

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 10th Oct. 2024

1. Recent events

- a. Treasurer's run - the mid-week run 3rd Oct to Upton-upon-Severn was joined by 18 bikes, led by Martin Hirst from Aust via the popular Old Station Café at Tintern, lunch at the Drum & monkey and return stop at the Silver Fox – and no riders lost on the way!
- b. Several people had done either the Moto Piston or Colombres rallies, both excellent events and highly recommended.

2. Forthcoming events

- a. Wandering 17th October to Hunter's Hall Inn, Kingscote nr. Tetbury/Nailsworth. Colin Smith will lead a group ride there, departing Morrisons Chippenham Carpark at 10am prompt, with a coffee stop en route.
- b. The next Section meeting is 24th October, with presentation on unusual Triumphs by John Young, who will bring along the ex-Martin Russell special framed parallelogram swingarm TT F1 racer [plus his new puppy.]
- c. The Forest of Dean run Sunday 27th October will be led by Jim Gaisford. Meet at The Fox & Hounds Acton Turville at 9:45am for a 10am departure. Route will generally avoid built-up areas and include a loop in the Forest of Dean area, probably also a stop at Lydney Docks on the return leg. No need for food pre-orders but please let Jim (jimgaisford@gmail.com) know if you are planning to join the ride.
- d. Next Coffee Morning Tues 29th October is at Crown's Café, REME museum, Lyneham.
- e. Thursday 31st October is a '5th Thursday in the month' with no planned event. To avoid this highly undesirable state of affairs, Kevin Phillips suggested a breakfast meeting at the Flying Monk brewery Café which is near Hullavington (on the back road towards Norton/Sherston) SN14 6EU. Great idea and an excellent venue.
- f. NOTE: the latest section calendar update – including our range of speakers through the winter, and identifying some meetings to be held in daylight – accompanies this newsletter. Though it had been taken as read, we will formally invite all members of Bath Classic club to these events.

3. AOB:

- a. Richard Sansom noted the 2024 'Hoggin' is Sunday 13th Oct. – this is a group motorcycle ride from Aust big car park to Magor and back, via the old Severn Bridge, organised by Caldicot m/c club in aid of Gympanzees charity, with all motorcycles welcome and thousands of bikes expected. Departs 11am.
- b. Christmas lunch Saturday 23th November. Say that again, 23rd November. It was agreed that we should have a raffle but with a small number of prizes purchased by the section. It was also agreed, following committee discussion, that payments for food would be taken in advance by the section treasurer rather

than individual payments to the pub on the day. Therefore, would people please continue to give their food orders to Jon Hall, and make payment to Martin Hirst, all preferably by end of October. Apologies for the changes here.

- c. Wales holiday 10-17th May 2025 based at Metropole hotel & spa, Llandrindod Wells. Volunteer/s are invited to act as organiser (for bookings with the hotel, co-ordinating group rides etc.). Please contact Jon Hall or Keith Johnston.
- d. White Horse Trial 2025: As previously noted, Peter Fielding is stepping down as event secretary after many years of service. Volunteer/s are invited to pick up the role [role description was issued approx 2 weeks ago], Peter will be on hand to advise as needed.
- e. Bristol classic bike show, 22/23rd February 2025. It was agreed that after the success of 2024, the Section would plan to have a stand again. Kevin Phillips kindly agreed to organise again and will be looking for volunteers to bring bikes to display. Kevin noted that the theme will be the variety of VMCC-eligible bikes that are regularly used by section members.
- f. Hi-Viz vests: Martin Hirst issued the latest batch and is currently taking orders for a further batch – please let Martin know if you would like to order one; as before, the price is subsidised for VMCC members in West Wilts Section.