



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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| December Club Meeting | Thursday 4th December | Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm |
| Workers Dinner | Tuesday 16th December | Dog & Fox, Bradford on Avon |
| January Club Meeting | Thursday 8th January | Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm |
| James Cup Trial | Sunday 8th February | Becky Addy Woods, Bradford on Avon |
| Annual Dinner & Disco | Friday 13th February 2009 | Cumberwell Golf Club, near B on Avon |

No newsletter in October, so I had better start with some recaps of previous events. On Sunday 9th September we ran the third of this year's Hare and Hound events at Farleigh Castle. This time some restrictions on land availability led to a simpler and slightly shorter course than last year, but never the less still a challenging ride for the 142 entries. The extremely wet weather leading up to day of the event made it tougher on Brian and his team of helpers, but fortunately the rain held off on the day, however the waterlogged nature of the ground did make it necessary to cut out the stream crossing. Summary of the results: Best Expert, Freddie Broadway. Runner up Expert and Best Over 40, Gary Baker. Best 2T Clubman, Seb Dexter. Best 4T Clubman, Tyson Maytom Jones. Best Trail/ Trial, Steve Davey. Best Sportsman, Jamie Hill. Best Moto Cross, Jason Webb. Well done to you all and to Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course, Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, and of course all their band of helpers before, during and after the event. Brian informed us, at the last meeting, that all was cleared by the Tuesday evening.

Next, the Errington Cup Trial was run on the 12th October, a good field of 44 riders was entered for this event at Folly Woods and the weather on the day was also good. A challenging set of sections had been laid out by Brian, with the one observed by our Chairman Frank Sweeting being described by him as "super"! Again a summary of the results: Errington Cup, Colin Crease. H J Giddings Cup, Jason Atwell. Bob Missen Cup, Glenn Whitock. Trials Cup, Andrew Shave. Best Over 50, Martin Strang.

No more sporting events now until our James Cup Trial to be held on 8th January next year. Those of you going to our annual bash for our supporting "workers" who in their own ways make the club function will either by now have had their invites, or very soon will. This is to be held at the Dog and Fox at Bradford on Avon, a very friendly pub where, "a good time", is usually had by all.

More news of our team contesting the British Enduro Championship. At the end of the last round for this year they were placed 15th overall and were a very creditable Third in the list of Club Teams competing, with Dan Beavan winning the E1 class. At the recent club meeting it was decided that we would again give support to the team in next years Championship.

You will see our Annual Dinner and Disco plus Presentation of Awards mentioned above in the calendar of events. Tickets will shortly be available and we are holding the price of these at £25 the same as last year. All those who have been before will know that a good quality meal in a very pleasant venue is the norm for this event and I am sure that the high standards will be maintained again next year, by our organising partners Chris Kelly and Babs Phelps. Tickets will soon become available and can be had by ringing either Chris on 01225 865497 or Babs on 01225 723158.

A sad note to end on this month, we have just learnt that one of our life members Cecil Chalk, passed away on 31st October, at the grand age of 96. Cec, as you can guess goes back a long way in the WWMC, certainly into the 1940s when he was active in helping to run the Farleigh Castle Grasstrack meetings, which made the club nationally famous in the pre and post war years. He also was a regular observer at our trials and competed in club rallies on his combination outfit with his wife Marge, in the sidecar. Marge; sadly, died some years ago. Cec was also Club Secretary for a period and subsequently produced the club newsletter on an old hand operated duplicator from stencils provided by the newsletter writer of the time. Many of our younger members will have no idea what I am talking about at this stage! Clearly Cecil was one of our oldest links with the days when motorcycles were a way of life, rather than a fun vehicle mainly for weekend use.

Thar's all for now, all the best,

Terry P

