The Vintage Motor Cycle Club - Cotswold Section

38th Cotswold Signpost Rally on Sunday 23rd May 2027

A round of the Western Region Road Trials Championship

Venue:

The start/finish is at Chedworth Village Hall, Fields Rd, Chedworth, Cheltenham GL54 4NQ.

W3W Address: ///digs.repeat.wonderful.
OS Reference: Sheet 163, Grid Reference SP053114.
Google Map Link: R32G+GG Cheltenham

There is a large car park in front of the hall but be warned that there are a couple of fierce speedbumps in the drive of the hall!

Rally Description:

- A tour of around 60 miles to visit signposts identified only by a photograph, with conspicuous items to spot at each location, a quiz, and a (highly subjective) concours of sorts.
- Bonus points can be claimed by event novices and entrants on older and smaller machines.
- All bikes are welcome, finishers will receive a commemorative badge, but only those over 25 years old are eligible for awards.

  We are especially keen to welcome low powered machines including autocycles, cyclemotors, mopeds, scooters and lesser powered veterans and will once again offer the Gutless Wonder Award for these competitors.
- All results will count towards the Western Region Championship.
- Riders are required to visit up to a maximum of 10 of the available signposts. If more than 10 signposts are returned only the first 10, in numerical order, will count to your final score.
- Photographs of the signposts will be sent out to all participants approximately 2-weeks before the rally. Information regarding the points awarded for each signpost will be provided at the start of the rally. The number of points available for each signpost is based on the distance from the start/finish and the difficulty of the associated question(s).
- All participants and machines must comply with all requirements detailed on the Entry Form below.
- There is no lunch break scheduled, but there should be plenty of time for a break and there are many pubs, cafes, and picnic spots en-route.
- Light refreshments will be available at the start/finish.

Clerk of the Course & Event Secretary:

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Schedule:

09:30	Signing-on and collection of signpost scoring information and associated questions.
10:30 approx.	First riders set off (when ready).
15:00 approx.	First riders return to Chedworth Village Hall.
15:40	Last riders return and quiz held.
16:00	Results calculated and awards allocated.
16:15	Results and Presentation of Awards.

On the day you will need:

- Ordinance Survey sheet 163, a 2B pencil or similar and (hopefully) sunglasses.

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Entry Requirements:

- Entry to the Signpost Rally is £12 per participant (riders & passengers).
- VMCC eligible machines must have been manufactured before the end of 2002 BUT entrants on younger bikes will be allowed at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The Route:

- Signposts will be identified by photographs of the signs and that will clearly show the distance to local towns and points of interest.
- Work out the position of each signpost on the map (O.S. sheet 163) then ride a route of your choice to visit the signposts and find the items requested at each one.

Awards: (at the organisers' discretion)

- The Bovenizer Award – the overall winner – highest points score.
- The Cotswold Signpost Award – the best opposite performance (all will be explained on the day!).
- Best Brace – Pair of awards.
- The Gutless Wonder Award – the best low-powered machine.
- The 'famous' Signpost Concours – the organiser's favourite bike.
- Other meritorious or entertaining performances may be recognised.

All participants completing the Signpost Rally by 15:40 will receive a commemorative badge.

Entry to the Rally

To enter the rally please complete the Entry Form below then email it to the Event Secretary via the email address above or post your completed Entry Form to the Event Secretary. All entries and payment to be received by Friday 7th May 2027 but early entries are greatly appreciated. Payment of entry fees can be made by bank transfer to:

Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: 30-95-72
Account No.: 01689996
Reference: Please enter "SPR" followed by your name

Payment by bank transfer is very much preferred as Cotswold VMCC is charged a fee for every cheque that is processed by the bank. If you have no alternative but to pay by cheque, these should be made payable to 'VMCC Cotswold Section' and should be posted with your Entry Form to the Event Secretary.

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VMCC Cotswold Section Signpost Rally – Entry Form

Please write clearly.

Rider Details

Rider's Name:			
Membership No.:		**VMCC Section:**	
Email Address:		**Mobile Telephone No.:**	
Postal Address:			
First time on Signpost Rally?	YES / NO (Delete as applicable)		
Passenger(s) Name(s):			

Machine Details

Make:		**Engine Size (cc):**	
Model:		**Year:**	
Other Machine or Rider details:			

Declaration and Legal Requirements:

- I confirm that any vehicle I use shall be suitable and will comply with all insurance and other legal requirements.
- I hereby declare that I have read and understand the regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them together with any final instructions that may be in force when I sign on.
- I further declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in this event and am competent to do so.
- I confirm that I understand the nature and type of the event and the risk inherent when entering and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers/officials.
- I further agree that I shall not seek to claim against the Vintage Motor Cycle Club Limited or the Cotswold Section thereof, the organisers nor their officials, the landowners, the promoter or other bodies or individuals connected with the event in respect of any damage to my property howsoever caused, and whether by negligence or breach of statutory duty of the said bodies and persons.
- I further agree that the machine which I enter and compete on shall be suitable and proper for its purpose and that it will comply with the regulations in respect thereof, and is described above.
- I understand and agree that I am required as soon as I arrive at the venue to register my arrival and sign on.
- I will be riding a VMCC eligible machine at least 25 years old (unless agreed with the organiser).

For each entrant who is under the age of 18, this form must be accompanied by a completed Parental Agreement form signed by at least one parent/guardian and witnessed; these can be supplied if required.

Rider's Signature: **Date:**

Passenger Signature: **Date:**

Passenger Signature: **Date:**

Please ensure entry fee of £12 per participant (riders & passengers) is paid as detailed above.