



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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CLUB DINNER & DISCO

FRIDAY 1st APRIL

CUMBERWELL GOLF CLUB Nr. B on Avon

TICKETS: CHRIS KELLY 01225 865497, or BABS PHELPS 01225 723158

April Cub Meeting

Thursday 7th April

Melksham House, Melksham, 8.15pm

Hare & Hounds

Bank Holiday Monday 30th May

Naish Hill, nr. Lacock, Start 11.00am

As you can see from the liberal use of upper case above, we are concentrating this month on our annual "bit of a do", our dinner, disco and dance and presentation of awards is the last social event left in the club's activities and it has a proud history. At one time nearly every club in the Wessex Centre had their annual bash, but for various reasons they have nearly all faded away. We have bucked the trend for some years and are aiming for a good event again this year. What better way to spend an evening out, than a get together with old and new friends with a shared interest in motorcycle sport. The meal has again been carefully chosen and the golf club's kitchen has never let us down, the disco has been booked with instructions to play stuff to suit all tastes. OK the date is some way from our traditional one in February, but at least it should not be so cold when you turn out for this one! It is true that last year's problems with our Hare and Hound dates means that we will not have so many awards to present, but we still ran two Open top Centre trials and there will be some award winners to collect so you will be able to cheer your mates, or barrack them, whichever you like when they go up to collect them!

So don't delay, give Chris or Babs a ring on the above numbers and get your tickets now!

Well that's about enough of that, now for a report on one of our trials for this year, this of course was the James Cup at Becky Addy Woods on 13th February. Where to start? Well the entry was amazing, the largest number we have seen for many years, there were a total of 87 riders on the day! Brian and his team had laid out their usual high standard of sections, there were sufficient willing observers, and so what could go wrong? Well this is England in the winter and it rained and rained, this made some of the sections much more challenging than intended and it made things pretty uncomfortable for the observers, so much so that the observers had a real struggle with the standard issue marking cards, so bad in fact that the cards for sections 4 and 7 were unreadable and the sections had to be deleted from the results. This we have put right for future as we shall be using the weather-proof versions which are readily available from now on, that alone will surely guarantee that it will be a very long time before we have another wet trial. The state of the cards didn't make the Secretary of the Meeting's job any easier in sorting out the results, but she managed it and I have a copy to prove it. So here is my usual summary of the winners in each class: Overall Winner, Ricky Wiggins, James Cup. Best "AB" class, Kevin Hart. Best "B" class, Kevin Miller. Best "C" class, Merv Walker. Best "Over 40" M Wilmore. Best "Over 50", Martin Strang. Best "Youth A" class, Luke Golding. Best "Youth B" class, Harry Bean. Well done to you all. Many thanks as usual to all the observers who had a good soaking and to Brian Shuttleworth who his usual job of Clerk of the Course and to Chris Kelly who was the Secretary of the Meeting. I gather that the burgers etc. at the "Barge" in Bradford on Avon went down very well, thanks to Clive Jones (junior) for his efforts in this area.

A mention now about the club's riders in the British Enduro Championship: The rules have been changed this year so we have now two teams of two riders each. Team "A" with riders Dan Price and Freddie Broadway plus Team "B" with riders Ian Shuttleworth and brother Ben Shuttleworth. Of these Freddie is the only one qualifying to be in the expert's class with the other three being in the clubman's class. Dan Price did very well coming in 5th overall and 2nd in his class. Ian came 9th in his class with Ben just one place down at 10th. The result of these efforts was that the "A" team were 16th overall out of 34 teams and the "B" team were 22nd. Out of the club teams our "A" team were the 3rd best club team and the "B" team were 5th best. I think they are to be well congratulated for their efforts in what is a very tough and competitive sport.

One final point to make; if you do not renew your membership for this year this will be the last newsletter you receive, and how could you live without it! So fill out the form and post it with your cheque, to Phyllis Sweeting, our Membership Secretary, post haste.

All the best, Terry P