

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Newsletter from meeting 13th Nov. '25

1. White Horse Scatter Awards

Two further awards from the White Horse Scatter Navigation Event were presented on the night, introduced by longstanding and outgoing Clerk of the Course Keith Johnston and presented by Section President Colin Smith. The awards were:

- To Peter Fielding: the Alex Burbidge Shield for best performance on a post-war, pre-1970 solo machine.
- To Steve Smith: the Mike Blake Shield for best performance on a pre-2001 motorcycle combination, tricycle or cyclecar.

Congratulations to both, and an early date for everyone's diaries: the 2026 White Horse Scatter will take place on Sunday 12th July, again based from Sells Green. Entries will open in the New Year.

2. Quiz of the year

Colin Smith kindly organised and set the annual quiz, an informal and wide-ranging general knowledge quiz with the addition of some motorcycling-related questions provided by Brian Newbury. Many thanks to Colin and to Brian, and there have been suggestions of a second quiz in the Spring. The two prize winners for highest scores were Barbara Daines and Martin Hirst, well done both!

3. Forthcoming events

- a. Thursday 20th November – Wandering to the Thames Head Inn, on the A433 near Coates, GL7 6NZ. Pre-orders are required for lunch, please see earlier email from Colin Smith and let him have your choices by Sunday. Subject to weather, Colin will lead a ride to the pub with coffee stop en route – departing 10am sharp from Morrisons Chippenham car park.
- b. Tuesday 25th November – café meeting at the Old Royal Ship, Luckington SN14 6PA, 10am to midday.
- c. Thursday 27th November, Section meeting and Film Night at The Bell, Yatton Keynell, 7:30pm. There will be a short meeting, a key topic being to progress arrangements for the Section Holiday 2026, then a screening of historic motorcycle films running for approx. 1 hour immediately after the meeting. The films have again been kindly provided by Steve Smith and donations to charity will be gratefully received.
- d. Thursday 4th December – there's no mid-week run in December, so Kevin Phillips has organised a breakfast meeting at the highly popular Flying Monk brewery café near Hullavington SN14 6EU, 10am to midday, all welcome.
- e. Saturday 6th December – Christmas lunch at the Old Royal Ship, Luckington SN14 6PA. A final list of attendees and their food choices will go to Helen at the pub next Wednesday, so if you'd like to come to the Christmas lunch and haven't yet sent in your menu choices, please let Jon Hall know before then.