

# VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

## NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup> June '25

### 1. Recent events:

The June Wandering to the Millstream at Marden saw fifteen bikes join the ride to the venue in hot weather; and around 30 people attended the June coffee morning at the ever-popular AV8 café at Kemble. The BSB-sponsored track day at Combe on 25<sup>th</sup> had a number of top flight riders on track, including Niall Mackenzie and his son Tarran who competes in the WSB championship. A repeat event is coming up in July (see below) and is highly recommended by those who attended. The gentle green lane run on 26<sup>th</sup> June was re-classified with 4 riders doing a harder ride led by Jon Cull, making the most of byways around St Catherine and Marshfield among others.

### 2. Forthcoming events

- a. As previously noted, Cassington bike night is coming up on 30<sup>th</sup> June and is a fantastic bike gathering (Cassington is North West of Oxford; it's about 55 miles from Chippenham).
- b. The Treasurer's Run on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July is to The Rose & Crown at Redmarley D'Abitot with a short coffee stop at the Old Station, Tintern. This is a longer run with some faster stretches and some dual carriageways, similar to Martin's run to Upton on Severn last year. John Wiltshire will be back marker as Jon Wiggins has injured his shoulder – get better soon Jon. The start point will be Morrisons Chippenham at 9:30am, leaving at 10am sharp with a pick-up at Aust Services.
- c. The green lane run on 8<sup>th</sup> July is being planned as a shorter ride, details will follow shortly on the Green Lane WhatsApp group.
- d. The next Section meeting is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm at the Bell as usual. **Please could anyone willing to donate recent copies of the VMCC Journal bring them along to this meeting** so they can be part of the material used to encourage non-members at the White Horse Scatter to join the VMCC.
- e. The White Horse Scatter is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Entries are now closed (at around 90 entrants) and it will not be possible to enter on the day. **If anyone is able to donate a cake for the complimentary refreshments, please contact Richard and Alison; email: [whitehorsescatter@gmail.com](mailto:whitehorsescatter@gmail.com)**
- f. There is a second BSB-supported motorcycle track day at Combe on 16<sup>th</sup> July, potentially with a number of top BSB riders using the track. This is a privately-run event but all are welcome to spectate, the circuit café is open and entry is free. This will be an informal extra coffee morning for the section, for those interested; 10am to midday.
- g. The July Wandering is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Colin noted an enforced change of venue; after discussion it was proposed to use the pub at Broadway, with a coffee stop en route at the Old Prison Cafe near Northleach and a return route via Andoversford. **This is all TBC**, details at next meeting.
- h. On the 20<sup>th</sup> July the Wells Classic club has its Tortoise & Hare run (3 routes are available). Entry forms are on the Wells Classic website, or entry on the day is possible. A full note on this from Martin Hirst will be circulated separately.
- i. Also on 20<sup>th</sup> July it's the Kingswood bike show (modern and classics), at the Rugby club ground near Warmley.

### 3. AOB

- a. As noted in the last newsletter, Peter Fielding and Keith Johnston have agreed to act as clerk of the course and event secretary for a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the 1925 ISDT which ran from Southampton to Taunton – a short notice event is being

organised which will follow a route from Barford St. Martin to Cheddar with many sections as used in 1925 (set up as a tarmac route with off-road options) and will be open to VMCC-eligible girder-fork or rigid rear end machines; the aim being pre-war machines, or machines in the spirit of the event. Navigation will be by route book. The event will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. A flyer for the event is attached. More info and entry details will follow in the next VMCC Journal but **please contact Keith directly at [keith.johnston55@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keith.johnston55@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested or wish to check eligibility of a machine.**

- b. It was noted that the Graham Walker run, organised by the Sunbeam MCC is also taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- c. Martin Hirst confirmed that the Section has a stand at the Calne Bike Day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – all are welcome to ride in but please contact Martin if you would like to exhibit a bike for the day.
- d. Hi-viz vests for group ride leader and tail marker: it was noted that the Section has previously owned hi-viz leader & tail marker vests in blue and also vests in combined orange/yellow. **Could anyone currently in possession of these vests please let Jon Hall know ([jonhall850@gmail.com](mailto:jonhall850@gmail.com) or 07771 820175) so that they may be used on future runs.**