

VMCC West Wilts Section – 26th October 2023 Meeting Newsletter

Recent Events

Sunday 15th October Tony Barnett led a group of 18 bikes on the section G&T (Girders and Tiddlers) run with a coffee stop at Malmesbury Garden centre and some stayed for Lunch back at the start point at the Bell at Yatton Keynell. We were blessed with a bit of sunshine and the run gave a valuable insight and practice for a section run national event next year.

Thursday 19th October Colin Smith led another very successful section Wandering with 12 bikes starting at Morrisons Chippenham and heading towards Tetbury for a very enjoyable coffee stop at the Whistle Stop Café. Returning to Chippenham and skilfully avoiding most of the rain we sat down to an excellent lunch which was well supported at the Pheasant with many other section members joining us.

Friday 20th October Keith Johnson made great efforts to arrange an October Gentle Green Lane run but unfortunately the weather beat him of this occasion and the event had to be cancelled. Another date will be arranged soon.

Sunday 22nd October Despite having to revise the route to avoid the M48 closure Jim Gaisford led a successful section Forest of Dean run starting from the Fox and Hounds at Acton Turville. With 12 bikes assembling, a coffee stop at the Seven Bore pub was followed by Lunch at the George Inn at St Briavels. There was also time to visit the old Harbour at Lydney Docks to view the river Severn.

Thursday 26th October Section meeting with charity speaker and section friend John Young giving entertaining details of his home-made Pulse Jet powered NVT moped and sidecar! He also spoke about his recent adventures riding across Australia on several different Triumphs and attending the Australian Triumph National event. Thanks to all those attending for the generous donations, John collected over £100 for the Dougie Mac Childrens Hospice. Well Done!

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 31st October: Coffee Morning REME Museum at Lyneham SN15 4XX. Museum Café - **Kevin Phillips**. Please note this is not at the Orchid Café as I previously stated in the last minutes.

Thursday 2nd November: New Forest Run – Meeting at the former Chocolate Poodle Pub, High Street Littleton Pannell, SN10 4EL. Assemble at 09:45 leaving promptly at 10:00 - **Peter Fielding**.

Thursday 9th November: Section Meeting at the Bell Yatton Keynell and the much-anticipated Brians annual Quiz!.

Wednesday 15th November: Section Green Lane Run – please contact **Keith Johnson**

Thursday 16th November: Section Wandering to the 3 Magpies at Sells Green led by **Colin Smith** assemble at Morrisons Chippenham for a 10:00 start.

Thursday 23rd November: Section Meeting at the Bell Yatton Keynell with Speaker **Rob Jones**.

Tuesday 28th November: Coffee Morning at the Ship at Luckington, SN14 6PA - **Kevin Phillips**

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NOTE: Meetings through the Winter season where we have speakers will start at 7:30.

Further discussion on the section running a stand at Bristol classic bike show (24/25 Feb. 2024) and Kevin Phillips kindly agreed to make an application to Mortons for 12 bikes and hopefully it would be approved. With a good level of interest from section members to man the stand and show their bikes it is hoped this application is approved. Martin Hirst agreed to contact VMCC National rep Gary Sleeman to ask for details of their plans.

Peter Fielding in his role at regional rep gave brief details and feedback from his attendance at the VMCC Regional meeting on the 25th October and requested any members who had any issues to raise should contact him. Additionally, he stated that any issues which directly effected the section would be briefed at future section meetings.

Derek Daniels stated that he had circulated the menu for the Christmas lunch on **Saturday 9th December** and asked for members to make their selections and intension to attend known to him to inform the Ship of numbers.

Prices are as follows:-

2 courses £25.95

3 courses £30.95

Members attending can pay Derek or Martin in cash or by Cheque made payable to 'Vintage Motorcycle Club West Wilts VMCC section' or by direct bank transfer to:-

Sort Code: 30-91-99
Account Number: 03156545
Account name: Vintage Motor Cycle Club West Wiltshire Section
Reference: Christmas Lunch.

Martin

VMCC West Wilts Section Treasurer and temporary Secretary