

VMCC West Wilts Section – 9th February 2023 Meeting Newsletter

Recent Events:

Colin reported that 26 turned out for the wandering to The Pewsham (Formerly the Lysley Arms some will remember as a past venue for section meetings) on 2nd Feb, with 8 on bikes.

Notes on Forthcoming Events:

The next Wandering is to the Red Lion at Lacock. Prebooking for meals is needed and the menu is attached to this email. Please let Colin have your choice(s) by Monday 13th February if you want to eat.

The deferred talk by John Young on the Triumph Quadrant has been re-scheduled for 23rd February. **However, please note that due to a prior booking for the Barn that night, the meeting will be held at the Fox & Hounds at Colerne, SN14 8DB - 7:30pm prompt please.**

We also have an additional guest speaker – Simon Cheqwyn – on 23rd March. He will be talking about his adventures touring the world by motorcycle.

If anyone wishes to help man the VMCC stand at the Bristol Bike Show at the Bath & West Showground over the weekend 25/26th February please let me know asap.

Agenda Items – Not in any particular Order

Barn Heating. This was further improved tonight thanks to Matt Young bringing along of a gas powered space heater to supplement the woodburner. This was considered very successful and the meeting agreed we should buy one of our own for use at future meetings. This will be in place for the next meeting at the barn due on 9th March.

Christmas Dinner: It was agreed that the Christmas meal would be a lunch time event and the provisional booking at the Royal Ship, Luckington for 9th December should be confirmed.

Club Holiday 16th – 23rd June 2023: Jeff reported that so far 8 people (six bikes) had expressed interest for the event. He is unsure whether to go ahead and book that or cancel the whole event due to lack of support. It was also suggested that booking a part week or long weekend be offered to see if that increased interest. Please let Jeff know if that would encourage you to attend. It was agreed to defer a decision until end February. As a reminder the holiday details are:

The Moorland Hotel Restaurant & Bar
Wotter
Plymouth
Devon PL7 5HP

All double or twin room prices assume double occupancy. All prices are for Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.

3off	Single rooms	£ 90pn
1off	Small Double room	£135pn

4off	Twin room	£145pn
8off	Double room	£145pn

Spaces are limited so please indicate your interest or send your booking to Jeff (jafalkner@outlook.com) as soon as possible. No details of deposit required as yet.

Calne Bike Day 29th July 2023: Martin Hirst has kindly agreed to act as co-ordinator for this event. Please let him know if you would be willing to display a bike. gizmomrsduck@aol.com

Attendance at Section Meetings: We had a brief discussion about this or rather the lack of attendance compared with our other events and what if anything we could or should do about it. No firm conclusions reached not surprisingly since the people with views were almost certainly not present but might just be reading this newsletter. So please let me know what if anything we could do to encourage you to attend future meetings.

VMCC AGM: We had quite a lively discussion about the agenda for the VMCC AGM due on 26th March. Particularly fact that the Chair and Finance director are both effectively seeking a vote of confidence by standing a year early for re-election, the state of the club finances over the past 3 years, the concerns these will continue if membership falls and what that might mean for the West Wilts Section. The club is hosting Zoom briefing sessions, details on <https://vmcc.net/AGM> if you want more information; the next will be 22nd February. 2023 is likely to be a pivotal year for the VMCC and it is important that members take the time to consider the issues and vote using the proxy form at page 75 of the February journal or on-line via <https://vmcc.net/AGM>. When voting I suggest that you make a positive indication of your preferences by ticking the For, Against or Abstain boxes for each item rather than the proxy box. This in effect makes it a postal vote.

Section Calendar for next 2 months

FEBRUARY					
15-Feb	Wed	tba	Green lane run,	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
16-Feb	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	The Red Lion at Lacock SN15 2LQ	Colin Smith
23-Feb	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting At The Fox & Hounds Colerne	Speaker, John Young on the Quadrant Triumph	
25-26 February	Sat/Sun	9.30am	Bristol Classic Motor Cycle Show	The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet,	Peter Fielding
28-Feb	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	The Orchid Cafe, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1TS	Kevin Phillips
MARCH					
2-Mar	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	Quarrymans Arms, Box SN13 8HN	Colin Smith
9-Mar	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting Talk?	The Bell, Yatton Keynell,	
15-Mar	Wed	tba	Green lane run,	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
16-Mar	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	The Bell Inn at Yatton Keynall SN14 7BG	Colin Smith
23-Mar	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, Talk by Simon Chegwyn	
26-Mar	Sunday	10 am		Clocks Change	
28-Mar	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Ship Inn Cafe, Luckington, SN14 6PA	Kevin Phillips