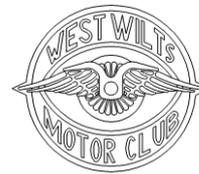




WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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Club AGM & April Meeting	Thursday 2nd April	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
May Club Meeting	Thursday 7th May	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
JamesCup Trial (postponed from 8/2)	Sunday 3rd May	Becky Addy Woods, B on Avon
Hare & Hounds	Sunday 24th May	Naish Hill Start 11.00am

First thing to note is the revised date of the AGM, the original date 5th February, before the club meeting came right in the middle of our snowy period and it was decided that it was not a good idea to expect people to turn out on such a dodgy night so it was agreed to postpone it to the March meeting. Sounded like a good idea; but it was realised in the meantime that the club's rules require that all members be given at least 10 days notice of an AGM. So we had to postpone it again to the April meeting, even here we could see a snag, in that the newsletters are not sent to all members every month, only those living within 15 miles radius of Melksham. However technology came to our rescue as nowadays the newsletter is published on our Website, which is available to all, so; problem solved.

Postponements seem to be the flavour of the month this time as the next one is the James Cup Trial, which it was decided to postpone, not so much because of snow, but this time because the limited car/van parking available at Becky Addy Woods was in such a terrible state due to wetness and we could have caused considerable chaos in the area had we gone ahead. The venue will stay the same but with Chris Kelly as Secretary of the Meeting and Brian Shuttleworth Clerk of the Course. Chris commented that this would be her second "warm weather trial" due to postponements, hope that is also "warm and dry" Chris!

Tom Gerken reported on progress with the first of this year's Hare and Hounds events, the main problem he is having at the moment is finding First Aid cover, probably because it is Spring Bank Holiday weekend and there are a lot of events on. Let's hope it can be sorted or we could be looking at another postponement! Assuming all is sorted the scrutineering is due to start at 8.30am and the start is at 11.00am. Entries close on 21st May and there is room on the course for up to 120 riders.

One past event that fortunately was not postponed was our annual Dinner and Dance. Numbers were a little down on recent years but there were sufficient for a good atmosphere and plenty of noise! Always a good sign I reckon when you're at a party, perhaps numbers were affected by the general doom and gloom that is around at the moment and people being a bit careful on their spending, lets hope numbers are back up again next year. Anyway by general agreement the meal was excellent and the whole thing went with a buzz. Many thanks to our organising team of Chis Kelly and Babs Phelps who produced a very good event enjoyed by all.

Dick Astell, one of our oldest and long time members sadly died in late January, but as we did not produce a February newsletter I have not been able to report on this until now. Dick was a regular on our working parties during the heydays at Farleigh Castle when we were running the British Moto Cross G Ps. He retired to South Wales some years ago to be near to his daughter Mary. Dick lived to the ripe old age of 96, but well into his 90s he still took a great interest in WWMC activities occasionally ringing me to chat about things he had read. Towards the end, when he could no longer see to read, he still liked to know what was going on and Mary would read the newsletter to him.

Finally, if you intend to remain a club member now is the time to renew your subscription. So complete the enclosed renewal form and send it to our membership secretary. Otherwise this will be the last club newsletter you will receive! -----Who said, "thank goodness"?

All the best

Terry P

