



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
Dog & Fox Bradford-on-Avon 8.00pm



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Working Parties for Hare & Hounds	Wednesday 26th September	Morning, afternoon, evening
	Thursday 27th	Morning, afternoon and evening
All at the course at Castle farm	Friday 28th	Morning, afternoon and evening
	Saturday 29th	Morning, afternoon. But see below
HARE & HOUNDS	SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER	CASTLE FARM, FARLEIGH CASTLE Scrutineering 9.30am & Start 11.00am
OCTOBER CLUB MEETING	TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER	DOG & FOX, BRADFORD-ON-AVON 8.00pm
Errington Cup Trial	Sunday 14th October	Langridge Farm, Lansdown, Bath
ANNUAL DINNER	FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2013	CUMBERWELL GOLF COURSE B-on-Avon

A big surprise now; after over 50, yes, over fifty years of club meetings at Melksham House we have decided on a change of venue! Melksham House was recently sold to the local Council and is due to close for refurbishment anyway. Plus the fact that the room is much bigger than we need these days and the whole place is frequently cold and unwelcoming we decided it was time to leave and also save the considerable charge now made by the Council. Club meetings will now be on the 2nd Tuesday in the month in the card room at the Dog & Fox, Ashley Lane Bradford-on-Avon

Most of this month's newsletter will be about the next major event which is our Hare & Hounds at Farleigh. First of all the working parties; I have spoken to Brian and he has outlined his plan to me as in the calendar above. The special point about the Saturday is that Brian is hoping to complete course preparation by Friday evening as he is committed elsewhere on Saturday. However there is always the weather; if for reasons of weather problems, (or shortage of help), he has not been able to get everything up together by Friday night, Paul Broadway has offered to help by taking over on the Saturday and with help finish the job off. We hope that shortage of help will not be a problem and Brian recognises that you can't necessarily get out all day over three days and many of you are working all day anyway, but if you can make it to Farleigh just part of the time or just evenings you will be very welcome. There is much to do with extensive course marking and some clearing to prepare for the event. If you are in any doubt about whether to go out there on a particular day please ring Brian on his mobile No. 07803 134160 and he will advise you, also for Paul Broadway, (Saturday only) 07899 071593. Secretary of the Meeting, Tom Gerken informed us at the club meeting that he already had 54 entries so we are well on our way to the maximum of 150 starters allowed by our course certificate. It looks as though the meeting will be well up to the standards of our previous Hare & Hounds at Farleigh Castle.

But we must not forget the second event in the month which is our Errington Cup Trial, One of our regular venues for our trials for many years has been Folly Woods Easterton Sands, but this has been sold and is now unavailable to us, so Brian Shuttleworth has been looking elsewhere, and his search has been successful. New land has been found at Langridge Farm on Lansdown, the landowner is Margaret Perry and we are very grateful that this new land, (to us), is available for our trial. Brian will be putting out signs on the roads around the land to enable those unfamiliar with the area to find the course, but if you head to Bath Race Course on Lansdown you will pick up the signs. Chris Kelly is Secretary of the Meeting, and as usual observers will be needed for this interesting new venue.

Following the previous Newsletter I hope you have all put the date of the Annual Dinner in your diaries, it's still someway off but I will be giving you more info on this as time goes by.

One final thing now; one of our longest standing members, "Buster" James has just celebrated a "significant" birthday; his 85th! To mark the occasion Buster invited many of his friends to a special party at the Dog & Fox. His interests include golf, where he is a long-time member of Kingsdown Golf Club as well as his membership of West Wilts Motor Club, of which he has been a member since the early 1950s. Over the years he has been a committee member, serving as Secretary for many years and is now Honorary President and attends most of our events and club meetings. As if this wasn't enough he is a long standing member of the unofficial "Monday Club" at the Dog & Fox. Many of his friends, including one of our Vice-Presidents, Rosemary Spencer, who came down especially from Scotland for the occasion, from all of these activities plus some neighbours were at his party to help him celebrate and a very good time was had by all. An excellent Buffet was prepared by Andy and Jo, the publicans at the D & F. We are all looking forward to Buster's next "significant" birthday -----!

Well once again that's all for now. All the best, Terry P