

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Newsletter from meeting 8th Jan. '26

1. Forthcoming events

- a. Thursday 15th Jan. Wandering to the Fox and Hounds, Acton Turville, from 1pm. Colin Smith plans to lead a ride to the venue, starting from Morrisons Chippenham, dep. 10am prompt. [Weather is uncertain but please assume the ride is on unless advised otherwise]. If you intend to have lunch at the pub, please let Colin know by Monday 12th Jan.
- b. Tues. 20th Jan. café meeting at Crowns café, REME museum, Lyneham SN15 4PT, 10am to noon.
- c. Section meeting Thurs 22nd January – this will be a daytime meeting, starting at 11am, in the conservatory/garden room at the rear of the pub rather than in the barn (there's no speaker).
- d. Thursday 29th Jan. – Breakfast meet at the Flying Monk Brewery Café, on the Hullavington-Sherston road SN14 6EU, 10am to midday [NB the café doesn't open until 10am]. Last January this first Breakfast meet of the year had a record 48 attendees, and 15 bikes – Kevin is hoping to break the 50 barrier this year so hope to see you all there.

2. White Horse Scatter 12th July 2026

The White Horse has been successful for many years, and had a record number of entrants in 2025. However, the number of entrants from the section was a relatively low proportion, so Richard Bayliffe, incoming Clerk of the Course, gave a short presentation on the event. The presentation slides are attached. Richard also noted that entries are already approaching 30 out of a planned limit of 100 entrants, so it is a good idea to enter soon and not leave it until the summer. The event poster with website and email contact details is attached.

Volunteers are wanted to run the special tests at the event start/finish venue, which is the Three Magpies in Sells Green (between Melksham and Devizes). Please let the event secretary know if you would like to help, on whitehorsescatter@gmail.com

All entrants and event volunteers are automatically entered in prize draws specifically for this event, kindly sponsored by Mitas Tyres and Beeline Moto (Navigation devices).

- 3. **Talk:** We welcomed back traveller, motorcyclist, writer and speaker Jacqui Furneaux who gave an excellent and enjoyable talk plus Q&A on her many experiences travelling around multiple continents over the course of 25 years, mainly on her Royal Enfield Bullet. She also outlined her next travel plans – a second return journey from India, this time via Nepal, various -stan's and potentially Russia. Jacqui has a second book recently published, “On the Road Again” and brought along signed copies – this and her earlier book “Hit the Road, Jac! are available via Jacqui's website jacquifurneaux.com or via Amazon.