

VMCC West Wilts Section – 22nd June 2023 Meeting Newsletter

People

All were delighted to learn that Des Guppy is recovering well and we hope to see him back very soon.

The club welcomed Simon Hewitt who joined recently and had ridden over from Great Bedwyn.

Section Secretary

The section committee and members expressed their thanks to Peter Fielding for his extensive and conscientious work for the West Wilts section as section secretary.

Recent Events

Brian's Early Summer Run on 11th June took ten riders around the Somerfords, Tetbury and Sherston to the Volunteer Inn, with a special slow riding hill climb test included (perfect line astern, no dabs observed). A great local route with some refreshing weather especially for those without waterproofs.

Keith Johnston led a full day Green lane Run on 14th June, with some immersions, and a further Gentle Green Lane Run on 22nd June, these taking in the Deverills and Batcombe. Keith noted that there is space for more members to try the gentle green lane runs, next one in late July (see below); and that he is open to suggestions/requests for future locations and routes.

Good turnout for the Wandering on 15th June to The Hatchet, a lovely old inn unknown to many of us. Colin led a ride by most of those attending incorporating great roads across the Marlborough Downs and Salisbury Plain in glorious sunshine with coffee stops at Honeystreet and the Highwayman.

Colin reported the annual section holiday was a good event and ride outs missed any rain.

Forthcoming Events

As noted in the last newsletter, The Adventure Bike Rider event takes place at Ragley Hall in Warwickshire 23rd to 25th June. Also on 25th June is the Hereford On The Edge navigation trial starting in Ross-on-Wye.

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 27th June at the AV8 café at Kemble (Cotswold Airport), 10am onwards.

As an added event there will be an informal gathering at the Hunters Hall, Kingscote (on the A4135, West of Tetbury) next Thursday 29th June, 7pm onwards. Thanks Kevin for the suggestion.

Looking into July, Keith noted the VMCC Bristol Section is gathering at the White Horse in Biddestone on Weds. 5th July (7pm).

Reg Cox is leading the midweek run on Thursday 6th July, setting off from the Red Lion Car Park in Lacock departing at 10am. Coffee/lunch stops are planned, no need to pre-book.

Members might like to Wander to the Three Magpies at Sells Green near Melksham on Sunday 9th, to tie in with the White Horse Trial. Please book any lunches direct with the pub; Colin is doing the Trial.

White Horse Trial

The White Horse Scatter Navigation Trial is on Sunday 9th July at Sells Green. Please contact Peter Fielding or Keith Johnston. If anyone wishes to help with the event please let Keith know and/or simply turn up around 1pm.

Other events further ahead are listed in the Section calendar extract below. Among these is the next Gentle Green Lane run on Thursday 27th July – Keith noted more riders are welcome, please contact Keith directly. Also Colin noted he will be seeking a new venue for the Wandering on the 20th July as The Mill at Withington has closed.

AOB

There was a request from some members present to be added to the section WhatsApp group, which not all were aware of. After discussion this was noted as a general request for all those present and Jon Hall will arrange this. It was also noted that the Facebook group is open to all section members (search online or contact Martin Hirst). Jon stressed that the other existing means of communication will be maintained irrespective of this.

Forthcoming Events calendar for June and July

Date	Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Organiser
JUNE 2023					
25-June	Sunday	8.30 am	Hereford on the Edge Navigation Trial	Traveller's Rest HR9 7QJ (Ross-on-Wye)	Hereford Section
27-June	Tuesday	10 am on	Coffee morning	AV8 Cafe, Cotswold Airport, GL7 6BA	Kevin Phillips
29-June	Thursday	7pm on	Gathering	Hunters Hall, Kingscote, GL8 8XZ	
JULY 2023					
5-July	Wednesday	7pm	Bristol Section gathering	White Horse, Biddestone.	
6-July	Thurs	10 am	July Midweek Run	Red Lion Car Park, Lacock	Reg Cox 07713 235180
9-Jul	Sunday	10am	White Horse Scatter Navigation Trial	Three Magpies, Bath Rd, Sells Green, Melksham, SN12 6RN.	Peter or Keith
9-Jul	Sunday	10am	Wandering*	Three Magpies, Bath Rd, Sells Green, Melksham, SN12 6RN.	Please book direct Colin doing WHT
13-July	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
19-July	Wed	tba	Green lane run,	tba - please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
20-July	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	tba – Colin seeking new venue	Colin Smith
25-July	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Bird & Carter, Fonthill Bishop, Tisbury, SP3 5SF	Kevin Phillips
27-July	Thurs	09:30	Gentle Green Lane Run	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
27-July	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
29-July	Saturday		Calne Bike Meet	Calne. Details of pitch tbc	Martin Hirst