



MEMO

To: VMCC SECTION SECRETARIES/VMCC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

From: HQ

Date: 14th March 2019

Re: March Section Secretaries Newsletter

CURRENT VMCC MEMBERSHIP- 14701

Journal Submission Deadlines

May 2019 Deadline – Monday 1st April 2019

June 2019 Deadline – Wednesday 1st May 2019

Banbury Run 2019

There are still a few places left for this year's Banbury Run. Please call the office if any member is interested in a place as there is still time to get an entry into the head office.

The Banbury run owes its success to the tremendous support and help of the volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers to come and help throughout the day in various roles. If you are interested in being part of this great team, please download a form from the Banbury-run.co.uk site or request a form from the office.

There will also be a social run on Saturday 15th June 2019 leaving the Museum at 10am, please contact the office for a registration form, or sign on the day. The run is open to all eligible club machines.

Training Day 18th May

There are a couple of spaces left for riders for the May training day. It is a great event where you can ride early machines in a safe environment and receive knowledge and tips from the various members who kindly lend their machines for these events.

We still would like a few more machines for the event, if you have a suitable machine that you would be prepared to bring and allow fellow members the opportunity to ride then please get in touch. We are particularly interested in pre 1930's hand change machines. It is possible to camp/caravan at Curborough the night before if you are travelling quite a distance, but it is a very basic site. Please contact the office for further information.

Staff

Elyse Thornley has now successfully completed her 2nd year apprenticeship in the office, and has decided to move on to another role closer to home. The office staff had a breakfast meal to mark the occasion and gave Elyse a voucher as a departing gift. We all wish Elyse good luck in her new role.

VMCC Board of Directors

Following the AGM on the 3rd March 2019, the 6 candidates were all successfully elected to the board:

Chairman Geoff McGladdery: Business background, founder and Chair of the Herefordshire Section. Likes: His 1929 Ariel, Honda step-through off-roader and Cheney Triumph

Vice-Chairman John Lay: Accountancy background, member of Brooklands Trust and Goodwood Marshals. Likes: Historic vehicles in general, Royal Enfield.

Raymond Albeson: Background in housing and the voluntary sector. VMCC's Area Rep for Scotland and member of RAG, the Club's legislation watchdog. Likes: Velocettes.

Brian Southam: Varied career, including working for Ford as a warehouse manager. Has already served 15 years as a VMCC Director.

Bob Clark: Chief Executive of a 22-acre open air museum in Scotland, experience in financial management and human resources. Likes: Jawas.

Roy Moore: Engineering and toolmaking background, Treasurer of British Historic Racing, the VMCC's racing arm – involved in motorcycle racing since the age of 14.



Pictured left to right: back row, John Lay & Roy Moore, front row: Brian Southam, Geoff McGladdery (chairman), Bob Clark and Raymond Albeson.

VMCC Presidency

President Alastair Alexander, is now into the second year of his two-year term.

At the AGM Mike Wills became President-Elect, preparing to take over from Alastair at the 2020 AGM.

Area Representatives

Anglian – Gary Sleeman

North East – Vacant

North Midlands – Vacant

North West – John Holt

Scotland_ Raymond Albeson

South East – Vacant

South Midlands – Bob Fisher

South West – Michael Larcombe

Wales & South West – Richard Williams

Overseas – Eric Londesbrough

Members Only Raffle

Still a few weeks remaining to purchase tickets for the Members only Raffle bike. First prize is a 1961 BSA C15. The draw takes place on the 29th March 2019.

VMCC Scarborough Social Week 2019 – Friday 21st June to Friday 29th June inclusive

This year's event may be the last one ever, but what is certain is that it will be the last one held at Arosa Caravan and Camping Park – so be sure not to miss 2019, as it is probably your last chance to enjoy one of the best touring weeks on the VMCC Calendar. There are still places available. Entry forms are available online or by calling the VMCC office.

VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes 2019

Track Sessions

With over 400 entries now having been received for the VMCC Festival of 1000 bikes at Mallory Park on the 12th, 13th & 14th July there is still time to fill in an entry form for both the Saturday and Sunday sessions. Entry forms are available to download from the website, on request from the VMCC office or by visiting the VMCC show stand at Stafford.

Section Stands in The Avenue of Clubs

It is always a great sight to see when walking around the Ave of Clubs the amount of VMCC sections from around the country promoting the club to visitors. For sections wishing to book section display space in the avenue of clubs, can you contact the office or email events@vmcc.net for more information and a booking form. Each section booking a place in the Ave of Clubs receives 13 wristbands, 12 machine passes and a vehicle pass. These passes are for section members who wish to display their machine but not riding in the track sessions. Please ensure that the booking form is returned ASAP to assist with the planning of the event.

Lara Representative

The Club has a vacancy for a Club Representative to LARA (the Land Access and Recreation Association). There are usually 3 meetings per year with their AGM being held at the Motorsports HQ in Slough. If you are interested in taking on the role please contact Ian Botham, ianbotham@vmcc.net

VMCC Reporters

We are seeking members to help with reporting on events around the Country to help promote the club. The role will cover sending articles and images into HQ for circulation as press releases; these could be VMCC events covering pre-event news to help promote events; post event articles and visiting non VMCC motorcycle shows and events. If you would like to help with this interesting role, please contact ianbotham@vmcc.net

MCN Scottish Motorcycle Show

Thank you to Gordon Mowat, the Scottish Sections and volunteers who provided machines and their time to put a large and impressive VMCC presence at the Scottish show by combining their efforts again this year. Between them they gained several new members and sold in excess of £700 in raffle tickets (special thanks to Garry who made it his personal mission to sell the most tickets)

