

VMCC Beds Navigation Challenge 2020

The VMCC Beds Navigation Event is intended to provide an excuse to get your bike out and go for a ride around the county of Bedfordshire, visiting selected locations. It is entirely informal, with no rules, per se. It is not restricted to VMCC Beds members and can be shared without restriction.

A list of 25 villages is provided, approximately evenly spaced across the whole county [see accompanying map]. The idea is to select a number of villages to ride to in a single day - and provide evidence of your visit by answering a simple question. The answers to the questions will be found in prominent locations in the villages (commonly churches or village halls) that should be easy to find, and which generally have somewhere safe to stop. There are no trick questions or hidden locations – the OS grid reference is provided, along with the “what3words” reference (should you be familiar with that technology) for the specific location within the village. Don’t forget to take some means of recording the answers to the questions.

The day’s ride can comprise any number of locations, in any order, using any suitable route - including entering enemy territory (Herts, Bucks, Northants, Cambs).

It can be ridden alone or in a small group (social distancing, blah, blah, blah), on any bike(s) - but preferably over 25 years old.

It can be done on any day, and on multiple occasions if desired, up to the end of September (for inclusion on the roll of honour) although there is no formal time limit.

There is no entry fee, awards or prizes, but we will compile a roll of honour.

Send your entries, stating date(s), locations visited (on each occasion, if more than one day), affiliation (if not VMCC Beds), bike(s) used, and the answers to the questions, to bryan.marsh@btinternet.com for the roll of honour.

Disclaimer

VMCC Beds cannot be held responsible if you do anything daft.

	Village	Question	What 3 words / OS grid ref
1	Arlesey (Church End)	What is the vicar on the pub sign opposite the church doing?	Notes.captions.impose TL 192376
2	Billington	To whom is the noticeboard at the Village Hall dedicated? (brief answer accepted)	Cross.arrive.kings SP 941228
3	Campton	What is the heading on the parish noticeboard outside the church?	Eternity.atlas.airship TL 130381
4	Chalton	What is in the window of the Village Hall beneath the name board?	Tokens.grants.lousy TL 032266
5	Cockayne Hatley	What two dates are on the village sign?	Norms.herb.arrive TL 257495
6	Duloe	What are the two words on the child’s drawing on the village sign?	Actor.reckoned.ejects TL 158608
7	Dunton	What vehicle is on the village sign by the church?	Scariest.evoke.solicitor TL 238443

8	East Hyde	What is the instruction for opening the front door of the St Charalambos Greek Orthodox Church?	Melon.vine.payer TL 128173
9	Haynes Church End	What is the inscription on the lychgate outside the church?	Buck.urban.elsewhere TL 081412
10	Higham Gobion	What time is Holy Communion at the church?	Waving.talker.magically TL 104328
11	Ickwell	What is the first name under 1917 on the war memorial on the green?	Snack.mountains.ends TL 150457
12	Keysoe	What befell William Dickins? (see plaque on rear of church tower)	Triangle.moment.merely TL 074625
13	Milton Ernest	What is the name of the vicar of All Saints church?	Pirates.rewrites.since TL 020561
14	Pepperstock	What are the Sunday opening hours of Harpers Fine Food shop?	Gears.raves.bend TL 085181
15	Potsgrove	What time is the Saturday collection from the postbox beside the church gate?	Samplers.triangle.loaders SP 952299
16	Renhold	According to the plaque by the church gate, what is there at this location?	Either.shrimp.poet TL 089528
17	Salford	What is the phone number to hire the hall opposite the Swan public house?	Shock.remarried.crockery SP 937392
18	Shelton	In whose memory was the church gate donated?	Brew.chimp.polo TL 034688
19	Stagsden	What is the date (year) of the Church Room almost opposite the front gate of the church?	Nylon.evoked.planting SP 983490
20	Steppingley	What type of hat is being worn by the man playing the French Horn on the sign of the pub of that name?	Digs.juggles.coached TL 011354
21	Stewartby	Other than a floodlight, what is on the wall above the "Stewartby" sign on the front of the Village Hall?	Crafted.decking.dirt TL 019424
22	Tempsford (Church End)	What is the slogan beneath the mosaic on the memorial to those who flew from RAF Tempsford?	Highlighted.humans.poets TL 162532
23	Turvey	What was the nickname of the person to whom the bench outside the church is dedicated?	Growl.renovated.confining SP 941525
24	Whipsnade	Where is the disabled access at the Village Hall?	Gains.feels.patrol TL 003180
25	Wymington	What is on the ground on the left-hand side just outside the church porch?	Cabinet.skims.generally SP 955644

