

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

NEWSLETTER 28TH MARCH

...from Section Meeting 28th March 2024

1. Recent events – a quick review of recent events reflected good turnouts for the Wandering to the Greyhound in Bromham and coffee morning at Honeystreet Mill.
2. Upcoming Section and local events
 - a. Midweek run Thurs. 4th April – will be a local minor/B roads route of around 60 miles to Nailsworth area, end at Salutation Inn, The Gibb nr. Castle Combe (about 3 miles along from Yatton Keynell). Ride will leave Chippenham Morrisons 10am, planned coffee stop at Jolly Nice Farmshop/Café near Frampton Mansell at about 11am, lunch at Salutation Inn about 12:45pm.
 - b. Next Green Lane run is scheduled for Tues 9th April, details tba.
 - c. Next section meeting Thurs 11th April – 7:30pm (back in the barn, lighter evenings and fingers crossed for dry weather)
 - d. Castle Combe classic track days 12/13th April
 - e. Wandering Thurs 18th April to Three Horseshoes at Chapmanslade
3. Other near-term events around the wider area
 - a. Easter Monday 1st April is bike night at the Old Sarum airfield café, 6pm on.
 - b. Salisbury M/C & Light Car Club “Five Valleys Run” for Bloodrunners charity starts from Barford St Martin at 11am on 7th April. Open to non-members. See www.salisburymotorcycleandlightcarclub.co.uk for details.
 - c. Also on 7th April, Wiltshire/Dorset Bikers are having a cake/coffee meet at The Dandy Highwayman Café – on the A4 at Cherhill.
4. Major future events:
 - a. Founders Relay Rally Sunday 28th April – we now have 4 volunteers for time slots at our Checkpoint (at the Bell), more volunteers welcome.
 - b. Entries are open for the White Horse Trial 14th July – see information online, or contact Keith Johnston or Peter Fielding (email/message/ask Jon Hall if you need the link or contact info)
 - c. Tim James gave an update on the JOGLE – all arrangements have now been made; key dates are below. Tim explained that he will provide routes for each day; riders need not stick exactly to the given route but please bear in mind that the support van cannot make major off-route excursions if you break down.
 - i. Full payments on or before 1/7/24
 - ii. Deliver bikes to Hathaways transport depot 3/9/24
 - iii. Depart from John Miller Garden Machinery car park 6–6:30pm 5/9/24
5. AOB
 - a. Hi-viz vests: Mark Pimble led a discussion on this; vests will be zip-up with pockets and VMCC West Wilts logo. There is a min. order of 25 vests, cost will be approx. £12 each. Please let Martin Hirst or Mark if you would like to order a vest. It was noted we will need distinctive colours for ride leader and tail rider. Mark will advise on actual dimensions of the vest sizes so that individuals can judge what size they need.
 - b. Heater: while we are now hopefully getting into warmer months, we need a better solution for next winter. The committee will look at the cost of a radiant gas heater that can be kept in the barn (Butane) and will be effectively silent so it can remain on during meetings/talks, and bring a proposal to a future meeting.
 - c. Several people (including some who had sent apologies on this occasion) stated they were in favour of some section meetings being held at lunchtime rather than evening.