

# VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

## NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

1. Welcome to Paul Craven who joined the last Wandering on his very nice Tiger and arrived at the Bell on his Daytona.
2. Recent events

Castle Combe race circuit classic bike track day had been popular – several members had attended with some participating and taking the opportunity for a few laps. The Wandering to Three Horseshoes at Chapmanslade was a good ride, thanks again to Colin, and the lunch arrangements resulted in an apologetic donation to Wiltshire Air Ambulance from the pub, so a good outcome 😊

Brian Newbury's run Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April to the Mendips was a good steady ride with only two bikes needing push starts to complete the day.
3. Upcoming events
  - a. Founders Relay Rally Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (West Wilts Checkpoint at the Bell, 9am – 5pm, Mr Young's famous bakes available to early risers)
  - b. Bath Classic Club classic scramble at Yatton Keynell also Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.
  - c. Coffee morning Tues 30<sup>th</sup> April at Sleight Valley golf club Café nr. Devizes, SN10 3HW; 10:30am
  - d. Midweek run Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Keith Johnston will lead this 100 mile run on mainly C class roads. Start is 9:30 for 10am departure from Merkins Café near Bradford-on-Avon BA15 2RW, picking up at The Bell Yatton Keynell at 10:30, stopping at Malmesbury Garden Centre Café at 11am – 11:45am, then riding on to Wendy's community café at Great Bedwyn for lunch. Return route via Pewsey to finish at Barty's coffee shop on Bowden Hill near Lacock around 15:45. Sounds a great ride, blimey that's a lot of cake, don't miss it!
  - e. Classic Motor Hub ride-in day Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 1pm, Classic Motor Hub, Ablington Old Walls (North of Cirencester). Note pre-book only, £5/bike
  - f. Next Section Meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm, The Bell, Yatton Keynell
  - g. Green Lane Run Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, details TBA by Keith Johnston
  - h. Gentle Green Lane Run (generally intended for those not participating in the longer Green Lane Runs) Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, details TBA by Keith.
4. Future major events:
  - a. White Horse Scatter Navigation Event: Keith noted that this year, Postcodes would also be provided as well as Grid ref's and W3W for each of the locations, enabling SatNav's to be used for overall route directions.
5. AOB
  - a. Chris Wastell suggested that for runs with a large number of bikes, it would be best to double or triple up at junctions to avoid creating a long single file line of waiting bikes. All agreed with this and it was also noted in the discussion that with the drop-off system it's not necessary to constantly maintain the same riding order; it's ok to overtake within the group as circumstances allow.