

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 11th April 2024

1. People – welcome to Steve Francis and Lee Quick
2. Recent events - the midweek run 4/4/24 saw 16 bikes on a dry 60 mile run around the Nailsworth area and finishing at The Salutation Inn near Castle Combe. The green lane run 9/4/24 had a group of 8 bikes led by Keith and Don on a fun, varied and sometimes challenging route with excellent food stops, in windy but mainly dry weather; distances covered from around 100 to 200 miles in the day, the longest by Simon on his BSA B44.
3. Upcoming events
 - a. Castle Combe race circuit classic bike track days Fri/Sat. 12/13th April
 - b. Wandering Thurs 18th April to Three Horseshoes at Chapmanslade – NOTE there will probably be a run to the venue, starting at 10am prompt from the Red Lion car park in Lacock [NOT Morrisons Chippenham]. Look out for confirmation from Colin on this; and please give Colin food orders asap.
 - c. Brian Newbury's run to the Forest of Dean, Sunday 21st April will depart from the Fox & Hounds Car Park at Acton Turville at 10am [again, NOT Morrisons Chippenham]
 - d. Next Section meeting at the Bell, Thurs 25th April, 7:30pm
 - e. Founders Relay Rally Sunday 28th April (West Wilts Checkpoint at the Bell, 9am – 5pm, further volunteers to man the Checkpoint would be appreciated)
 - f. Bath Classic Club classic scramble at Yatton Keynell also Sunday 28th April.
 - g. Coffee morning Tues 30th April at Sleight Valley golf club Café nr. Devizes, SN10 3HW; 10:30am
 - h. Midweek run 2nd May – Keith Johnston will lead this run, stopping at Wendy's community café (which had been enjoyed on last year's run) and ending in Lacock. Keith will confirm details nearer the time.
4. Future events:
 - a. Entries are now open for the White Horse Scatter Navigation Event 14th July. Take-up so far has been ahead of previous years with 28 entrants to date (max. is 50). Peter and Keith stressed that while the event has optional green lane elements, it can equally be completed all on tarmac roads; also the special tests are optional.
 - b. Gentle green lane runs starting in May (see attached note).
5. AOB
 - a. Peter Fielding asked for Section feedback on AGM arrangements; a number of suggestions were made, with a general view that online attendance with voting capability should be considered.
 - b. Hi-Viz vests – a number of people wish to purchase the vests; it was proposed and agreed that the Section buy a small number initially to confirm sizes.