

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

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Recent events

- Thursday 6th August – mid-week run led by Rob MacNevin, 21 bikes, around 80 miles of lovely back roads on the Eastern edges of Wiltshire, a coffee stop at the very efficient Cobbs and lunch at a new venue, The Royal Oak in Bishopstone who looked after us well. Thanks to Rob for organising the day and for dealing smoothly with unplanned road closures and jams. It was indeed tempting to consider coming back on the Ridgeway! Some day we'll find out why everyone else in Wiltshire also decided to drive through Marlborough. We had three Velocettes ranging from steadfastly pre-war patinated to immaculately 21st-Centuried, BSAs that started and kept going, and other wonders of classic motorcycling.
- Jon Wiggins' Flat Tank and Low-Powered Run for Swindon Moonrakers on 9th August had a good turnout with a number of section members taking part
- Tuesday 11th August's Gentle Green Lane Run led by Keith Johnston with once again some new lanes (where does he keep finding them?) and 7 bikes including an inaugural green lane outing for Chris Brown's Bullet.
- Separate report on the recent informal section holiday gathering in Wales is attached, with thanks to Richard & Alison Sansom.

Coming up...

- The Wandering on Thursday 20th August is to the Old Brewery at Wyke – now fully resurrected from its last former life into a great cafe and still with a very good display of classic bikes (and in the Bike & Brew passport scheme for those collecting the stamps). Pre-orders for lunch to Colin Smith by Monday 17th please. Leaving the car park beside/behind The Red Lion in Lacock at 10am. Coffee stop en route at the Ginger Piggery/Ginny's café.
- The West Wilts Scamper – Sunday 23rd August - entries are now heading towards 30 with a great mix of early machines, around a dozen pre-war and many different marques. There is no entry deadline and entries on the day (£5) are welcome. The format is similar to previous years (a route-mapped run for girder fork or rigid frame machines or **any** bike under 250cc, starting from the Bell in Yatton Keynell) and there are modified routes this year plus options of gentle green lane sections. For more info. contact Jon Hall. If you aren't able to enter but would like to come along and spectate, first machines are away around 9:30am so why not buy a breakfast roll from the Bell, pick up a free tea or coffee in the barn and enjoy the atmosphere (/fumes). Complimentary refreshments available in the barn until about 2pm, possibly involving cake.
- Coffee morning Tuesday 25th August is the golf café at Slight Valley, 10am to midday as usual. It was noted that there is also a classic vehicle meet at the same location at 6pm that evening.
- Next section meeting Thursday 27th August at the Bell, 7:30pm as usual.
- September's mid-week run on Thursday 3rd September will be led by Richard Sansom, details to come but will include a coffee stop at Williams Automobiles (Norton and Morgan dealership) en route.