

## VMCC West Wilts Section – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 Meeting Newsletter

### Recent Events

The Wandering to the White Horse at Biddestone attracted 28 people with 13 riding in, most on a run organized by Colin stopping off at the re-opened Flying Monk café near Hullavington. The green lane run on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. had gone well irrespective of the conditions and Keith plans to repeat the route in the summer.

### Forthcoming Section Events

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Coffee morning at the Old Royal Ship Inn café, Luckington SN14 6PA from about 10:30am.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Wandering to the Thames Head Inn, on the A433 near Kemble, for approx. 12:30pm. Colin Smith is organizing a group ride to the pub, meet at Morrisons Chippenham in time for prompt 10am departure. **NB** pre-orders will be required for those wishing to have lunch at the pub, please see email from Colin with menu sent out 22/2/24.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Green Lane run organized by Keith Johnston, please see dedicated WhatsApp group for details nearer the time.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Section meeting at the Bell Inn, Yatton Keynell, 7:30pm followed by a talk by Steve Somerford.

### Major Events

**Bristol Classic Bike Show 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> February** – hope to see you there; Section stand is in the Showering pavilion.

**Founders Relay Rally 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Volunteers are needed to man/woman the West Wilts checkpoint at The Bell for periods during the day – please contact Jon Hall. Refreshments will be available in the barn, by popular demand.

### AOB

No other business was raised.

### Speaker

Dr Reg Eyre gave a talk entitled “Modern Motorcycle Design”, covering the evolution from motorcycling’s origins to current models ranging in design from the rational to the “sculptural pastiche”, and with reference to Reg’s own collection of bikes. A very interesting talk provoking further and wider discussion, so now we know more – ranging from the Werner brothers (no, me neither) to the real reason Suzuki named their GSX1300R the “Hayabusa”.

**NOTE:** Reg wanted to mention that the Flat Tank Section is holding an "Evening with Harold 'Oily' Karlake" on the 28th March 2024 at the Huntsman Inn, Thornbury: near the M5 junction at Thornbury and the Inn is on the A38. A flyer is attached; all are very welcome.