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To: VMCC SECTION SECRETARIES/VMCC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

From: HQ

Date: 21st December 2017

Re: January Section Secretaries Newsletter

CURRENT VMCC MEMBERSHIP- 14566

Journal Submission Deadlines

March 2018 Deadline – Thursday 1st February 2018
April 2018 Deadline – Thursday 1st March 2018

Annual General Meeting

The 2018 AGM will take place at the British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon. Warks. CV35 0BJ on the 4th March 2018 starting at 11am.

Calendar of Events / Section Banners

The booklets are now in the post and should arrive with you in the next few days. Also those sections that requested a Banner will find these included in the package. If you requested a section Banner and we have missed you from our list, please get in touch as we still have a few available.

VMCC Founders Relay Rally

Just a reminder that completed check point forms for this great Bi-annual event need to be returned to Steve Kowalski events@vmcc.net at VMCC HQ by the closing date of Friday 9th Feb 2018 as we need to start putting the riders form together ready for printing and distribution.

Library Closure Dates

Please note that the library will be closed from the 2nd Jan to the 15th Jan 2018 for stock checking and auditing.

The 16th Annual Vintage Training Days

Following the repeated success story of the popular training days at Curborough Sprint Course which has seen riders travelling from all points of the country to enjoy this fabulous event. The confirmed dates are 31st March and 15th September 2018. These make ideal presents, so please come along and try riding vintage hand change machines, or if you have a suitable machine and would like to share your knowledge, expertise and allow fellow riders the opportunity to ride your bike please get in touch as this is equally rewarding. If you are travelling quite a distance, there is also the option to camp on site.

VMCC Scarborough Touring Week 2018

The dates for the Scarborough Touring week are 22nd June to 29th June 2018. Entry forms are available by contacting Allen House.

VMCC Members Only Raffle

The VMCC members raffle is running until the AGM in March where it will be drawn during the meeting. Tickets have already been distributed, but if you have lost them, or wish to buy further tickets please call the office.

VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes 2018

Entry forms for the relaunch of the VMCC Festival of 1000 bikes are now available to download from the website or on request from the VMCC office.

Section Stands in The Avenue of Clubs – Festival of 1000 Bikes 2018

For sections wishing to book section display space in the avenue of clubs please contact Steve Kowalski on events@vmcc.net for more information and a booking form. Please ensure that the booking form is returned ASAP but certainly no later than 28/2/18 to assist with the planning of the event.

Lara Representative

John Harvey from Devon has been appointed as the clubs Lara Rep (Land Access and Recreation Association) and takes over from David Giles. John is a keen rider and is also an active member of the TRF. He has a strong background and keen interest with all aspects of public access on motorcycles in the countryside, very aware of the threats and challenges that exist to retain our very long held historical rights. Also as a member of the Devon branch of the Trail Riders Fellowship John has been involved in some important and possibly ground-breaking volunteer projects to help bring back into public use a number of old roads that for various reasons become lost to all user groups. Primarily this work involved working closely with the County Council, who are in charge of all things ROW in Devon and gaining their trust to achieve the results we set out to achieve. Within Devon TRF John also has a ROW role and to compliment this he is also on the Exmoor Local Access Forum with regard to ROW issues.

To help with all of this John also has a good working knowledge of ROW legislation and probably more importantly an understanding of how the anti-access groups operate in order to try to deprive us of our access in the countryside. At one point during the Deregulation Bill the anti-access groups made an attempt to try to hijack this bill and insert new legislation to the effect of creating a complete ban of MPV use on UCR's. John personally got involved and sent information to LARA that was used to counter some of the spurious arguments that the anti's were attempting to make.

This particular role brings two of Johns main interests together, so as well as my keen interest in accessing the countryside on a motorcycle, John also has been very interested in old motorcycles. He rides a range of machines including a 1972 BSA Victor B25T trail bike that he has recently restored, a BSA B50SS through to a 1962 Honda 125 plus several others, the list goes on....

Lastly, thanks and best wishes to David Giles who has represented the club for a number of years and travelled extensively to various meetings to ensure that the clubs views are presented.

JUNE TO DECEMBER 2017 VMCC RAFFLE RESULTS

First prize - 1977 Suzuki GT750cc
Winner - Mr. Dennis Prince
Ticket No. 197696

Second Prize - 1 Years subscription to Old Bike Mart & Classic Motorcycle
Winner - Mr. Keith Kintrea
Ticket No. 031501

Third Prize - 1 Years subscription to Classic Racer Magazine
Winner - Mr R Chalkley
Ticket No. 131456

Fourth Prize - 1 Years subscription to Bonhams Motor Cycle Auction Catalogues
Winner - Mrs. Barbara Walker
Ticket No. 050782

VMCC Website

The Web developers are switching to the new club site over the next few days. While parts will be unavailable initially they will be working through the Christmas period to complete the work for it to be fully operational. There is also an option for a smaller version of this site, along with hosting, to be available to sections for their own use. If you would like more details on having a hosted section website, please contact ianBotham@vmcc.net

Accountant

As most of you will be aware, Paul Broadhurst our accountant tendered his resignation a few months ago. He also agreed to continue until the end of the year and the 20th December was Pauls last day in the office. We wish him well for the future. The work undertaken by the club accountant will now be provided by Sibbalds Chartered Accountants as part of reducing the Clubs expenditure.

April Stafford Show

This year's show will be held on the 21st – 22nd April 2018 and we are appealing for machines to display on the VMCC stand. If you have a machine you wish to display and can spare a few hours to help man the stand over the weekend please email details and images to ianbotham@vmcc.net

On behalf of all the staff at Allen House, may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The office will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.