

## VMCC West Wilts Section – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Meeting Newsletter – with REVISED diary to end of 2023

### People

Welcome to Andy Milk who joined recently and rode up to two of the recent coffee mornings.

Twelve riders were due to set off 29<sup>th</sup> September for the Colombres Rally.

Best wishes were passed on to Peter Tyler.

### Recent Events

The section supported a 'classic and interesting motorcycles' display at the fete in Yatton Keynell on the 16th, with a good mix of bikes combined with some interesting machines brought along by local residents. The following day was the Moonraker's Autumn run, led by Brian Newbury despite the rain, with local coffee stop at Acton Turville.

The Wandering on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. to the Thames Head Inn near Tarlton was well-attended with twenty-three people arriving and staying for lunch. The coffee morning at Compton Abbas airfield saw a small number of riders and others turn up on a damp morning – the award for longest ride went to Kevin & Carol on the airhead BMW, and for loudest ride to Jeff Berning (again) on his Norton Decibelator. Andy Milk had prior knowledge of Spread Eagle hill, so he also opted for BMW power over his otherwise superior Velo LE flat twin alternative.

### Forthcoming Events

A few changes to the upcoming calendar, all detailed in the table below. A few specifics:

- The low-powered machines 'try-out' run on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October is open to all section members on any machine, and will be led by Tony Barnett, starting (10am departure) with a coffee stop en route and ending at the Bell Inn, Yatton Keynell estimated around 1pm - please pre-book with the Bell if you plan to stay for lunch. (see note from Keith Johnston attached, repeated from last newsletter).
- The Wandering on Thursday 19th October will now be to The Pheasant on Bath Road in Chippenham.
- Please note there's no green lane run in October owing to timing of Colombres Rally.
- Details of Forest of Dean run (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October) are to be confirmed at next meeting, noting possible Severn Bridge (M48) weekend closures.

### Speakers

All confirmed speakers and topics are listed in the updated section calendar; **All are very welcome to attend**, whether section members, Bath Classic and other local Sections or clubs, or simply visitors. Kicking off is Jacqui Furneaux on Thursday 12th October: meeting start around 7:30pm, speaker at 8pm.

### AOB

#### John O'Groats to Land's End Run

Interest is good in the event; currently a few short of the 30 needed to make it viable and Tim James and others are working towards that number. Dates are 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (5<sup>th</sup> depart by coach to Scotland, 14<sup>th</sup> depart independently from Land's End). All route, accommodation and transport arrangements have now been provisionally made and are available from Tim. As before, if you are interested and have not yet signed up, please contact Tim now.

**Bristol classic bike show:** Following Kevin Phillips' suggestion that the section organize a stand at the Bristol classic bike show (24/25 Feb. 2024), and the good level of interest in this, we have been in touch with the organisers who advised that entries for stand bookings will open soon. As at 28<sup>th</sup> September we are still awaiting this.

## Forthcoming Events calendar for October to December 2023

Date	Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Organiser/Contact
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
8-Oct	Sunday	10:30am	Golden Valley Club Trial	Cowcombe Hill	G/V Classic MCC
12-Oct	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting and talk by Jacqui Furneaux: "Plan, what plan?"	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
15-Oct	Sunday	10am	Girders & Tiddlers route trial run: <b>NB This is open to all machines</b>	Start and Finish is at The Bell, Yatton Keynell SN14 7BG	Keith Johnston
19-Oct	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	The Pheasant, Bath Rd. Chippenham SN14 0AE	Colin Smith
22-Oct	Sunday	10 am	Forest of Dean Run	Start at Fox and Hounds, Acton Turville, GL9 1HW	Jim Gaisford 07778 389257
31-Oct	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Crowns Café, REME Museum, Lyneham SN15 4PT	Kevin Phillips
26-Oct	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting and talk by John Young on Triple Rally Oz, plus pulse jet 3 wheeler demonstration	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>					
2-Nov	Thurs	9:45am	New Forest Run	Meet Chocolate Poodle	Peter Fielding
5-Nov	Sunday	10:30am	Golden Valley Club Trial	Catswood	G/V Classic MCC
9-Nov	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section meeting plus Brian's Quiz of the Year	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
15-Nov	Wed	tba	Green lane run	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
16-Nov	Thurs	12 noon	Wandering*	Three Magpies at Seend SN12 6RN.	Colin Smith
23-Nov	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting & talk by Steve Somerford	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	
28-Nov	Tuesday	10.30 am	Coffee morning	Ship Inn, Luckington, SN14 6PA	Kevin Phillips
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>					
9-Dec	Saturday	12:30 pm	Xmas Lunch	Ship Inn, Luckington, SN14 6PA	Derek Daniels
12-Dec	Wed	tba	Green lane run	tba. please contact Keith	Keith Johnston
14-Dec	Thurs	7.30 pm	Section Meeting/ AGM	The Bell, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BG	

19-Dec	Tue	10 am	Coffee Morning	AV 8 Cafe, Cotswold Airport, GL7 6BA	Kevin Phillips
25-Dec	Sunday		Christmas Day		
26-Dec	Monday	10 am	Boxing Day Meet	Tippets Inn, A46 Nr Nailsworth	Sth. Cotswold
27-Dec	Tuesday		Christmas bank holiday		
27-Dec	Tuesday	10:30am	Golden Valley Club Trial	Cowcombe Hill	G/V Classic MCC