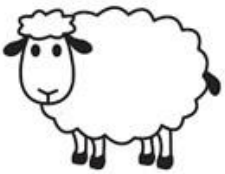
# VMCC COTSWOLD SECTION

# FELIX BURKE WEEKEND 2027



## Ian Dettmer Saturday Social Run on the 17th April
## 71st Cotswold Road Trial on Sunday 18th April

1: **INTRODUCTION**

The weekend consists of a gentle non-competitive Saturday Social Run, and Sunday's 71st running of the Cotswold Road Trial (i.e. the Felix Burke Run). You are welcome to enter either or both of these. The weekend is for VMCC members riding pre-2003 motorcycles and three-wheelers, however younger machines are permitted at the discretion of the Event Secretary and non-members are welcome.

2: **EVENT SECRETARY**

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3: **VENUE**

Both days will be based at Andoversford Village Hall, Crossfields, Andoversford, Cheltenham, GL54 4LQ (map reference SP 021 194, *OS map 163*).

4: **ENTRIES**

4.1: Completed Entry Forms, with payment, should reach us by 30th March. Early entries appreciated and later entries may be rejected if the event is over-subscribed.

4.2: Riders or Passengers under 18 years of age need the permission of their parent or guardian. A Parental Agreement Form (available from the Event Secretary) should be completed and returned with your entry.

5: **WESTERN REGION ROAD TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The results of the Road Trial count towards the 2027 Championship.

6: **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Riders and machines must comply with all legal requirements, and Riders shall ensure that their Third Party Insurance is valid for these events.

7: **IAN DETTMER SATURDAY SOCIAL RUN – Saturday 17th April**

7.1: There is no entry fee for this.

7.2: The run will start from the Andoversford Village Hall at 9.30 (sign-on from 9.00).

7.3: Route cards will be provided so you can travel at your own pace. The route will be about 70 miles of roads and lanes, but no green lanes or rough tracks. There will be a tea-break and a lunch stop where meals may be purchased if required.

8: **71st COTSWOLD ROAD TRIAL – Sunday 18th April**

8.1: Entrants visit a selection of Controls (or checkpoints) in the area and marks can be earned at each one.
This is a low speed event, so there will be plenty of time to see the countryside and take a break. Riders of older and less powerful machines will be able to pick a shorter and flatter route and may also gain extra bonus marks (see below).

**8.2: Entry Fees**

The entry fee is £25 for VMCC members, £29 for non-members, and £10 for passengers. Fees include a meal after the event and a much sought-after Rally Badge. Additional meals may be booked at £9 per person.
Entry fees will only be returned if the event is abandoned or postponed. Should this occur there will be the option to carry your entry fee forward to next time.

**8.3: Description**

8.3.1: 16 Controls will be identified on 1:50000 Ordnance Survey Map 163.

8.3.2: Entrants may start at any Control and visit as many as they wish up to a maximum of 12. The Final Control will be at Andoversford Village Hall.

8.3.3: No Control may be visited more than once with the exception of the Final Control at Andoversford Village Hall, which may also be used as a starting point.

8.3.4: All Controls will open at 10:00 hours (you cannot start before 10.00) and close at 14:00, except the Final Control.

8.3.5: The Final Control will open for signing off at 13:00 hours and close at 15:00 hours.

8.3.6: About a week before the event, entrants will be sent details of the Control locations and their six figure map references, so they can plot their choice of route.

8.3.7: Each Entrant will be sent a Score Card and it will be his or her responsibility to ensure that it is correctly marked at each Control visited and handed in at the Final Control before it closes at 15:00 hours.

**8.4: Marks Allocation**

8.4.1: One mark will be awarded for each mile travelled up to a maximum of 60 miles. A mileage chart will be provided showing the official distances between Controls, to assist with route planning.

8.4.2: One mark will be lost for each mile travelled in excess of 60.

8.4.3: Five marks will be awarded for each Control visited up to the maximum of 12.

8.4.4: Riders will be asked motorcycling related questions at each Control visited (except the finish). Up to four marks will be awarded for correctly answering questions. Some Controls will be adjacent to Green Lanes. At these Controls riders may choose to drive the Green Lane for three marks, instead of attempting questions.

8.4.5: Passengers will be asked general knowledge questions to determine the winner of the Passenger Award. Passengers do not score marks for riding a Green Lane.

**8.5: Bonus Marks**

Some Entrants will be eligible for bonus marks. Please claim these on the Entry Form.

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| 8.5.1: | For each year before 1925 | 1 mark |
| 8.5.2: | Pre-1946 solo machine under 151 cc | 4 marks |
| 8.5.3: | Pre-1946 solo machine 151 cc to 250 cc | 3 marks |
| 8.5.4: | 1946 to 2002 solo machine under 151 cc | 2 marks |
| 8.5.5: | Pre-1946 sidecar or three-wheeler | 3 marks |
| 8.5.6: | 1946 to 2002 sidecar or three-wheeler | 2 marks |
| 8.5.7: | Single-speed | 10 marks |
| 8.5.8. | Two-speed | 6 marks |
| 8.5.9: | Belt final drive (excluding toothed belts) | 4 marks |
| 8.5.10: | No clutch | 4 marks |
| 8.5.11: | First time rider on the Felix Burke (Cotswold Road Trial) | 4 marks |
| 8.5.12: | Passenger Carried | 1 mark |

*Other bonus marks may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.*

**8.6: Entry Numbers**

These will be provided and must be clearly displayed at the front of the machine and removed immediately after the event.

**8.7: Classes**

8.7.1: Pioneer & Veteran machines made before 1st January 1915.

8.7.2: Vintage machines made between 1st January 1915 and 31st December 1930.

8.7.3: Post Vintage machines made between 1st January 1931 and 31st December 1945.

8.7.4: Post-war machines made between 1st January 1946 and 31st December 1960.

8.7.5: Post-1960 machines made between 1st January 1961 and 31st December 1975.

8.7.6: Post-1975 machines made between 1st January 1976 and 31st December 1990

8.7.7: Post-1990 machines made between 1st January 1991 and 31st December 2002.

*Later machines (under 25 years old) permitted at the discretion of the Event Secretary.*

**8.8: Teams**

Teams of three may enter for the team award. No-one may be a member of more than one team. Team members need not ride together or visit the same Controls.
There is no additional entry fee for a team.

**8.9: Awards**

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| 8.9.1: | Best Performance by a pre-1931 Machine (excluding machine bonus points) | The Felix Burke Shield |
| 8.9.2: | Best Performance in the Pioneer & Veteran class | The Ron Cresswell Cup |
| 8.9.3: | Best Performance by an Early-Vintage Machine | The Arthur Lewis Salver |
| 8.9.4: | Best Performance by a Late-Vintage Machine | The Joe Major Cup |
| 8.9.5: | Best Performance in the Post-Vintage class | The Arthur Whitmarsh Cup |
| 8.9.6: | Best Performance in the Post-War class | The Burke Bros. Cup |
| 8.9.7: | Best Performance in the Post-1960 class | The Post-1960 Solo Cup |
| 8.9.8: | Best Performance in the Post-1975 class | The VMCC Cup |
| 8.9.9: | Best Performance in the Post-1990 class | The New Cotswold Award |
| 8.9.10. | Best Performance by a Sidecar or 3-Wheeler | The Ray Newell Cup |
| 8.9.11: | Best Performance by a Two-Stroke Machine | The Two Stroke Cup |
| 8.9.12: | Best Performance by a Passenger | The VMCC Award |
| 8.9.13: | Best Team Performance | The Team Shield |
| 8.9.14: | Best Hand-knitted Motorcycling Jumper | The Rosina Burke Award |
| 8.9.15: | Special Award for 'meritorious effort' | Len Ore Tankard |

8.9.16: Concours Awards for the best machine in each class.

8.9.17: No entrant may win more than one performance award, excluding Team Award.

8.9.18: To be eligible for any award, entrants must comply with these regulations and have travelled the entire distance by the power of their machine, the exertion of themselves or their passengers (ie you can get off and push), or by natural causes.

**8.10: Retirements**

8.10.1: Entrants starting before 10.00, arriving at the Final Control before 13:00 hours or visiting more than 12 Controls (including the Final Control), will be deemed to have retired.

8.10.2: Entrants handing in their Score Cards at the Final Control after 15:00 hours will be deemed to have retired.

8.10.3: This is a friendly event, to be undertaken in the right spirit. Entrants are expected to follow the Highway Code, show good humour, respect and consideration to all other road users, pedestrians, fellow entrants, marshals and officials, horses and sheep. Entrants failing in this respect will be deemed to have retired.

**8.11: Ties**

In the event of a tie, the following tie deciders will be applied in order:

1. The lower number of machine bonus marks, for teams the lower total of bonuses.
2. The lower capacity machine, for teams the lower total capacity.
3. The older machine, for teams the greater total age.

**8.12: Concours**

Judging will take place at the finish until 16:00 hours.

**8.14: Refreshments**

A meal and hot drinks will be provided for competitors at the finish. If you have any special dietary requirements please note them on your entry form. Additional meals may be ordered with your entry. The bar will be available.