



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 3rd Tuesday in the month
8.00pm Dog & Fox, Bradford-on-Avon.



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July Club Meeting	Tuesday 21st July	Dog and Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 8.00pm NOTE NEW START TIME (15mins later than current.)
August Club Meeting	Tuesday 18th August	Dog and Fox, Bradford-on-Avon 8.00pm
Errington Cup Trial	Sunday 11th October	Venue to be advised

Obvious starting point this time! The Tanner Trudge held for the first time for many years and back at its old venue of Naish Hill. It is great to be able to report that this was a considerable success both from the size of entry and in the help to run it. New Clerk of the Course, Ian Shuttleworth, is to be congratulated on his organising of the course layout and the running of the event on the day; I must mention straight away that the event could not have been run without the contribution of help from one of our neighbouring clubs, North Somerset Club, and this was very welcome. Phyllis Sweeting was our Secretary of the Meeting and things went very smoothly for signing on etc. One of the toughest jobs at the Tanner Trudge has always been the lap scoring and in the absence of our most experienced helper in this area, Kay Gerken, on holiday, we were a bit worried, but Ruth Fisher from North Somerset Club helped us and in conjunction with our Phyllis Sweeting and Babs Phelps they successfully sorted out the finishing order. Several North Somerset club members helped prepare the course on the Saturday led by Paul Manning. Clearing up was largely carried by the North Somerset lads using their bikes and carrying large bags over their shoulder bringing in the various course markers and rolls of orange tape. Much more efficient than the old method of walking all the way around and carrying it back to the start area!

The full results were put on to the club's website at about 9.00pm on the day of the event, but I will mention the main award winners here, Andy Frost, outright winner and Girling Plate Award, Jason Hamblin, best "A" class and Farleigh Castle Plate, David Jordan, best "C" class.

Altogether a very satisfying days sport and thanks to everyone who helped in any way. Most of the riders seemed to have enjoyed it and many were asking if we would be running it again next year; we shall see!

For an old stager like me it never fails to amaze when just doing this newsletter that today, thanks to the ubiquitous computer, how things now can be circulated so quickly, and writing the bit about the results being on the website at 9.00pm and available for all to see, reminded me of doing the Tanner Trudge results of old.

There were usually about 80 entries in three classes, trials bikes, trials sidecars and scrambles bikes, run consecutively. When the results had been worked out by a team of helpers, they were then typed up on a long carriage manual typewriter onto a duplicator stencil, which was taken by hand to the club member who had the copying machine, in his house, a large manual machine which was operated by a handle (one turn per copy). Then they were then taken back to the results workers, who folded and stuffed them into stamped envelopes, which had previously been addressed by hand. They were then put into someone's car and driven down to the Post Sorting Office in Bath where, if put in before 10.00pm on Sunday, they were delivered to the riders homes first post the next morning!! Those were the days??

After all that, just a mention of another previous event. We had a very good get together at the invitation of Clive Jones (junior) at his pub, the Foresters Arms, in Beckington. A good crowd of members were there and enjoyed a drink and a chat, Clive and Denise had made a wonderful buffet, which was much appreciated. It is not often that we have this sort of informal get together and it was a very good evening, so thanks very much again to Clive and Denise.

We are hoping to have a skittles match in the near future so watch this space!

Much further ahead,. It has been decided that after a break this year we will be putting on a club dinner again next year, and the usual venue of Cumberwell Golf Course has been booked for 26th February next year, so put it in your diaries NOW!

All the best, Terry P