

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

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Recent events

Some well-attended events recently with over 30 people at the coffee morning on 28th August, which was held at Castle Combe race circuit to coincide with a bike track day, followed by a pub meet at Biddestone on the 29th, all organised by Kevin Phillips. Also at the circuit there was a good turn out for the last Combe bike night of 2024 (thanks again to Rob Jones for arranging easy access for our Section), and a decent mix of bikes turned up informally to join Martin Hirst's bike selection at the Corsham town fair. Unfortunately bad weather led to the cancellation of the September midweek run, but still a good number met for lunch at The Beaufort Arms. Hopefully Derek will offer the run at a future date; it looked a great route looping through Northleach.

NB! Reports on the West Wilts John O'Groats to Land's End ride are to follow but the daily updates looked really good and sincere thanks from all to Tim and Sandra James for making the extensive arrangements and for their leadership and very hard work.

Forthcoming events

The next Wandering on Thursday 19th Sept. is to The Antelope Inn at Upavon SN9 6EA at 1pm. **[this is a change from the published section diary]** Colin Smith will lead a group ride to Upavon via a coffee stop; departing Morrisons Chippenham car park at 10am. Food pre-orders are required for lunch, please see earlier emails from Colin.

The West Wilts Scamper is taking place on Sunday 22nd September, starting and ending at the Bell Inn, Yatton Keynell, with routes of approx. 40 and 75 miles, suitable for older and tiddler bikes. Entry is still open, including entry on the day, for £5, with route directions on tulip map and gpx file. Led group rides are available for both routes, **open to entrants on any machine**. For self-guided entrants on older/small machines, start times are from 9:30 am in pairs; the group rides depart at 10:30am. More to the point, the Bell is open for bacon rolls from about 8:30am.

The next coffee morning is Tuesday 24th September, approx 10am to noon as usual, at Honeystreet Mill Café, SN9 5PS. Always a popular venue; and Keith Johnston is leading a gentle green lane run to the venue, details to come on WhatsApp -WWVMCC Green Lane group.

The next section meeting is 26th September at The Bell, circa 7pm onwards.

The October mid-week run on 3rd Oct. will be to Upton-on-Severn, led by Martin Hirst – details to follow.

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The Section calendar to end of 2024 will be re-issued soon to include confirmed speakers, AGM, Brian's quiz dates, and to identify which meetings will be daytime rather than evening. The first speaker will be John Young on 24th October, who will give a talk on his travels by Triumph across Mexico.

Butane cylinder for new portable heater – various members including Colin Smith and Andy Milk kindly offered a 15kg size Butane bottle if one is not already available. Jon to check with Matt Young.