



# WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month  
8.30pm Melksham House, Melksham

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<b>Nicholson Trophy Youth Trial</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Folly Woods</b>
<b>September Club Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm</b>
<b>Working Party for H &amp; H</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Farleigh Castle 11.00am onwards</b>
<b>Working Party for H &amp; H</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Farleigh Castle 11.00 am onwards</b>
<b>Working Party for H &amp; H</b>	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Farleigh Castle 11.00am onwards</b>
<b>Possible WP for H &amp; H</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Fall back day if going is tough</b>
<b>HARE &amp; HOUNDS</b>	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>FARLEIGH CASTLE followed by Barbeque bring own food &amp; drink</b>
<b>October Club Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm</b>
<b>Corsham Works Youth Trophy Trial</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Venue contact Gill on 01373 823093</b>

Our next major event is the Hare and Hounds at Farleigh Castle, of all of our H & H events this one always catches everyone's enthusiasm, probably mainly for the magic of the venue with it's long and famous history as the location of so many memorable motorcycle events, back to the 1930's. Most of the riders at the H & H will be too young to have experienced Farleigh Castle circuit as it was for the 500cc British Moto Cross Grand Prix events through the 1970's and into the 80's. It was not uncommon to have crowds in excess of 20,000 and most of the fields you can see around you were used for car parking, and more than a dozen coaches were parked alongside the roadway that leads today to the entrance to the H & H pits area. We even used to install a Bailey bridge across the river to improve traffic flow to and from the car parks. Once again this year Tom Gerken, our Secretary of the Meeting, is expecting an oversubscribed entry and this means a lot of work to do to mark the extensive course. Clerk of the Course, Brian Shuttleworth, needs help and you can see at the head of this NL a list of working parties, these generally will start at about 11.00am and carry on through the day as necessary and into the evening, however if you intend to go out to help in the evening please ring Clive Jones on 07818 092377 to check as the finishing time will depend on the progress made during the day and we don't want people to waste their time going there if everybody has gone home!

As a pleasant social way to end the day Clive Jones is organising a Barbeque for the evening following the end of the event and the clearing up which needs to be done that evening. Clive is arranging the actual barbeque cooking equipment but please bring your own food, which you can cook there and of course, whatever is your fancy to drink. If the weather is kind to us it should be a good evening.

After all that about the Farleigh H & H I must not forget to refer back to the last one held at Naish Hill on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Despite the weather and the flood conditions surrounding us including at Melksham and Lacock, we did not have too many non-starters, there were 87 riders on the start line and 86 left the start, Ben Shuttleworth, son of C of C Brian blew up his engine on the line! Despite just one heavy storm on the day the event was a great success although there was a pretty generous supply of the notorious Naish Hill mud! Many thanks to the aforesaid Brian S. for setting out the course and to Tom Gerken Sec. Of the Meeting, plus of course the lap scorers, lap ticket punchers, number wipers etc. and all who also who helped, also for marking out and clearing up which went very well. See our website for the full results.

Our Youth Section trial held at Compton Greenfield also suffered from the recent 'orrible weather and the small entry of 12 had a bit of a struggle apparently. Steve Barrett, our Clerk of Course, described the conditions as "challenging and interesting", say no more! To save space this month, again see our web site for the results.

On the subject of our very successful series of Youth Trials: Unfortunately Steve and Gill Barrett will have to reduce their commitment to these events next year, this means that the club will have to find new volunteers to take on running these trials if they are to continue. It is hoped that someone from the parents of the riders will be willing to take this on and Steve and Gill are very keen to help anyone who is prepared to have a go, by showing them the ropes for a couple of trials next year.

Three of our Members Tyson Maytom-Jones, Paul Broadway and Ian Shuttleworth, riding as a team "WWMC Phoenix", are doing very well in the British Enduro Championship, sitting in 12<sup>th</sup> place out of 24 after two rounds.

Just room to squeeze in: Brian Twigger has a Youth size trial bike for sale, ring him on 01672512605.

All the best, Terry P.