

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Newsletter 12th Feb. 2026

1. Forthcoming events

- a. Thurs 19th Feb – Wandering – **change of venue** - now going to the Beaufort Arms at Hawkesbury Upton (GL9 1AU) at 1.00pm. If you are coming and plan to eat lunch, please let Colin Smith have your choices from the Beaufort Arms menu by Monday 16th. Subject to weather, Colin will lead a ride to the venue via a coffee stop; departing Morrisons Chippenham car park at 10am prompt.
- b. Sat/Sun 21/22 Feb. – Bristol Classic Bike show – Many thanks to Kevin and Carole Phillips for organising the Section stand, all is looking good with a range of bikes set to be exhibited.
- c. Tues 24th Feb – Café meeting at Old Royal Ship, Luckington, 10am to midday.
- d. Thurs 26th Feb. – **change of time** – this will now be an evening meeting, at 7:30pm. There's no speaker on the 26th, just a regular meeting, but **there will be a “mystery objects” session – please bring along an unusual item for the audience to guess what it is/what it does** [yes, make up your own jokes here].
- e. Thurs 5th March – the Spring Forward mid-week run. Will be up into the Cotswold hills with coffee stop at the Jolly Nice farmshop café, lunch at the Sherborne Arms at Aldsworth. Final route and tea stop on return route to be confirmed depending on recce of minor roads nearer the time and weather on the day. Start point will be The Bell car park, Yatton Keynell, departing 10am.

2. Section Holiday

Most pre-booked rooms have now been taken, but please contact Tim & Sandy James if you are interested:

May 10th to 17th 2026

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal, Lake District

For more information email Tim James on sandra.james247@btinternet.com

3. White Horse Scatter

The White Horse Scatter already has 90 entrants (excluding passengers). An amazing uptake so early in the year. Cut-off will be 100 so if you would like to take part, please contact event secretaries Richard & Alison Sansom ASAP on whitehorsescatter@gmail.com

4. West Wilts Scamper

Entries are now open for the 2026 West Wilts Scamper; event information and entry forms are available on the section website or from Jon Hall – message 07771 820175 or email jonhall850@gmail.com. The first Scamper 2026 Newsletter accompanies this Section newsletter.

5. Talk

Richard Williams gave a talk on the history of Williams Automobiles, long-standing and multi-generational car dealers now very successfully specialising in Morgan cars and the newly-emerging Norton motorcycles; and before that dealer in many marques from the early 20th Century up to the late 20th Century, notably Saab and Austin Morris. A very interesting, entertaining and wide-ranging talk with some fascinating general history too, of Bristol and of business survival & resourcefulness through wars and economic crashes. Richard has very kindly agreed to come and talk again about his further experiences and exploits, later in 2026.