

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 22nd Aug 2024

1. People – a warm welcome to Mark Udall and Patrick Macoun who both arrived on very nice Triumph twins.
2. Recent events
 - a. The Green Lane Run on 13th August was a full day's run, reaching the New Forest – enjoyed by all and hopefully (please Keith) to be repeated next year. The gentle green lane run 22nd August saw 12 bikes (including international team Serow) cover around 50 miles of mainly gravel trails including the lovely West Woods, Strawberry Hill and back via Salisbury Plain.
 - a. The Wandering 15th August led by Colin Smith was to Priddy with a ride via a coffee stop at Manor Farm Café, Bishop Sutton. A great turnout of 28 bikes, good mix of roads and good food options at the Queen Victoria. Another one to repeat by popular demand.
3. Forthcoming events
 - a. The next Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 28th August** at Castle Combe race circuit to coincide with a bike track day (entry to the circuit is free); 10am to noon as usual. Please park bikes along the fence line between the café and the Avon bridge (alongside the race bike holding area).
 - b. **A late addition to the diary: on Thursday 29th August we will have an informal pub meet at the White Horse in Biddestone from 6:30pm for those who fancy a reason for a ride out and a chat. Thanks to Kevin Phillips for the suggestion.**
 - c. The last Castle Combe race circuit bike night is Weds 4th Sept. Entry will be free to VMCC members, same arrangement as previously – strictly pre-booked entry only so if you haven't already done so, please let Jon Hall know by 31st August if you wish to attend so that your name can be added to the entry list.
 - d. Mid-week run Thursday 5th September - Derek will lead a run departing the Fox & Hounds at Acton Turville at 10am, incorporating a café stop at the Old Prison near Northleach and returning to The Beaufort Arms at Hawkesbury Upton for lunch. Pre-orders are required for lunch – please advise your food choice (menu below) by August 31st if not already done so.
 - e. For those not on the West Wilts JOGLE, a reminder that the Arbuthnot Long Distance Trial is on 8th September; also Martin Hirst is running a stand at the Corsham fete from 12 noon – 4pm on 7th September and members are welcome to come along and/or bring a machine along to show. There is a Vintage Gathering at Bradford Leigh BA15 2RW on 7th and 8th Sept. 10am onwards.

Finally, there is a premium track day at Combe on Weds 11th Sept. (spectator entry to the circuit is free).

- f. Next Section meeting 12th September at the Bell, Yatton Keynell, 7:30pm
- g. Next Wandering is on Thursday 19th September to the Woodbridge Inn at North Newton – details to follow nearer the time.

4. Future events:

West Wilts Scamper 22nd September – entries remain lower than initially planned and it was agreed to proceed as follows:

- i. The event will proceed as planned, with 2 routes, starting and ending at The Bell. Breakfast rolls etc. will be available from The Bell before the start.
- ii. Entry fee is reduced from £10 to £5. For ease of administration, existing entrants will have £5 refunded in cash on the day. To minimise costs there will not be neckscarf mementos, as the minimum order quantity and associated cost is relatively high. On this revised basis, the event will fully cover its costs. There will be a prize draw for all entrants, the prize being a set of MITAS motorcycle tyres kindly donated by MITAS representative Steve Smith.
- iii. Entry is open to all Section members and friends on any machine.
- iv. Options of led group rides and gpx navigation files will be available as well as the tulip diagrams.