

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Newsletter from Section Meeting 13th Feb. 2025

1. People:

A warm welcome to Nick Leatherland and Colin Hope.

Peter Fielding announced that Brian Newbury has been awarded a “unsung hero” award by the VMCC for his long contribution to the Swindon Moonrakers and West Wilts sections. The award is due to be presented at the 2025 VMCC AGM. Many congratulations to Brian and thanks for his ongoing support and activity.

2. Recent events:

Breakfast meeting at Flying Monk 30th Jan was once again very well-attended, with 15 bikes present, despite the cold weather and black ice catching out three riders, happily with no injuries.

The Wandering to the Bell at Lacock 6th Feb. was also well-attended with 22 people, with 4 riders braving very bad weather.

3. Forthcoming events:

- a. The Wandering on 20th Feb. is to the Thames Head at Coates (on the A433). Colin is planning a ride to the venue via a coffee stop at the CTL showroom/café near Cirencester; departing Morrisons Chippenham at 10am prompt.
- b. Kevin reported that all is set for the Bristol Classic Bike show 22 & 23 Feb.; the stand will showcase machines suited to the West Wilts Scamper, and act as a further publicity and engagement point for the White Horse Scatter.
- c. The next Café meeting is Tues. 25th Feb at the Royal Ship, Luckington, 10am to noon.
- d. Next section meeting 27th Feb. (evening). Thanks to Kevin we have arranged a replacement speaker - Ted Edwards, on his many years at the Manx GP as mechanic, rider and marshal. There will be a collection in aid of Ted’s chosen charity the Children’s Hospice South West.
- e. First run (Mad March mid-week run) on Thursday 6th March will be led by Simon Hewitt. Route will take in the Waggon & Horses on the A4 near Avebury and the ride will end at the Atwell-Wilson motor museum café in Calne; details will be confirmed at the next meeting.

4. AOB

Jon Hall noted that a proposal would be made re. the future form of trophies for section awards and events, for approval of members at the next section meeting.

Colin Smith noted that funeral arrangements were being made for long time section member and great friend Marian Groves. Richard Groves has asked for a motor cycle cortege and it is hoped a large number of section members will join the cortege.

Post-meeting note: the funeral will be on Weds 12th March, please see details on email from Colin dated 14th Feb.