

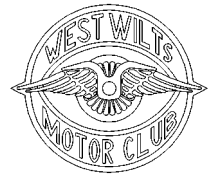


WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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Skittles Match	Saturday 21st April	Tuckers Grave Inn, on the A366 Radstock Road out of Norton St Phillip
May Club Meeting	Thursday 5th May	Melksham House, Melksham 8.30 pm
Shuttleworth Cup Youth Trial	Sunday 6th May	Ebbdown Farm, West Kington
June Club Meeting	Thursday 7th June	Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm
Family Fun Day Youth Trial	Sunday 10th June	Venue from Gill Barrett 01373 823093 Or go to our website
July Club Meeting	Thursday 5th July	Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm
Hare and Hounds	Saturday 21st July *	Naish Hill, near Lacock
Cantuf Cup Youth Trial	Sunday 22nd July*	Naish Hill

First thing to remind you of this month is the Skittles Match being organised by Clive Jones (the younger) at the The Tuckers Grave Inn on the A366 road from Norton St. Phillip. As well as being a friendly game of skittles for players of all abilities including hopeless like me, there will be a Ploughman,s meal included and of course plenty of social chat. Price is £6.00 per person, please give Clive a ring on 0781 8092377, so that he can get a fix on the number coming. Let's be having you, as people have grumbled about the lack of club social functions these days, and we want to support Clive's efforts. One word of warning; it is many years since I have been to the Tuckers Grave but, then, their local Scrumpy had to be treated like an unexploded bomb!

Our first Hare and Hounds of 2007 went off very well at Naish Hill on 24th March, the main problem for helpers if not the rider's was that it was VERY cold, Naish Hill is a pretty exposed spot at the best of times and with a bitter north easterly blowing it is not a good place to be! However as a sporting venue for the H & H it was fine for the 116 starters out of the 120 entries who rode on the day, many of them expressed their thanks to the organising team, which is a pleasant result for those who laid out the course and cleared up afterwards. Based on the clubs' experience on previous H & H events where it has been noted that officials could not be readily identified, this time all were kitted out with high visibility waistcoats which made things look much more professional. Now a quick summary of the results: Best "A" class and outright winner, Matt Ridgway. Best "B" class, James Cuff. Best "C" class, Steve Davey. Best "D" class, Ian Shuttleworth. Best "E" class, Stuart Rawlings. Best "F" class, Chris Taylor. Best "Over 40", Andy Scudamore. Well done to you all. Many thanks of course to all helpers and especially to Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, and Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course.

As usual following H & H's at Naish a Youth Trial was held the next day this time it was the Townhill Trophy. Steve and Gill Barrett reported on this event at the recent club meeting, and informed us that they were very pleased that this time they had more offers of help with observing, which made Steve's job a lot easier and wished me to add the club's thanks to theirs. Entries were somewhat down at 13 only, best performers were; Best "A" class, Ben Shephard. Best "B" class, George Hayes. Best "C" class, Josh Golding. Best "D" class, Maisie Payne. Apparently there was some concern that the trial course had been a bit too tough for some of the riders, this led to a somewhat lengthy discussion at the meeting as to how the problem of widely varying ability levels can be accommodated at Youth Trials generally, some ideas such as a "youth experts" class riding more challenging sections being suggested.

Steve Barrett raised the issue of a training event for our youth riders section of the club, hosted and led by one of the experienced and successful riders who offer training sessions to young riders. Club members agreed in principal to this idea to give support, as we have on numerous occasions in the past, to participants in competitive motor cycling, and Steve was asked to come back to a future meeting with more details and an indication of a budget as to what the cost to the club would be.

*Please note the future Hare and Hounds event listed in the calendar above. The date has been changed due to a date clash problem, please change this in your diaries! There will be information on working party dates to prepare the course in future newsletters. A consequence of this will also affect the following Youth Trial.

All the best,

Terry P

