

# VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

## NEWSLETTER from Section Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024

1. Thanks to John Young, who gave a really interesting and well-informed talk on unusual Triumph(/BSA) triples exploring the range of prototypes and development machines produced by the company as well as extensions and recreations by TR3OC and others. All illustrated by component exhibits and the late Martin Russell's monoshock parallelogram rear suspension race bike which John kindly brought along. A collection for John's chosen charity, a children's hospice, raised £160, with further contributions still coming from sales of a "1970/80's style" large glossy calendar (£16) – there are just a few copies left, please contact Martin Hirst if you would like to purchase one.
2. Forthcoming events
  - a. The Forest of Dean run this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jimgaisford@gmail.com)) know if you are planning to join the ride.
  - b. Next Coffee Morning Tues 29<sup>th</sup> October is at Crown's Café, REME museum, Lyneham, 10am – 12 noon approx.
  - c. Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Kevin Phillips has organised a breakfast meeting at the Flying Monk Brewery Café which is near Hullavington (on the back road towards Norton/Sherston) SN14 6EU. Also 10am to 12 noon approx.
  - d. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Run to the New Forest. Subject to weather but Peter has come up with a less weather-dependent route. NB set-off point is now Starbucks off the A350 South of Melksham (behind the Milk Churn pub) SN12 6AD, at 10am. The coffee stop is at The Fighting Cocks in Godshill c. 11:30am and lunch is at the Kings Head in Redlynch. Pre-orders for lunch are required – **see accompanying note.**
  - e. Section meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November – **this will be Brian's Quiz, so please come along, partners very welcome.**
  - f. The next Wandering is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, venue change in progress as the Ivy at Heddington has sadly closed - details to follow from Colin.
3. AOB:
  - a. Wales holiday 10-17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 based at Metropole hotel & spa, Llandrindod Wells. Keith Johnston has kindly offered to co-ordinate bookings with the Metropole, with Martin Hirst kindly handling deposits. **Please see accompanying note on this.** Volunteers are wanted to organise runs and/or ride-out destinations during the course of the week.
  - b. Bristol classic bike show, 22/23<sup>rd</sup> 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. It was agreed to proceed with stand booking to include a power supply for which there is a small fee c. £37.