. Lots of ideas for next year (keep 'em coming). Date for next year is Sunday April 30th. Planning underway already.

Bike4Life big success. We had 9 people on 7 bikes travel to it together and promptly get lost in the melee on arrival. Public support was phenomenal, especially on all the bridges and roadsides. 4000 bikes, 12000 visitors, £63.5k raised (equates to about 25 flights).

Six **potential new members** enquired about joining - need to be more proactive on closing deals before they slip away - will designate people to this task at meets etc.

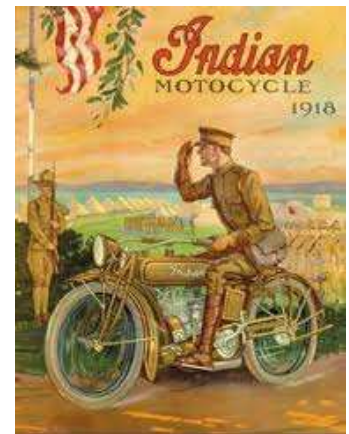
Accounts: business (current) a/c = £2516, deposit a/c = £2592. 153 members. Healthy.

Some blank **dates for Runs available**. Members will be alerted to 'impromptu runs' starting from Queenswood. Updated details of Leominster/Ludlow run available. Mid-week meets at Penybont and Little Stretton are organised for later in the year.

Malvern skittles night (12 Aug) - if going, please take some food to share.

Bargain Hunt transmission on BBC 12.15 Friday 27th May also take a look at BBC twitter feed @BBCBARGINHUNT

FOR SALE



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

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

Plastic Handguards (7/8" handlebars) £15 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: Classic Beacons Run – Suitable for all bikes
Date: Sunday 12th June
Start: 9:30 am Texaco, Holmer Road, Hereford **Finish:** Bronllys Approx 3:30 - 4pm
Route: Run though the Brecon Beacons and along the Breacon canal on A, B and C roads. Two steep hills one up one down. Approx 110 miles
Meal/Drink Stops: Coffee Bronllys Approx 10:30 Lunch: Cafe or Picnic Brecon mountain railway
Organizer: Bigfoot **Contact no** 01432 277720 / 07967 350254

MID-WEEK MEET

Date: Wednesday 15th June
Venue: The Woodlans Tavern, Llanvair Discoed, Nr Chepstow, NP16 6LX
 Meet from 12.00 noon for lunch or just a drink and a natter

RUN SHEET

Title: Home on the Ranges Run
Date: Sunday 26th June
Start: 9:00 am Texaco, Holmer Road, Hereford
Route: A brisk run of approx 200 miles on A,B,C roads.
Meal/Drink Stops: Morning Coffee: Honey Café, Bronllys. Luncheon: Llandovery. Afternoon Tea: Honey Café Bronllys.
Organizer: Will Morgan **Contact:** 01600 890057 (07811 059185 on the day)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

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

JUNE	
Wed 1st	Club night
<i>3rd/4th</i>	<i>Hinkley Triumph Owners Club Meet at The Trumpet Inn, Ledbury</i>
Fri 3rd - Sun 5th	Exmoor Weekend (Organisers John and Lynda Wilshaw 01432 760540)
<i>Sat 4th</i>	<i>Classic & Vintage Show Llantilio Crossenny NP17 8TA</i>
Wed 8th	Committee Meeting
<i>Sat 11th</i>	<i>Classic cars at Madley assemble from 10.30 am</i>

Sat 11th	<i>Ledbury MCC Evening Grass Track Racing, Pencombe, Bromyard HR7 4SL race start 15.30</i>		
Sun 12 th	Bigfoot's Classic Beacons Run		
Wed 15 th	Mid-Week Meet The Woodlnds Tavern, Llanvair Discoed, Nr Chpstow, NP16 6LX		
Sun 26th	Will Morgans Home on the Ranges Run		
Sun 26 th	<i>Herefordshire on the edge</i>		
	JULY		AUGUST
Sat 2 nd	<i>Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb –Cars and Bikes</i>	Wed 3rd	Club Night
Wed 6 th	Open Night	Sun 7th	John Peters & Dave Peake Run to the Seaside
Sun 10 th	<i>Radway Bridge Vintage Day</i>	Wed 10th	Committee Meeting
Sun 10th	<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 13 th	Committee Meeting	13 th & 14 th	<i>Tortworth Vintage Rally (GL12 8LF)</i>
Sat 16 th	<i>Oswestry Classic & Vintage Transport Rally</i>	Sun 14th	<i>MWTRA Powys Enduro</i>
Sun 17 th	Steves' Lake & Cake Run	Wed 17 th	Mid-Week Meet, Red Lion, Llangorse
Wed 20 th	Mid-Week meet Severn Arms Hotel, Penybont, Powys, LD1 5UA	Sun 28th	Dave Brownings Golan Heights Run
Sun 24 th	Dave Brownings Conway Run		
Sat 30 th	<i>Pembridge Show</i>		
30 th & 31 st	<i>Aberdare Park Road Races</i>		
Sun 31 st	Terry's 25yr Anniversary Run and FREE Buffet		
	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER
Sun 4th	Shelsley Walsh Bikefest	Sun 2nd	Memorial Run
Sun 4th	Bigfoots Classic Drivers Run	Wed 5 th	Club Night
Wed 7th	Club Night	Sun 9th	Terrys Run
Wed 14th	Committee Meeting	Wed 12 th	Committee Meeting
16 th – 18th	<i>Stoke Prior Steam Rally B60 4LF</i>	Wed 19th	Mid-week Meet
Wed 21 st	Mid-Week Meet, Ragleth Inn, Ludlow Rd, Little Stretton, SY6 6RB		

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