

## VMCC West Wilts Section – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Meeting Newsletter

### People

Great turnout of bikes at The Bell, and the club welcomed Drew McLintock and Jeremy Joiner.

### Recent Events

The Wandering on 17<sup>th</sup> August was South to the Walnut Tree Inn at Mere; Colin led a run out through Lacock to the venue with 17 bikes, plus a return route joined by most, stopping off for some well-earned ice creams at Caen Hill locks.

Brian Newbury led the Moonrakers Harvest Run on 20<sup>th</sup> August from Royal Wootton Bassett to the Volunteer Inn in Great Somerford, again with a good turnout, and the gentle green lane run on 24<sup>th</sup> was a sunny circuit of Salisbury plain.

### Forthcoming Events

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at the Sleight Valley driving range near Devizes, from around 10am.

Among events at Castle Combe race circuit this month, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August there's a classic bike track day, with free spectator entry. In addition, there's another bike night on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm - 8:30pm, free entry.

The midweek run on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept departs 10am from the Fox & Hounds at Acton Turville, ending at the Beaufort Arms in Hawkesbury Upton, with café stop en route. Derek will lead the run, up around the Stroud area. Food needs to be pre-ordered by 4th Sept. – for those who haven't yet chosen, the menu will be emailed with this newsletter – please email your choice to Derek: [sidneydaniels@hotmail.com](mailto:sidneydaniels@hotmail.com)

**Green lane:** in September there will be one trail ride, a serious green lane run on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the Wantage area.

Looking further into September, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September (2 to 5pm) is the **Yatton Keynell village fete** and as noted the organisers are keen to feature a 'classic and interesting motorcycles' display, which we aim to support. The display will be at the Village Hall, tea and cakes available. [Why does 'cakes' sound so much better than 'refreshments' ?]

On Sunday morning Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> it's the Ashwicke Classic Trial in the St. Catherine's Valley near Bath, raising funds for Great Western Air Ambulance. Jon Cull is looking for additional observers (will need their own off-road machine to reach observer locations) – please contact Jon [joncvsv8@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joncvsv8@yahoo.co.uk) (tel. 07515 657327) or Martin Hirst.

Also on Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> is the Moonraker's Autumn run led by Brian Newbury, details to come in next Newsletter.

All forthcoming events for August/Sept. are listed in the calendar extract below.

### Speakers

We now have a fairly full complement of speakers lined up from October through to next March so we can generally have two items per month. As previously noted the AGM will be 14<sup>th</sup> December, and Brian's quiz will be 9<sup>th</sup> November. All confirmed speakers and topics will be listed in the updated section calendar which will be re-issued shortly. **All are very welcome to attend**, whether section members, Bath Classic and other local clubs, or simply visitors.

### AOB

**Girder Fork & Low Powered Machines Run:** Keith Johnston led a discussion on his proposal for a National "low power run" to be run by the Section in 2024 covering suitable minor roads generally North of the M4 with routes from 25 to 70 miles, This would be a non-competitive 'safety run' open for entry by riders in and outside the West Wilts section. There was strong support for this and an informal trial run is now being planned for 15<sup>th</sup> October, restricted to West Wilts-related entrants only.

**Bristol classic bike show:** Kevin Phillips suggested the section organize a stand at the Bristol classic bike show (24/25 Feb. 2024). There was good interest in this, noting with the application process it is best to start early.

## Forthcoming Events calendar for August and September

Date	Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Organiser/Contact
			<b>AUGUST</b>		
25-Aug	Friday	All day	Classic bike track day	Castle Combe race circuit	Combe website
29-Aug	Tue	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Sleight Valley Golf Cafe, Sleight Lane, Devizes, SN10 3HW	Kevin Phillips
30-Aug	Weds	6pm	Bike night at Combe	Castle Combe race circuit	Rob Jones
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
7-Sept	Thurs	10 am	September Midweek Run	Starts at Fox & Hounds, Acton Turville	Derek Daniels
13-Sept	Weds	09.30	Green Lane Run	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
14-Sept	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
16-Sept	Saturday	10am	Dorset section coffee meet	Thorngrove Garden Centre, Gillingham	Martin Hirst
16-Sept	Saturday	2 – 5pm	Yatton Keynell Village Fete Classic Bikes Display	Yatton Keynell – village hall - off Biddestone Lane SN14 7EJ	Just ride in and eat cake 😊
17-Sept	Sunday	Morning	Ashwicke Classic Trial	St. Catherine's Valley nr. Bath	Jon Cull 07515 657327
17-Sept	Sunday	10.00 am	Autumn Run – Moonraker Section	Sainsbury's Royal Wootton Bassett	Brian Newbury
21-Sept	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	Thames Head at Coates GL7 6NZ	<b>Peter Fielding</b>
26-Sept	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Compton Abbas Airfield Cafe, Compton Abbas, SP5 5AP	Kevin Phillips
28-Sept	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	