

## WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

Hon. Sec. Kay Gerken, 20 Gibbs Lease, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wilts. BA14 7QN Club Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month 8.15pm Melksham House, Melksham



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December Club Meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm

Workers Dinner Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Dog and Fox 7.30 for 8.00pm

January Club Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm

James Cup Trial Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February Becky Addy Woods, Bradford on Avon

Annual Club Dinner & Disco Friday 3rd February Cumberwell Golf Club

Two past events to mention first this month. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the club ran the Hare and Hounds at Farleigh Castle. This was the first time for two years that the club has been back at this famous venue to run one of our Hare and Hounds events, and it was a great success I am glad to say! 137 entries across a wide range of classes fought it out over a tough course for three hours, you certainly need to be fit for this event. For the record the class winners were as follows: Premier Award, best performance, Daryl Bolton. First in Veteran Expert Class, Adrian Francis. First in Clubman 2T Class, Tom Williamson. First in Clubman 4T Class, Andrew Paul. First in Veteran Clubman Class, Kevin Butcher. First in Sportsman 2T Class, Callum Collins. First in Sportsman 4T Class, Jack Liddiard. First in Track/Trail Class, Kevin Adkins. Well done to you all and we hope that you and all your competitors enjoyed your ride in this major event. Congratulations and thanks to Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, and Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course, plus all those who helped in setting up the course, on the day and clearing up afterwards. I was away at the time but I understand that all went well, especially the clearing up afterwards.

The next event on the club's busy end to the season was the Errington Cup Trial, the second of our regular Open to Centre Trials. As usual a Summary of the results follows: Best A & Errington Cup, Gary Marshman. Best AB & Giddings Cup, Trevor Ashford. Best B & Bob Missen Cup, Sam Harding. Best C & Trials Cup, Merv Walker. Best Over 40, Mark Talbot. Best Over 50, Dave Fry. It is interesting to note from the full results that the best score in the Trial was the winner in the "Over 50" class, Dave Fry, and the third best score was the winner in the "Over 40" class, Mark Talbot. Just shows that age is not necessarily a barrier to success in observation trials! Anyway congratulations to you all and thanks of course to Phyllis Sweeting, Secretary of the Meeting, and Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course. The only real problem on the day I'm afraid was the old bugbear of not enough volunteers for observing sections, the trial could not have been run if three club officials actually organising the event had not observed as well. Very unfortunate, because clubs cannot run trials if competitors do not bring people with them who are prepared to observe for a couple of hours. Please remember this for next time!

The next event is our annual social one for the people who help to run the club and its events, a small thank you In the form of a Christmas Dinner at the Dog and Fox, Bradford on Avon, All the helpers have been invited to the Dog and Fox, which incidentally is under new management this year and we look forward to Andy and his team doing the honours, for the first time.

Our annual Dinner Dance and Disco is planned for the coming February, this is intended to be up to our usual standard of quality and value for money. So keep your diary free and start saving up now!

One final thing to mention this month, and I suppose I should have put it in the heading of "past events" above but they were competitive and this one is not! I announced in the last newsletter that two of our long standing members Ken Lywood and Barbara Gigli were going to "tie the knot" in October. Well the big day came and Ken and Barbara were married in a lovely ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> October, surrounded by relatives and friends. Everyone enjoyed the day and agreed that it was one of the most relaxed weddings they had ever attended. Ken and Barbara flew off to Spain for a week and returned to their home in Bradford on Avon last Sunday. As is established practice with West Wilts Motor Club weddings, "Welcome Home", decorations were added to their house, just to make their return home a little more memorable, (i.e. difficult). I am told a fair quantity of notices and trials section marker tape was expended on this job, I just can't imagine who was responsible for all this nonsense, but I did hear that there were one or two long term scores to settle!

To be serious for a moment, I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing them "Many Happy Years Together".

All the best, Terry P.