

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

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Recent events:

VMCC Baton Relay Rally – Sunday 12th April handover - Well attended by West Wilts and South Cotswolds plus some Moonrakers too, thanks to everyone for the support. Note by agreement with Moonrakers new lead Miles Glover, we've re-scheduled the return of the baton (from Moonrakers to West Wilts) to a later date of Sunday 13th September at Honeystreet Mill Cafe.

Regular Section events –

- The April Gentle Green Lane Run was organised by Rich Kinsey – a Fosseyway loop starting from the Bell with coffee stop at Malmesbury. Good run with two groups led by Rich and Richard Bayliffe. Martin Foot brought out his ISDT Douglas which went well. Don Adams did the ford, the rest of us dodged it.
- The Wandering to the Pheasant on Hungerdown lane was preceded by a great wandering route led by Colin Smith with a coffee stop at the Old Potato Yard near Lydeaway. A great ride out with a well-liked new venue.
- Café meeting Tuesday 21st April at CTL just North of Cirencester was well-attended with 15 riders – including “Midday Ray” - and several others driving up.

Coming up:

- Don't forget there's a Breakfast Meeting on Thursday 30th April, Flying Monk Brewery Café on the Hullavington to Norton road (SN14 6EU), 10am to midday – yes it's a 5 week month so time for a visit to the ever-popular Flyer!

Other short term diary dates

- The May Day Mayhem run is on Thursday 7th May. Keith Johnston is leading a ride around Cranborne Chase, around 125 miles in total, starting from Three Bears Bakes in Shaw near Melksham. Gather around 9:30am for 10am departure. Please see attached a full description from Keith; a mix of A, B and minor roads with lots of interest and some twisty sections; morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea stops en route.
- The May gentle green lane run on Tuesday 19th May is being organised by Jeremy Hole, and will be into the Chew Valley and Mendips area. Details and arrangements via the Green Lane WhatsApp group as usual.
- Also on 19th May is the first bike night of 2026 at Combe. Free entry at the gate for VMCC members. Section 'stand' set-up from 5:30pm, gates open 6pm.
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AOB - 2026 Section Holiday: Owing to unexpected short timescales notified by the hotel to confirm bookings, it became necessary to cancel the planned Lake district holiday, and full refunds are now being processed. Many thanks to Tim and Sandy for their hard work in planning the holiday, and Keith and others for preparing ride-out routes; it is all very

much appreciated. After discussion a question was raised, but not clearly answered, whether a holiday might be organised for September (noting however, some are already booked to be in Spain or elsewhere at other events). A subsequent suggestion was that a shorter holiday might be possible at the Metropole Hotel (Lland. Wells) which has availability and 'package' deals available in the planned May holiday week. This would involve individuals making their own bookings directly with the hotel. Separate note to follow on this.