

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Newsletter from Meeting 22nd May '25



1. People

Welcome to Mark Danek who arrived at club night on his ex-David Brierley Scott, recently returned to the road with Dave's help and looking cool.

2. Recent events:



The Section holiday in Wales was a great success with ideal weather, great rides and roads/destinations. The Metropole also worked out perfectly as a base and looked after everyone well. Very many thanks to Keith Johnston for organising the event and to Keith and others for organising runs during the week.





Martin Hirst had been to the Andover Norton day with a short outing on a Manx and the Norton Nemesis being fired up.



Rob Jones reported that the first Combe bike night was very well attended with 500 tickets pre-sold (More nights to follow, dates to be announced nearer the time).

The café meeting at Combe race circuit had around 20 people, with the added interest of a motorcycle track day in progress.

The gentle green lane ran about 50 miles from Castle Combe [that's enough about Combe for now – ed.] out beyond Daneway – a dry and dusty route with the ford at Sherston passable, and stops at favourite locations of the Jolly Nice Farmshop Café and The Old Royal Ship. Special mention to Mark Udall for negotiating the route skilfully on his lovely Triumph 6T-engined special, returning with low exhaust intact.

1. Forthcoming events

- a. This being a 5 week month, there is a Breakfast meeting on Thursday 29th May at the Flying Monk Brewery Café (on the Hullavington – Sherston road), 10am to midday.

- b. Looking into June, it's the annual New Forest Run on Thursday 5th June, led by Peter Fielding. This will be a full day run to give time to reach the New Forest (with lunch stop en route) and enjoy the various wonderful roads through the Forest. Start: Starbucks, Commerce Way, Melksham SN12 6AD at 10am; please arrive fuelled-up for a prompt 10am start. For ease of navigation, Peter will lead a return route back to the start point.
- c. There is a green lane run on **Wednesday 11th June** (a change from the section calendar date) led by Keith Johnston. A full day run out towards Wantage, starting and ending at Sleight Valley café, 9:30 for 10am. Arrangements via Green Lane WhatsApp group.
- d. Next section meeting Thurs. 12th June, 7:30pm at the Bell, Yatton Keynell.
- e. The next Wandering will be on Thursday 19th June to The Millstream at Marden. Colin Smith will lead a ride to the venue via a coffee stop; departing Morrisons Chippenham car park at 10am prompt.
- f. On Sunday 22nd June, Brian Newbury has a Swindon Moonrakers run; all welcome. Departs 10am from Sainsbury's car park in Wootton Bassett.
- g. June's café meeting is Tues 24th June at AV8 café, Cotswold airport (Kemble) GL7 6BA – access is off the A433. 10am to Midday.

2. Other events

- a. Douglas owners' club has the Douglas Cavalcade at the Kingswood Heritage Museum at Warmley (BS30 8XT) on Sunday 25th May - viewing from 10am; road run for Douglas motorcycles starts at 12 Noon.
- b. Also on 25th May it's the Dorset Section's annual GIANTS run for girder forked machines starting at Spires Farm at 10:30am (see VMCC website for information), with excellent café food available at the start point.
- c. The Masters of Motoring event will be at Combe on Saturday 7th June, 9am onwards. Rob Jones has arranged free entry for West Wilts VMCC, with the possibility of 'led' track sessions; please go to the motorcycle display area in the paddock where the VMCC West Wilts 'sails' will be seen. No need to pre-book. Note: full leathers are not required for a session but suitable motorcycle gear, boots and full-face helmet are required.

3. AOB

- a. Entries remain open for the White Horse Scatter (13th July – open to all machines) and for the West Wilts Scamper (31st August – for girder forked or rigid rear bikes, or VMCC-eligible machines less than 250cc). Please get your entries in for these events – contact Richard Sansom (email whitehorsescatter@gmail.com) for the Scatter and Jon Hall (jonhall850@gmail.com or 07771 820175) for the Scamper.