



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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October Club Meeting	Thursday 2nd October	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
Errington Cup Trial	Sunday 12th October	Folly Woods
November Club Meeting	Thursday 6th November	Melksham House. Melksham 8.15pm

Not a lot on the calendar this month so I can press on to cover first something that I forgot last time! This was the Naish Hill Hare & Hounds on the 12th July, so many other events to mention last time that this one escaped as a senior moment. Tom Gerken spotted this as soon as I Emailed him the copy for our Web page. It was too late to do anything about it, so a bit of catching up is called for. About 80 riders on the day set out to do battle with the tough going of this course. The usual summary of the results is as follows:- Best Expert, Tom Smith. Best Over 40, Gary Baker. Best Clubman 2T, Triss Ball. Best Clubman 4T, Tyson Maytom-Jones. Best Trail Bike, Steve Davey. Best Sportsman, Wayne Tibbles. Best Moto Cross, Justin Adams. Many thanks as usual to Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course, and Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, plus, of course all those who helped, before, during and after the event.

Our next and final Hare & Hounds for this year, the event at Farleigh Castle will be over by the time you receive this newsletter and sitting here banging away on the computer I can only say that I hope the weather improves by the day of the event, it is truly 'orrible, wind rain and cold. Not too bad for November, trouble is it's only September! I just hope that Brian and his team can manage to get the course marked out OK despite the conditions. The weather certainly has not affected the entry as Tom told us at the recent club meeting he already had 122 entries and they are still coming in fast, it could be that we reach the course limit of 150. I will report further in the next newsletter.

Now for some less good news. You will recall that Steve and Gill Barrett have been struggling to get entries for our Youth trials this season, and after the miserably small entry of seven for the Cantuf Cup Trial on 13th July they decided not to run the trial due in August and to see what any reaction there might be. Well, Steve reported back to the club meeting that there had been no reaction at all, even from our regular entries. This has lead Steve and Gill, with much regret, to cancel the remainder of the program for this year. It is clear that no one can expect that the amount of time and effort put into organising and running these events can possibly be justified for such small numbers. The meeting thanked Steve and Gill along with their regular helpers, Tim Frost and Colin Hogan for all their efforts over the last several years, and Steve said that maybe the situation could improve in time.

In our discussion at the meeting, one very interesting fact became apparent, and that is, the ACU regulations dictate that the size of bike that riders can enter on is determined only by the age of the rider, and this refers not only to engine size but that of the bike itself. This takes no account whatsoever of the fact that children grow at very different rates, and their size at a given age can vary hugely. This leads to situations where to comply with the ACU regs. some entrants have to ride machines which are far too small for them. Surely it would be more sensible to amend the regs. to make the height of the youngster the determining factor regarding bike size rather than age. This might avoid a certain amount of "turning a blind eye" to this issue which does happen in certain quarters.

Last time I mentioned that we would debate at the September meeting whether we should revert to an earlier start time for our club meetings now that the reason for the late start no longer applies. Well we did and have decided that as from our October meeting the start time will now be 8.15pm rather than 8.30pm. This should lead to earlier finishes, although the last meeting broke all the records for early finish anyway- ah well!

Lastly a mention for a couple getting married; Jo, eldest daughter of our club secretary Kay Gerken and Barry Horsey is to marry Mark Inglis at Cumberwell on Saturday 6th September. Many best wishes for a long and happy future together and congratulations from all members of West Wilts Motor Club, in which Kay and her family have been leading members since Kay herself was a baby.

All the best, Terry P