

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 25th July 2024

1. Recent events

- a. The White Horse Scatter Navigation Event had a record entry, with machines ranging from veteran motorcycles (oldest being Jon Wiggins' 1910 Triumph Roadster) to a group of 1998 trail bikes. Another successful event, and a great mix of roads and green lanes, with a special riding test and tiebreaker challenge questions. Many thanks to organisers Peter Fielding and Keith Johnston, and to other section members Brian Newbury, John Bowler, Carol & Kevin Phillips and Matt Young helping run and support the event. Results will be officially confirmed shortly but initial congratulations to Colin & Linda Smith as best West Wilts and Judy Dommett-Knight best female rider. A full report from Keith will appear in a forthcoming VMCC Journal.
- b. The Wandering to The Blue Boar at Aldbourne was well-attended as ever, with 16 bikes joining in good weather and an interesting mix of roads.
- c. Various members attended the latest Castle Combe Race Circuit bike night and entered the Wells Classic club Tortoise & Hare run.
- d. [Post-note] The Calne bike festival 27th July was another big local event in good weather, with an excellent range of bikes on the West Wilts stand – thanks to Martin Hirst and Mark Pimble for organising our stand on the day and numerous other members and friends for supporting and coming along.

2. Forthcoming events

- a. Coffee morning Tues. 30th July, Sleight Valley Golf Centre, Devizes SN10 3HW
- b. The mid-week run (Memorial Run) Thursday 1st August will be led by Tim James: meet - **with full petrol tanks please** - at The Red Lion car park, Lacock at 9:30am for 10am departure, destination Fox & Hounds at East Knoyle SP3 6BN, riding through the Wylde valley and Cranmore chase via a coffee stop at Codford St Peter. **NB if you are planning to travel independently to the Fox & Hounds, please will you let Tim James know in advance by email at: sandrajames247@btinternet.com**
- c. Next meeting Thursday 8th August, 7pm onwards at The Bell, Yatton Keynell.
- d. Thruxton British Superbikes weekend 10/11th August: there is potential to have/join a VMCC display stand at this event – more info awaited from Thruxton and will be advised as soon as possible.
- e. Martin Hirst noted that The Sunbeam Club is running a pre-'31 road run at Beaulieu on 11th August.
- f. Green Lane Run Tues. 13th August – details on Green Lane WhatsApp group.

- g. Wandering Thurs 15th August to The Queen Victoria, Priddy BA5 3BA, with a ride to the venue via the café at Chew Valley Lake – details to come by email from Colin Smith.
 - h. For those not on the West Wilts JOGLE, Peter Fielding noted the Arbutnot Long Distance Trial is on 8th September.
 - i. Peter also advised that there is a Vintage meet at Bradford Leigh (off the B3109 near the turn-off towards Merkins farm café) on 14 & 15th September and all are invited informally to come along with classic or vintage motorcycles.
3. Future major events:
- a. JOGLE: Tim and Martin advised that all monies have been received and confirmations are now proceeding ok with hotels, transport providers etc.
 - b. West Wilts Scamper for girder forked and low power (up to approx. 250cc) VMCC-eligible machines, **but NB this is flexible, all machines in the general spirit of the event are welcome and Keith emphasised that all section members and friends will be most welcome to enter regardless**, Sunday September 22nd: Reg's are out and entries are starting to come in, currently just into double figures. Mitas Tyres has kindly agreed to sponsor and provide publicity for the event, and Peter Henshaw will also publicise further in the next VMCC Journal. Please support the event and get your entries in, or contact Keith Johnston if you are able to help on the day.
4. AOB
- a. Club 'sails' are in progress and expected to be received shortly.
 - b. Keith Johnston noted that a 'trial run' is taking place next week to mid-Wales and the Metropole hotel as a prospective venue for a section holiday in 2025.