



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 3rd Thursday in the month
8.00pm Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon

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Annual "Workers Do"	Tuesday 2nd December	Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 7.30pm
December Club Meeting	Tuesday 16th December	Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 7.45pm
January Club Meeting	Tuesday 20th January	Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 7.45pm

I am sad to say that I have to open this newsletter with bad news, one of our long standing members Barbara Lywood has died; you may well remember her as Barbara Gigli, which was her maiden name whilst she was most actively involved in club events. Particularly the 20 massive International Events we ran at Farleigh Castle between 1965 and 1989 for which she usually had the vital jobs as Secretary of the Meeting, for the later ones, and Publicity and Press Secretary, for the earlier ones, plus similar roles in numerous National Moto Cross events run by the club. Barbara married Ken Lywood a few years ago and our deepest sympathy goes out to Ken, an Honorary Life Member of the club, and his family particularly his children, Kay and Pat, plus his grandchildren, Kay is of course our Hon. Secretary. Barbara will be sadly missed by all her friends in the club and we have many happy memories of her fun loving and bubbly nature.

For those of you who wish to pay your respects, Barbara's funeral is on Thursday 27th November, at West Wilts Crematorium at 2.30pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Dorothy House Hospice.

Only one past club event to report on this time and this is the Errington Cup Trial held at Upper Farm, Langridge on 12th October. Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course, reported at our recent meeting that the trial had off well with a sufficient number of observers. Entry level at 33 was about as standard for open to Centre trials at the moment, and Brian reported that most riders were very happy with the sections. The weather was OK and clearing up was finished and the farmer was satisfied. Many thanks to Brian and Chris Kelly, Secretary of the Meeting, and the observers and anyone else who helped in any way.

Possibly following my "doom and gloom" in the previous newsletter we had a bigger than usual attendance at our November meeting with several of our younger and rider members attending. A useful discussion ensued in which our current position as a club was talked over. This year has been especially grim in which only one trial; the recent Errington Cup, was run, Due mainly to lack of entries for trials and the Hare and Hounds, all the other of our events had to be cancelled.

However one suggestion came out of this chat and that was from Ian Shuttleworth, He suggested we resurrect the Tanner Trudge Time Trial, this has not been run for several years, why? Because of lack of entries! However there has been some re awakening for time trials in the Wessex Centre, and Ian came up with the idea that we might run the Trudge and a Hare and Hounds on the same day utilising some of the course for both events. The idea would be that the Trudge would be in the morning and would have categories for trials bikes and for enduro bikes. Then after a lunch break the Hare and Hounds could be run. This would give a full days sport for riders who wanted it and enable two events to be run for more or less the same preparation work as one.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the format of time trials, they are run over a circuit with a number of observed sections, riders are marked with either a "0" for clean, "3" for any footing and "5" for stopping in section. Riders start usually in groups of four until all are off. There is a pre-determined time set and when this is up the riders are all flagged off. The winner is decided by a combination of distance covered plus marks lost in sections, rather like a Hare and Hounds with observed sections thrown in!

Anyway all present thought would be a good idea, so Ian and others are going to think about it and report back to a future meeting

In case any readers are wondering what a "Tanner" is/was, (apart from a man who works on leather). Well it was a slang name for a pre-decimal sixpenny piece, two and a half decimal pence today. It was the actual entry fee for the early events! ----not a lot eh?

For our Annual "Workers Do" those of you that are coming will by now have had your invitation.

All the best, Terry P