

VMCC West Wilts Section – 11th January 2023 Meeting Newsletter

People

Welcome to Sean, Mark and Mike who joined us as new or renewed VMCC members. Look forward to seeing you (and hearing Mark's T160) again at some of the upcoming events.

Speaker

Colin Myler of Moonrakers section gave a great talk, exhibition and demonstration of carbide lights, with additional interesting departures into the evolution of lighting and the machinations of large corporations regarding innovation and patents. Many thanks again to Colin and his able assistant Dave.

Recent Events

The Wandering to the Fox & Hounds at Acton Turville was well-attended with 21 people joining and 10 bikes in total on a largely dry day; Colin organized a ride to the venue neatly avoiding the worst of the flooded roads.

The Green Lane run saw a small and hardy group heading into Chew Valley on a cold day but with sun and no ice, for another enjoyable ride and fish & chips.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 12th January – Ashwicke Classic Trials club Pre-65 and Twinshock trial at Greenways Lane, Cold Ashton (local area postcode is SN14 8LA; What3Words track.bugs.scornful) start time 11:00am. Voluntary cash contributions from spectators gratefully received, proceeds to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Thursday 18th January – Wandering to the Lansdowne Arms at Derry Hill nr. Chippenham, SN11 9NS. Please note there will be no group ride, meet at the pub for 12:30.

Thursday 25th January – Next section meeting at The Bell, Yatton Keynell, 7:30pm. There will be a short meeting followed by a talk on Panthers from Geoff Stray, who will be bringing along his impressive 'Stray Panther' V-twin.

Tuesday 30th January – Coffee Morning at Crowns Café, REME Museum, Lyneham SN15 4PT, 10:30am.

AOB

Pete Tyler: Sheila Tyler had passed on her thanks to all those who attended Pete's funeral, the bike turnout (over 20 bikes) was particularly appreciated.

Exeter Trial: Positive feedback all round on supporting the operation of the Exeter Trial start point; Keith Johnston noted he would be looking at further involvement in future events.

JOGLE Run (post-meeting note): Martin Hirst has now received 17 deposits for the John O'Groats to Lands End run being organised by Tim James.