

# VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

## NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 28th June 2024

1. People: Welcome to Richard, Jason, Stewart, Les and Sebastian who joined the meeting.
2. Recent events
  - a. Brian Newbury led the Summer (nearly-)Solstice Run on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, with a small turnout perhaps reflecting clashes with Banbury and Fathers' day, which we'll consider for next year. Many thanks to Brian for kindly organising the event.
  - b. Keith Johnston's gentle green lane ride 18<sup>th</sup> June was incident-free over mainly dry going between Westbury and Mere, and was enjoyed by all on a mix of CRFs and Serows plus Simon's lovely BSA Victor and Martin's 'hi-line' Himalayan.
  - c. The Wandering to The Fox & Goose at Coombe Bissett once again extended the repertoire of routes and stop-off points including the RSPB Kingfisher cafe. Many thanks again to Colin and Linda for planning and organising so many great days out.
  - d. The Coffee morning at AV8 on 25<sup>th</sup> June organised by Kevin Phillips saw a high and varied turnout of over 25 bikes from West Wilts and nearby Sections, including a rarely-seen Ner-A-Car.
3. Forthcoming events
  - a. Saturday morning 29<sup>th</sup> June: ride-in to Williams Automobiles' Norton dealership near Horton. Attendance is now at the maximum number. Planned arrival is 10:30am, group ride departing from The Bell car park at 10am.
  - b. Reg Cox will lead the Midweek "Election Special" Run on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Meet at the car park behind the Red Lion in Lacock at 9:30am. Come along and make up your own election jokes about U-turns etc. or just sit around and talk complete ballots as usual. Destination Glastonbury...
  - c. Next Section meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm onwards at The Bell.
  - d. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July is the White Horse Scatter Navigation Event, starting at The Three Magpies in Sells Green. Event instructions incl. locations will be issued to entrants on 7<sup>th</sup> July.
  - e. Please note the Green Lane run 9<sup>th</sup> July will not take place owing to proximity to the White Horse event. However, there will be a Gentle Green Lane Run on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July (all arr'ts are via the WWVMCC Green Lane WhatsApp group).
  - f. The next Wandering is on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July to The Blue Boar at Aldbourne, SN8 2EN. Details to come by email from Colin Smith.

4. Other nearby events in July:
  - a. Castle Combe Race Circuit bike night Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. As before, Rob Jones has kindly arranged easy entry for West Wilts. Please let Jon Hall know by email or message (ASAP and by 14<sup>th</sup> July) that you wish to attend and we will add your name to the club entry list, saving you the need to book online. [For those who wrote names on the list at club night, there's no need to confirm]
  - b. Wells Classic Tortoise & Hare run, 21<sup>st</sup> July: Martin Hirst raised the possibility of a West Wilts Section group ride/entry. Please contact Martin or Jon Hall if you are interested.
  - c. Calne bike fest is on 27<sup>th</sup> July – VMCC West Wilts stand will be in Sainsbury's car park. Please contact Martin Hirst if you are able to bring a bike along to display (Martin explained he's looking to illustrate the breadth of machines in the section). Martin also noted he has an open invitation to display bikes at the Corsham town fete on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. (12 noon to 4pm) and will be taking some of his own machines along – please let Martin know if you wish to join.
5. Future major events:
  - a. West Wilts Scamper for girder forked and low power (up to approx. 250cc) VMCC-eligible machines, Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Reg's are out now and entries are starting to come in. Please support the event and get your entries in, or contact Keith Johnston if you are able to help on the day.
  - b. Rob Jones noted there is a German action day at Castle combe Race Circuit on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> August, and (German) bikes are being encouraged as well as cars. Entry is bookable online, for general admission and to join track parades. Also the Combe Autumn Classic is on the weekend of 21/22 September, with classic bike club displays. Why not make a weekend of it and do Combe on the Saturday and the Scamper on the Sunday?
6. AOB
  - a) Tim James noted the LEJoG is proceeding to plan with entries now full.
  - b) It was noted that the planned VMCC Autojumble at Bath & West Showground has changed date and venue to 14<sup>th</sup> September at Winchester Farm, Cheddar.