



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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May Club Meeting	Thursday 4th May	Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm
Shuttleworth Cup Youth Trial	Sunday 7th May	Ebdown Farm, West Kington
Family Fun Trial	Sunday 11th June	Compton Greenfield. (To be confirmed)
Hare and Hounds	Saturday 15th July	Naish Hill, Lacock
Cantuff Cup Youth Trial	Sunday 16th July	Naish Hill

Our major event of the last month was of course the Hare and Hounds at Naish Hill. The weather conditions were not too pleasant, to say the least, with persistent rain for almost the whole duration of the event, making things a bit uncomfortable for the officials and that much tougher for the riders. It is interesting to remember that this was the first of our Enduros/Hare and Hounds that has suffered with rain during the event itself, this was probably the main cause of a much larger rate of retirements than is usual. Naish can be a pretty tough course at the best of times and the rain adds to the mud. Despite the conditions Andy Frost managed 13 laps in the two and a half hours and came in as overall winner and best "A" Class rider. Best "B" Class, Ian Barnett. Best "C" Class, Jim Sharp. Best "D" Class, Ian Shuttleworth. Best "E" Class, John Leigh, and finally Best Over 40, Jerry Adams. Well done to you all, and to all the other riders who despite the conditions battled on as long as they could many no doubt went home very tired. Despite this it was pleasing to the officials that such a large number of riders thanked them for their efforts. Clerk of the Course, Brian Shuttleworth and Secretary of the Meeting, Tom Gerken, are to be congratulated, and they in turn thanked all those who helped to put on the event, especially those who went out to the working parties. I hope the help was in some small part as a result of publicising the dates in the Newsletter; for the next one I hope to be able to give information about clearing up parties as well.

The only other event during the past month was the Townhill Trophy Youth Trial, which was also held at Naish Hill, on the day after the Hare and Hounds. There was a considerable quantity of mud left over from the previous day and Steve and Gill set out the course on the day, conditions were so sticky that Steve recommended to the riders that front mud guards be removed to avoid the front wheels suddenly jamming on a downhill slope that could easily have sent the young rider over the handlebars with a risk of serious injury. On these very small bikes the forks are too short to accommodate the normal large mudguard clearances seen on off road machines. The entry of 17 seem to have coped fairly well with the conditions and the results panned out as follows: Best "A" class, Dan Udall. Best "B" class, Robin Silvey. Best "C" class, Josh Golding. Best "D" class Luke Golding. Many thanks again to Steve and Gill Barrett for organising things and their thanks especially to Colin Hogan for his help to Steve in setting out the course.

We seem to have a bit of a gap now, with our next club event the Shuttleworth Cup Youth Trial not on until 7th May. I hope to put more information about the Family Fun Trial and dates and times working parties for our next Hare and Hounds at Naish Hill on 15th July in the next newsletter which may be for May and June combined.

Steve and Gill have decided to postpone their proposed Youth Riders Training Day until the Autumn as one is being organised by another local club and it seems sensible not to clash with that event, obviously I will put the info in the newsletter later.

Unusually, there was some discussion about future social events at the last club meeting, and there are to be further discussions about the annual dinner and dance and other events over the next few weeks. I will give you any further news when decisions have been made.

Finally now; Frank Sweeting told us at the last meeting that a Team of three riders is being entered in the Club's name in the Scottish Six Days Trial this year. Although individual club members have entered in the past, we believe that this is the first time there has been a team riding under the banner of the West Wilts Motor Club. The team members are:

Adam Norris, Mark Cameron and Scott Cameron, I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them every success.

That's it for now;

All the best,

Terry P.

