

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

THE WEST WILTS SCAMPER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Scamper 2026!

This year's Scamper is on 23rd August (that's the Sunday before the Bank holiday weekend this year) so we're dreaming of blue skies and dry roads again for this year's Scamper. Entries are now open - an entry form accompanies this newsletter, or see our website westwilts.vmcc.net/events, or simply email jonhall850@gmail.com if you'd like any more information or have any questions about this year's event.

Last year we had a great mix of entries, with many different marques, and machines dating from 1913 to 1982. Riders tried the 40 and 75 mile routes, and the intrepid went for both.



The Scamper is aimed principally at girder-forked or rigid framed bikes or VMCC-eligible small capacity bikes, and the routes are suitable for any machine, however tiddly or veteran they may be. HOWEVER, if you have any low powered VMCC-eligible machine in this general spirit and would like to take part, please do get in touch (email as above) - this is an informal event and the entry criteria are flexible. Entry is £5, open to VMCC members and to non-members (via a one day membership which is free).

Tulip maps (and gpx files) will be available for either route. These will be sent out in early August. Both routes start and finish at The Bell Inn, Yatton Keynell, with breakfast rolls on offer before the start and meals available afterwards. At the edge of the Cotswolds, a few miles from Castle Combe, this lets riders set off straight onto quiet and gently rolling lanes. Parking for vans/trailers is available, and complimentary tea/coffee and cake will be on hand in the barn through the day for entrants and visitors. A café stop is built into both routes on the outskirts of Malmesbury; other great cafes/inns are on or close to the route if you fancy another stop during or after the event – not least the Greenbean Café, immediately opposite the Bell Inn.



The Angel Café, Sherston High Street



Cat & Custard Pot, Shipton Moyne



The Courtyard Café, Sherston



The Greenbean Café, Yatton Keynell

This year we plan to add the option of gentle green lane sections to both routes. These will be fairly level and reasonably smooth gravel and woodland trails [all are Byways Open To All Traffic] suitable for road bikes. These optional sections link directly into the circular routes to add a different dimension for those who enjoy getting even further away from modern traffic!

Once again, we look forward to receiving your entry forms, and please pass this newsletter on to others who may wish to join in. Contact information is given below. If you have any questions at all, or are in doubt about the suitability of your machine/s, please just get in touch.

Best wishes,

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