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LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## September 2021

### WELCOMES

The club would like to welcome our newest members **Maurice Jones from Hereford, Hayden Mason-Bedford from Worcester and Stuart Hopkinson from Kington.**

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We had a fantastic OPEN NIGHT at Dom's Bike Stop on the 4<sup>th</sup> August!

Well, done and a big THANK YOU to everybody who helped us to put it together.

We couldn't have been luckier with the weather, and we can say with great confidence that it was one of our best meets we had, yet alone the perfect venue to host this annual event.

184 bikes turned up, with a great selection of beautiful bikes, ranging from Vespas to trikes. We saw it all! We are definitely looking forward to next year's Open Night Event!





Photos courtesy of Ruth Caldicott, Karin & Ian Logan & Sabine Ray



Courtesy of Karin & Ian Logan



Also, we are proud to announce that we have 2 guest speakers coming to our next Club Night at Dom's on the 1<sup>st</sup> September!

**The Track Pack Stu and Janell Clarke will be giving a talk about their journey with 2 dogs on their bikes travelling around the world.**

[www.thetrackpack.com](http://www.thetrackpack.com)

## CHAT FROM THE CHAIR

Mid July I went on a Herefordshire VMCC run into Mid Wales.

A super route over some of my favourite roads, Rulan Hill, Twmpa, Cwm Owen and the Ranges of Garth, ending up at Elan Valley for lunch, then back to Hay-on-Wye over a few more hills.

Club night at Dom's went well with about 28 of us, including a new member, a very pleasant evening. Our committee meet was held at a new venue to us, The King's Head in Docklow.

That went well and Mike England has got all the paperwork from the bank at last, so he is now keeper of the purse strings.

I went on the Roy Lambert Memorial Run with the VMCC and had a very good day. It was starting with bacon rolls, followed by a cracking run through the Clee Hills and Wyre Forest, very good and not a spot of rain.

The Osprey run saw 12 bikes and 14 of us took a ride through Mid Wales, after a dull start as we crossed the border. The sun came out, so a pleasant day.

It was my last run for the club.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who supported my runs over the years. I did the first one before I was a member. My thanks to Steve Hackett for riding tail end. It's been a good 30 years, but the time has come to step back soon.

Thank you all, I just hope you enjoyed it as much as I have.

The Open Night was a great evening, 184 Bikes came in, ranging from the late 20s to 2021. I think it was one of the best we have ever had.

My thanks to all the committee members for making a right good do. It was so good to see everyone enjoying themselves taking in the finer points of lots of bikes. It was so good to see some of members and friends we have not seen for a long time and so many smiling faces. Last of all, a big THANK YOU to Dom's Bike Stop for having us at such a good venue.

The following Sunday I took the Worcestershire VMCC for a tour of West Herefordshire. 12 of us met in Bromyard and it was dull and damp. 11 of us left as one Triumph refused to start as we got to the Watering Hole. From then on it brightened up for our tour of black and white villages, drovers road, a castle and the Nag's Head for a very good lunch. A gentle afternoon run took us past the great oaks in Moccas Deer Park before ending our day at the New Strand for tea and cake. A very enjoyable day after a dodgy start.

Ride safe  
Bigfoot

### **RUN REPORT: The Osprey Run aka Bigfoot's Swan Song**

The weather report for once was optimistic and accurate. Early rain giving way to dry roads, sunshine and rising temps. Seven bikes set off from Hereford to Crossgates where numbers swelled to thirteen bikes and fifteen members – well one was a potential member, Tony on his early VFR, out to see whether the club was of interest. Bigfoot runs always attract interest from long-standing members because they know they are in for a treat and he didn't disappoint. The only negative came near the end of the ride when Bigfoot revealed this would be the last run he would be organising as he had been doing it for over 50 years and thought it was time for others to take up the baton.



A casual approach to parking



Mad Men – Prostate Cancer Tour



Dyfi Osprey Project

Unsurprisingly, from Rhayader we used the B4518 to Llanidloes via St Harmon then past Clywedog Reservoir and over the mountain road to Machynlleth – always a delightful run. It was only a short hop south to the Dyfi Osprey Project for the lunch stop. Clearly some investment had been made there with a newly clad building and infrastructure. The staff were very friendly and helpful, even loaning a mask to allow one person to enter.

We opted for a further stop at Woodlands, Devils Bridge as Crossgates would probably have closed by the time we got there.

Bigfoot took us down to Penybont for fuel then along the A4159 turning off at Plas Gogerddan to take the delightful run over the mountain via Llyn Pendam and Llyn Blaenmelindwr to Ponterwyd. Fresh tar and chippings on part of the road to Woodlands was a small annoyance as was the realisation that these roads used to be empty and now every Africa Twin, GS and KTM seemed to have found them too. The run to Rhayader via Cwmystwyth was just delightful in such perfect conditions. Another grand day out; only sad that the ospreys had fledged and that Bigfoot won't be leading future migrations.

Steve Hackett

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST: Steve's and Clive's round trip UK 2000 - 'Trouble in Store'** **Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast at 7:30 AM and on the road by 8:00 o'clock. We'd decided to press on to John O'Groats as it was only another 30 miles, Then we could follow the coast to Inverness and decide whether to head for home. Or continue the trip. With me being heavier than Stevie, I could steer the bike from the back by leaning to one side or the other. If I lend to the left, it didn't matter how hard he pulled the other way, it still went left. We had a look. Around John'o' Groats for half an hour, the longest we were to stop all day, and bought souvenirs and sent postcards home. We do spoil our families, don't we? Stevie wound his rear spring and damper a bit more, "There is a fair bit of weight on this bike", he said. It didn't help that I was steering it!

Off we set, heading south now and y the time we got to wake. I was in agony, my bum and legs had gone to sleep. There were some nice views down the coast and it was a bit more populated. Stevie had one of his turns and followed a stock lorry for 12 miles before we finally passed it. In the meanwhile, a car and caravan had overtaken us. At least I had chance to wriggle about a bit. We stopped at Tain to fill up and have a coffee from the garage vending machine, hell I was stiff. Stevie had got bungee straps, Criss crossing the rear seed to support the panniers and I am sure these were not helping my nether regions. As we headed for Inverness, we saw some oil rigs in the Cromarty Firth. Fair bit of steel in them, The price of scrap. Is no good, "I'll give yer a tenner for the lot!". At last we reached Inverness and this is where our. Around the country, trip stops for the time being as we decided to head inland to make our way home. A total of 1382 miles so far. Aberystwyth to Inverness.

### **The journey home Friday the 26th.**

I am not going to dwell too long on this as it is not part of the around the country trip. Nevertheless, It was absolutely helpful. Stop we had expected to get as far as Carlisle. And stay overnight, but had made such good progress, only stopping for fuel and a snack, that we kept at it. We had some snow and rain, lots of rain, and all the way from the Lake District. We varied from cruising at 85 mph to not moving at all in long traffic jams. I can confirm that there are 18 pits and scratches on the back of Stevie's helmet. I know this because I had 18 hours to count them! I sat on this side and that side, even on the top box and whenever Stevie lifted his feet off his footrests. I put mine there. He says I tried sitting every way except backwards. We were both soaked and freezing and at one petrol stop I thought I'd crapped myself but was relieved to find it was only my underpants all rucked up from all the wriggling around. Honestly, I lost all feeling! From Market Drayton to Shrewsbury. We were in Carl Fogarty mood again and with the wet roads and darkness I was terrified, but we arrived safely at my house in Pedwardine at 10:30 PM, Having completed 672 miles in one day. Stevie was wrecked and couldn't manage. The 25 miles home, so stayed overnight with us. I live. Had worse trips, but I can't remember when and I didn't get any feeling in my backside until noon the next day, and even then I had terrible pins and needles. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER AGAIN!!!

## MAG UPDATE

**Banned by 2035?** As predicted by MAG's Political Unit, the Government has now included petrol motorcycles in the list of new vehicles the sale of which is to be banned by 2035. This is all part of what the Government calls its 'Transport Decarbonisation Plan (TDP).' As the name suggests, this is all about politicians' determination to cut carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles, with the somewhat ambitious goal of creating a 'Net Zero UK' by 2050. 'It's important that riders understand the proposal does not propose voluntary participation,' says Lembit Öpik, MAG's Director of Communications and Public Affairs, who heads up the work on the 'Choice in Personal Transport' (CHiPT) campaign. 'If introduced, you will be banned from buying any new petrol-powered motorbike from 2035, period. The Government has decided that what some describe as a climate emergency is so pressing that this liberty can legitimately be removed from you in less than 14 years.' MAG opposes the compulsory element in this proposal. While the Government seems to be accepting the benefits of motorcycles in the transport mix, the idea that forcing people away from petrol power and towards electric – which is the primary focus of Government policy – goes against the views of riders, a point clearly identified in recent research conducted by MAG. MAG has also repeatedly pointed out the fastest way to reduce emissions now is to promote modal shift from cars to motorbikes, which reduces congestion, fuel use and pollution. MAG chair, Selina Lavender said: "MAG will engage with the Government and the motorcycle industry in this process and will continue to robustly represent all the views and opinions of its members. There is still much work to be done to ensure the benefits of motorcycling are enhanced and recognised. I am confident that MAG's engagement in this work will be positive and achieve the best possible results for motorcyclists in the UK." Please write to your Member of Parliament and ask them if they are for or against the banning of new petrol-powered motorcycles by 2035, and petrol and diesel cars by 2030? Let the Political Unit know what you get back. This is our only chance to alter Government policy – and if we don't you will no longer be able to buy petrol motorbikes after 2035.

**E10 for Autumn** The Political Unit will keep reminding you that we are heading towards the E10 introduction in the autumn of 2021. We've covered this previously, and the problem is some older motorbikes won't take kindly to the introduction of larger proportions of ethanol in the fuel mix. Issues include water in the carbs and damage to seals. You can check if your motorbike is E10 approved here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-e10-petrol>

**Major report on transport options to be released** An All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) is releasing a report on the 2030 ban on petrol and diesel vehicles. The APPG for Fair Fuel for Motorists and Hauliers is (at time of writing) planning to release the report in August 2021. This landmark report outlines the issues related to the ban and explains the problems with trying to force the UK into electric power. At least a dozen MPs are eager to support the concerns being raised. MAG is also featured in the report, highlighting the issues in relation to the ban and bikers. MAG will let you know when the report is published.

## FOR SALE

### Honda Pan European ST 1100 year 1994

Has been serviced

1 year MOT

56.200 miles

Comes with tall screen and top box

Been kept in the garage all time

Price: £ 1.500/ cash at pickup

Contact: Mike Davies 01432 357 946 / Email: MikeJDavies14@gmail.com



## WHAT'S ON 2021

All Club events (including runs) should be organized through our Events Coordinator Sue Moore, email [bobandsuiz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobandsuiz@hotmail.co.uk)/TEXT ONLY on 07857 250023 or PM through Facebook

*Events in Italic are non-club events.*

### NEW GATHERING AND PARKING FOR SUNDAY RUNS

Following the refurbishment of Holmer Road Service Station, the usual meeting place is now designated as a no-stopping area (double-yellow lines). For safety, future runs will gather just around the corner next to **Enterprise Rent-a-car Vehicle Hire**. It may be accessed from either. Howdens, or on exit from the Service Station.

Be aware the waiting group will not be as visible from the main road.

## RUNS AND EVENTS in September 2021

**Event:** Club Night - The Track Pack Stu and Janell Clarke will be giving a talk about their journey with 2 dogs on their bikes around the world

**When:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Dom's Bike Stop, Leominster

**Contact:** Bigfoot, 01432 277720



**Event:** Run



**When:** Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Start at:** 9:30 a.m. , Enterprise Rent-A-Car Hire, Holmer Road, Hereford








**Where:** Llandoverly Loop

**Organizer:** Steve Hackett, 07731 509995



<p><b>Event:</b> Midweek Meet  <b>When:</b> Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021  <b>Where:</b> Larch Barn, Bridgnorth Road, Six Ashes, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster DY14 8JF  <b>Organizer:</b> Dave Therin, 07549342745</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> <i>Ross-on-Wye Autojumble</i>  <b>When:</b> <i>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021, from 9 am</i>  <b>Where:</b> <i>Livestock Centre, Ross On Wye HR9 7QQ</i></p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Club Meet – <b>30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club and AGM</b>  <b>When:</b> Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021  <b>Start at:</b> 3 p.m.  <b>Where:</b> Dom's Bike Stop, Leominster  <b>Organizer:</b> Committee (Steve Hackett 07731 509995)</p>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

<p><b>Event:</b> Club Night  <b>When:</b> Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7:00 p.m.  <b>Where:</b> The King's Head, Docklow, A44 Worcester Road  <b>Contact:</b> Bigfoot, 01432 277720</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Run  <b>When:</b> Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021  <b>Start at:</b> 9:30 a.m. , Enterprise Rent-A-Car Hire, Holmer Road, Hereford  <b>Where:</b> Flag &amp; Whistle, Toddington  <b>Organizer:</b> Steve Hackett, 07731 509995</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Midweek Meet  <b>When:</b> Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, noon  <b>Where:</b> TBC  <b>Organizer:</b> Dave Therin, 07549342745</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Club Night  <b>When:</b> Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, 7:00 p.m.  <b>Where:</b> The King's Head, Docklow, A44 Worcester Road  <b>Contact:</b> Bigfoot, 01432 277720</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Run  <b>When:</b> Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021  <b>Start at:</b> 9:30 a.m. , Enterprise Rent-A-Car Hire, Holmer Road, Hereford  <b>Where:</b> Hotspur Bar &amp; Grill, Shobdon  <b>Organizer:</b> Steve Hackett, 07731 509995</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Club Night  <b>When:</b> Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, 7:00 p.m.  <b>Where:</b> The King's Head, Docklow, A44 Worcester Road  <b>Contact:</b> Bigfoot, 01432 277720</p>	
<p><b>Event:</b> Run  <b>When:</b> Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021  <b>Start at:</b> 9:30 a.m. , Enterprise Rent-A-Car Hire, Holmer Road, Hereford  <b>Where:</b> Fiddler's Elbow  <b>Organizer:</b> Steve Hackett, 07731 509995</p>	



## OTHER ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE

### Good News about your MEMBERSHIP!!!!

Due to Covid-19 and the guidance not to arrange social events, the committee has **extended the membership until the end of December 2021**. This means all current members and anyone joining this year will not need to renew until January 2022.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Current a/c: £3,751.50

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Membership:  
136 including 32 family members

## MEMBERS SERVICES

#### Ian & Richard Logan

Welding services  
Phone [01886 888419](tel:01886888419)

#### Lynda Wilshaw Classic Cakes

Homemade cakes baked for any occasion.  
Phone [01432 760540](tel:01432760540)

## RECOMMENDED BY MEMBERS

#### Eric Rees Motorcycles

(Run by Ray Griffiths) Discount MOTs for club members: General repairs & servicing on all bikes. Agent for Helite AirBag jackets.  
Phone [01432 266164](tel:01432266164)

#### Andy Morgan

Offering a 20% discount for members off his website prices for **vapour blasting** at ATM Vapour Blasting. He also has an ultrasonic cleaning tank.  
Phone [07989 448418](tel:07989448418)

#### Sheepskin seat covers

Bespoke sheepskin motorcycle seat covers, handmade in Hay on Wye.  
For more info/prices, call Laurie  
Phone [07952 998320](tel:07952998320)  
Website [www.laurielewis.org.uk](http://www.laurielewis.org.uk)

#### Aidan Sweeney

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**  
Email [www.aidansweeney.co.uk](mailto:www.aidansweeney.co.uk)

#### Clothing alterations

Repairs & tailoring (including) leather: Sew Bright  
Phone [01432 352622](tel:01432352622)

#### Drive chain oiler

Tutoro, Lydney  
Phone [01594 841097](tel:01594841097)

#### Green Spark Plug Company

Not strictly a recommendation but LCMCC club members are eligible for 10% discount on items purchased online. Enter the discount code **CLUBMEM10** in the coupon code area of the checkout.  
Website [www.gsparkplug.com](http://www.gsparkplug.com)  
<http://lcmcc.uk/blog/2016/02/12/members-discount-at-green-spark-plug-company/>

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Email [info@rossonwyepcrepair.com](mailto:info@rossonwyepcrepair.com)

**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](http://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 (old style) and Club stickers are available at The Bush £1.00 each.

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**30th AGM of the LEOMINSTER CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB**  
**To be held at 3:00pm, Saturday 25th September 2021 at Dom's Bike Stop.**

AGENDA (Please bring this agenda with you to the meeting)

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 AGM (there was no AGM in 2020)
3. Approval of accounts (to year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021)
4. Chairman's Report (see Activity Report)
5. Election of Officers
6. Approval requested for:
  - a. Changing the Newsletter name
  - b. Venue(s) for the 2022 Club Nights
7. Agree the subscription for 2022.
8. Receive the charity status report
9. Any other Business & Questions from the floor

Members unable to attend the AGM are welcome to send their thoughts to [admin@lcmcc.uk](mailto:admin@lcmcc.uk) to ensure they are represented.

### 5. Election of Officers

The AGM provides an opportunity for members to have a say in the way the club is run and to elect those people whom they feel best represent their views. Anyone with an interest in any of the positions may put themselves forward at any time; the officers are elected at the AGM the other roles are committee appointments (post holders need not be on committee).

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Postholder 2021</b>	<b>Expressing interest</b>
Chairman	Mike Davies	Dave Peake
Secretary	Andrew Pantland	Andrew Pantland
Treasurer	Mike England	Mike England
<b>Committee</b>		
Membership Sec	Roger Brooks	Roger Brooks
Events Co-ord	Sue Moore	Sue Moore
Social Secretary	Vacant	
Newsletter Editor	Sabine Ray	Sabine Ray
MAG contact	Sue Moore	Sue Moore
Facebook Admin	Andy Williams	Andy Williams
Website Admin	Steve Hackett	Steve Hackett
Speaker Co-ord	Vacant	
Archives	Mike Davies	Mike Davies
Mid-Week meets	Dave Therin & Ruth Caldicott	Dave Therin & Ruth Caldicott
Member	Mark Jenkins	Mark Jenkins
Member	Mike James	Mike James