



## WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month  
8.15pm Melksham House, Melksham

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<b>Annual Dinner &amp; Disco</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Cumberwell Golf Club, B on Avon</b>
<b>March Club Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm</b>
<b>April Club Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm</b>
<b>Hare &amp; Hounds</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Winkworth Farm, Lea, Malmesbury</b>

First a mention of the Club Dinner for this year, there are still a few tickets left so if any of you are thinking you might like to go, give Chris Kelly a ring on 01225865497 or Babs Phelps on 01225 723158 and let them know, you will have to be quick though as the date when we have to finalise numbers with the Golf Club is fast approaching. You can be sure of a good evening with a high quality meal and an amazing prize draw., followed by dancing to the Disco.

The Cumberwell Golf club is just outside Bradford on Avon on the A363.

The AGM held before our February meeting was a fairly swift affair as there were no proposals to consider and all the current officials of the club were re-elected "en bloc". Our Chairman Frank Sweeting thanked all the officials for their efforts and that the club had made a profit overall on the events run in the year. Ken Lywood was voted unanimously as an Honorary Life Member of the club. Ken has been a member of many years standing who amongst other things was the Clerk of the course for almost all of our scrambles from the early 1960s and into the 1980s and also has been Club Chairman in the past

You may recall in the previous newsletter I gave a list of venues and dates for the Hare & Hounds events this year but one was to be confirmed, well this one is now the first one of the three and is to be held at a completely new venue at Winkworth Farm, Lea, Malmesbury. This will enable us to run an event with the lap length of 6.5 miles! This is something which we simply do not have space for at our other two venues so it will be quite a change for us, the running time will be three hours with scrutineering at 9.30am and start at 11.00am.

The other two Hare & Hounds will be at Naish Hill on 12<sup>th</sup> July and Farleigh Castle on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The date of the Naish Hill one has been changed to clear the date on which we are to run the Malmesbury event.

The club has agreed to purchase a set of transponders for computerising lap counting of the riders in the H & Hs, Tom Gerken has been asked to organise the purchase of this equipment and it will be tested for the first time at our Malmesbury event. Other clubs have been using this system for some time now so we are joining the computer age with them!

Problems caused the James Cup Trial to be postponed. There was a date clash with the Hurren Trial to be run by the Gloucester and Cotswold Club, so we cancelled our date for the James Cup, and then the Cotswold Club could not use their land for their trial and had to cancel, so we could have run on the original date, but it's too late now; what a mess up!

After their very creditable performances in the British Enduro Championship last year, the club has voted to support our team riding this year with a little sponsorship. The three riders are Freddie Broadway, Ian Shuttleworth and Tyson Maytom-Jones. All the best lads, we wish you success in this very competitive series of events and look forward to hearing how you do throughout the season

One sad note to pass on to the members that may have known her; Marge Chalk, wife of Cecil Chalk, one of our oldest members, died recently. I would like to pass on the condolences of the club to Cecil and all his family for their sad loss.

One final item now, if you have not renewed your subs already you will find a renewal slip with this newsletter. Fill it out and send it in otherwise this will be the last newsletter you will receive. (Unless you rejoin later of course!) Don't forget that the newsletter only goes automatically to those members living within a 15 mile radius of Melksham, if you are outside this area and you still want a newsletter, then give myself or Babs a ring on 01225 723158 and you will get one, at no extra cost!

That's it for now, so, all the best from, Terry P