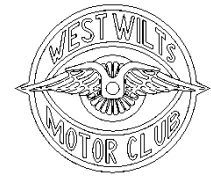




WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 3rd Tuesday in the month
8.15pm Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon.



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April Club Meeting	Tuesday 16th April	Dog and Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 8.15pm
Hare and Hounds	Sunday 19th May	Naish Hill
May Club Meeting	Tuesday 21st May	Dog and Fox Bradford-on-Avon 8.15pm

Mostly about past events this time, starting with our James Cup Trial on 10th February. This was held at Becky Addy Woods and the weather played its usual game this year with the trial starting in heavy rain. Phyllis described the signing on session as a "game of pass the broolly"! The rain which had been very heavy overnight did ease off a bit later on but it did make the sections a bit tougher than usual. Brian had marked out the sections on the day before when we had a rare few days of dry weather which came to an end at the wrong time. This had the effect of taking a lot of marks off most riders; none of the "C" class riders finished the trial. Anyway, a summary of the results follows: Ben Skinner, James Cup & Best "A" class. Rob Scott, Coronation Cup and Best "AB" class. Barry Male, Best "B" Class. Martyn Wilmore, Best "Over 40". Dave Clothier, Best "Over 50". Well done to you all. Finally the usual big thank you to Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course, and Phyllis Sweeting, Secretary of the Meeting, and of course to the Observers, whose job could not have been made any easier by the rain on the day.

The other past event to comment on is our Annual Dinner and Disco at Cumberwell Golf Club. This year it was an extra special event as it marked the 80th anniversary of the club, founded in 1933. To mark the occasion our dinner team of Chris Kelly and Babs Phelps decided that they would have special mugs made with the club badge on plus the date years of our founding and 2013. This was done and a mug was at each person's place on the table for them to keep as a souvenir. This was much appreciated by the 75 sitting down to enjoy a good meal and pleasant chat. Unfortunately one of our guests, Martin Bracey, was unable to attend so that meant a bit of re-arranging of speakers at the last minute. This year we had an extra item on the agenda, an auction, with all the proceeds going to the ACU Benevolent Fund. This was organised by Brian Shuttleworth, and the Auctioneer was Clive Jones (junior). All of the prizes were generously donated by people, either members of the West Wilts Club or involved in some way with organisation of motorcycle sport. Clive made a first class job of selling the numerous lots up for sale with a mixture of persuasion and some good natured bullying, screwed the maximum amount possible out of the assembled company for the various items donated. The club then added a donation from funds to make a very good total. Well done and thanks to Clive and Brian, plus of course, all those who contributed by giving items and those who gave in to persuasion by Clive to open their wallets in a generous way. Many thanks to our organising committee of Chris Kelly and Babs Phelps who again did a super job of maintaining the high standard of our annual beano!

Future events now, the first of this year's Hare and Hounds is on Sunday 19th May, at the popular venue of Naish Hill near Lacock. Regs are available to download from the club's website. Scrutineering is to begin at 9.30am and first group away from the start at 11.00am. So get your entries in to be sure of a ride and avoid the increased fee for late entries. Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, will be pleased to receive your entries as soon as possible. Brian Shuttleworth our Clerk of the Course, will require help before the event for course clearing and marking. I hope to be able to give you more information about working parties in the next newsletter.

The news about our Hare and Hounds at Farleigh Castle is not so good I'm afraid as due to pressure of other events including the International Vets de Nations motocross, it looks as though it will not be possible to fit our event into the course this year. Discussions are being held and I will let you know when things are settled. The possibility of running the event at another venue has also been discussed and if this works out then this would be good news,

One item in the Wessex Centre Fixture List this year, is the "Maybug Motocross" to be run by "ACU Events Ltd," I believe also at Farleigh Castle, caused the reaction of "bit of a blooming cheek" at our recent club meeting. Why? Well for any of you that do not know, we, the West Wilts Motor Club, started running an event at Farleigh Castle in the 1960s which we called the Maybug Scramble. This was run regularly well into the 1980s and we still have the trophies in the club. Yours truly had a good deal of involvement in making these beasties, including getting the bodies cast at a well-known but sadly, now late, Bath engineering company and filing up and fixing the legs and antennae to the distinctly heavy weight bodies! Maybe "ACU Events Ltd" has ideas of borrowing them!

Finally, this is the last newsletter for those of you who have not renewed your membership, so fill out the attached or, download the slip from the Club webpage and send it to Phyllis Sweeting without further delay.

That's it for now. All the best. Terry P

