



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
8.15pm Melksham House, Melksham



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Club AGM and February Meeting	Thursday 5th February	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
James Cup Trial	Sunday 8th February	Becky Addy Woods, Bradford on Avon
Annual Club Dinner and Disco	Friday 13th February	Cumberwell Golf Club, near B on Avon
March Club Meeting	Thursday 5th March	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm

I will start this time with another reminder of our Dinner and Disco, time is running out and if you want to come please contact one of our organising team, some tickets are still available as I write so don't delay, give either **Chris Kelly a ring on 01225 865497 or Babs Phelps a ring on 01225 723158**. If you are a rider in any of our events and have won an award in 2008 you will be presented with it at the dinner. If not then you will still have an excellent meal and an entertaining evening anyway, there will be the usual draw with very attractive prizes including special table prizes. There are not many club dinners organised these days so ours has become a special social event for the enjoyment of all current members, riders in our events and many of the friends and past active members of the club, who like to get together for a chat about old and not so old times!

Another important event coming up is our Annual General Meeting at which we review the past year and elect the club officials for next year. There have been no proposals submitted to Kay for discussion at the AGM so this means that the subs are not going up anyway, (I should think so too!).

This newsletter, as you may know is the only one that we send each year to all of the members who were on the membership list at the end of the previous year. Our normal practice, introduced a number of years ago, is to automatically send them all only to those members who live within a 15 mile radius of Melksham, which is our notional base. However, as I always point out at this time, if you do live outside this area and you would like to receive the newsletter regularly, then all you have to do is to give yours truly, or other half Babs Phelps a ring on 01225 723158 and, as if by magic, it will be done! Of course, in this electronic age the newsletters are always published on our Website, see above, so it probably does not matter so much as it once did as all our events are listed therein. I should add at this point, that if you live outside the area and receive a regular newsletter then this will automatically carry on, provided of course you rejoin this month.

Only one competitive event coming up and that is the James Cup Trial, Clerk of the Course is again Brian Shuttleworth, with Phyllis Sweeting, Secretary of the Meeting, many thanks to them both. I am sure they will need all the volunteers they can get for observing sections, so please go along and assist in this.

Further events ahead are the Hare and Hounds for this year. At the moment we are proposing one at Naish Hill on 24th May, one at Steeple Ashton on 20th June, followed by the Tanner Trudge Time Trial on the next day, and, (at the moment) one at Leigh on 12th July. There is currently some uncertainty about this event, so watch this space. Sadly, the popular Hare and Hounds at Farleigh will not take place this year for reasons related to the availability of the land, but we have been told that we should be able to run it again in 2010.

Only one past event to comment on and that is the Annual Worker's do, this was run again at the Dog and Fox, Bradford on Avon and all the feedback has told us that a good time was had by all. The ever-popular "draw" was themed this time around all prizes being, "something in a tin" from really worth having to a bit of a laugh! This is the third year of this theme, first something in a bottle, then something in a box now something in a tin, can't wait to see what the prizes are going to be in next year! Many thanks to the organisers Buster James and Babs Phelps.

You will find the membership renewal slip enclosed with this newsletter, so fill it in, enclose your cheque, and send it back without delay, to our Membership Secretary, Phyllis Sweeting, address as on the slip.

That just leaves me to wish all members and their families a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**.

Terry P.