

# VMCC West Wilts Section Meeting

## 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Chairman Derek welcomed everyone again to the section meeting at the Bell and handed over to Treasurer Martin Hirst to act as secretary as Secretary Jon Hall was currently on holiday.

1. **People** - nothing to report

2. **Recent events**

- a. The section stand at Calne Bike Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Martin reported another well supported event with 22 bikes dating from 1910 to 1990. Thanks to everyone who supported the day with special thanks to Mark, Chris, Rich, Kev, Matt and Ray for all your assistance with the stand and to Jon and Jeremy for the vintage engine startup which drew quite a crowd and interest in the stand.
- b. Breakfast Meet at the Flying Monk Brewery Café Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Thanks to Kev Phillips for arranging another successful meet with 20 bikes in attendance and several more section members joining by car. Slightly wet on the ride home but a great event enjoyed by all.
- c. Memorial Run Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August led by Tim James – A very enjoyable run where we remember former members and absent friends no longer with us. Well attended by 24 bikes starting at the Red Lion Lacock. Coffee stop at the Sticks and Stones at Pewsey and lunch at The Tipple Inn Collingbourne Ducis
- d. Commemorative 1925 ISDT retro run on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – run in conjunction with the Dorset and Somerset VMCC sections Peter Fielding reported that 47 bikes had entered and it was a successful event with £200 being donated to the Wiltshire and Somerset Air Ambulance charities. There are now plans in place by VMCC HQ for this to become an annual event in other parts of the country.
- e. Green Lane Run Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to illness and will be rescheduled please keep an eye on the Green Lane WhatsApp group chat.
- f. Gathering at the Hunter Hall Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August - This was held in lieu of the scheduled Section meeting as Jon and Martin are both away. Colin Smith led a short run starting from The Bell to the Hunters Hall where members met up with some of our friends from the South Cotswold VMCC section.

- g. Wandering Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August to the Rising Sun at Mosely Green – Led by Colin Smith, starting at the Fox and Hounds at Acton Turville we headed across the Severn Bridge to section favourite coffee stop the Old Station and Tintern, meeting up with a few more members to join the ride. A picturesque ride up through the Wye Valley and Royal Forest of Dean led us to our lunch stop at the Rising sun where we ate outside. After lunch Martin led a few keen motorcyclists for an afternoon stop back via the Silver Fox Café at Newnham On Severn, then getting a taste for a few more miles back via Gloucester and the climb up to the A46 via Frocester Hill.
- h. Café Meet Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Sleight Valley Golf Range café - Organised as usual by Kev Phillips this was the usual enjoyable meet which was well supported.

### **Forthcoming Events (3 week look-ahead)**

1. West Wilts Scamper Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August - This is a road safety run for Girder or Rigid framed or Sub 250cc vintage or classic low powered motorcycles. Tulip Map, GPX or guided circular routes of 40 and 75 miles on quiet Cotswold Lanes starting and ending at The Bell Yatton Keynell. 22 entries so far 10 of which are pre war and an overall span of 1910 – 1982 machines. Secretary of the meeting is Jon Hall and entry on the day for £5 is possible and spectators very welcome. Thanks to Stewart, Richard and Alison for volunteering to support this run on the day and the Bell who will be open from 08:30 for a special coffee and Baguette deal for the club, but booking for lunch is advisable. Entrants are advised to park vans behind the club hall on the right please. First bike away 09:30.
2. Harvest Moon Run Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Led by Richard Sansom this run will depart at 10:15 from The Fox and Hounds at Acton Turville ( GL9 1HW) with a coffee stop at the Black Shed Café (GL2 7BP) and a lunch stop at the Swan Tytherington (GL12 8QB) we have been requested to pre order and the menu has been circulated by email ( thanks Colin) so anyone wishing to eat please let Richard know before Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> [cressman@live.co.uk](mailto:cressman@live.co.uk)
3. Green Lane run Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Led by Keith Johnson, no details currently available please keep an eye on the Green Lane WhatsApp group chat.
4. Section Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at The Bell 7:00 for 7:30PM
5. Corsham Street Fair Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 -16:00 – The club has had an invitation from Corsham Town Council to return again to their annual street fair to show some of our bikes. A very informal event and Martin Hirst will have the Club Gazebo erected and member can come, enjoy the Street Fair and go at will. A great success last year and gets the club face seen by a wider audience.
6. Castle Coombe Bike Night Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 6:00 – 8:00PM – All welcome, the Club Gazebo will be set up and members should advise on entry that they are with the West Wilts VMCC to gain free admission.

7. Wandering Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Led by Colin Smith. Starting at Morrisons Car park and leaving at 10:00AM Prompt, there will be a coffee stop and a lunch at the Hatchett Inn Lower Shute. Menus will be circulated closer to the date if lunch pre booking is required.

## **AOB**

1. A letter of thanks had been received from The Wiltshire Ambulance thanking the club for the donation of £100 following the great success of the White Horse Navigational Trial (Scatter). Well done to all who supported this event.
2. Chris Wastell mentioned that the Atwell-Wilson Muesum in Calne were having a free entry open evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and suggested members may like to visit as this was a great opportunity to see some of the interesting exhibits.
3. Rob Jones Advised that Castle Coombe had a motorcycle Track Day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 10:00 – 16:00 and members would be most welcome. The Castle Combe café would be open as usual and there was no change to watch the event.
4. Rob Jones advised that the next Castle Coombe Bike Race weekend was going to be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Parade Laps were available at £90 direct from NG Road Racing for those who wished to ride. There was the possibility of a club stand but Martin Hirst advised he was away that weekend so anyone wishing to follow this up would need to contact him should the club gazebo, banner or flags be needed.
5. Rob Jones further advised that Castle Coombe were keen to continue the friendly relationship with the West Wilts VMCC section and an invite to next years Media day would be forthcoming.

Martin Hirst

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