



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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January Club Meeting
BVM Trophy Youth Trial
February Club Meeting & AGM
James Cup Trial
John Miller Youth Trial

Thursday 4th January
Sunday 14th January
Thursday 1st February
Sunday 11th February
Sunday 25th February

Melksham House, Melksham 8.30pm
POSTPONED
Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
Becky Addy Woods, Bradford on Avon
Venue from Gill Barrett 01373 823093

I must start this month's newsletter with a very sad item, as many of you will already be aware, Diane James, one of our longest standing members died on Monday 4th December. Diane became a member of West Wilts Motor Club in the late 1940's and has held several positions as an officer of the club over the ensuing years, most notably as our Competitions Secretary for a very long period from the 1960's through until she handed over to Chris Kelly in the 2000's. Also, for many years Diane was the writer of this newsletter passing the job over to me in the 70's. Diane and her husband "Buster", (real, but little used name, Raymond), have been a fixture in virtually every aspect of the club's motorcycle sports and social activities for over 50 years, starting in the early days riding in trials on a 125cc Royal Enfield with hand change, continuing through night road rallies on a 700cc Royal Enfield Constellation with Diane on the front and Buster as pillion, navigating with a map board strapped to Diane's back, on one occasion dumping Buster off the back into a ford! Then moving into car rallies and treasure hunts. Whatever the event Diane, with ever present, Buster, would be there involved in some way. During, what was perhaps the "heyday" of the club from the mid sixties through to the early eighties when we were running events like the 500cc British Moto Cross GPs, and Moto Cross des Nations, at Farleigh Castle, Diane was the announcer in the International Pits, not so much because of her linguistic skills but because she was very good at the old British principle of when addressing foreigners just use English, but very loudly! In more recent times Diane has not enjoyed the best of health but has still whenever possible attended our events and meetings. Her passing will leave a big gap for many of us as friends and members of West Wilts Motor Club, but particularly of course for Buster to whom we all send our sincere condolences and best wishes.

The Club AGM approaches once again and I must advise you all that if you wish to make proposals for any changes in club rules then they should be sent, duly seconded, to Club Secretary Kay's address at the head of this newsletter, before the end of December. Also while I think about it would all entrants for our events please note, make all cheques payable to West Wilts Motor Club Ltd. as this is our new status with the bank.

The Errington Cup Trial was run on 8th October at Folly Woods, I have just downloaded a full set of results from the Internet so I can give you a summary as usual: Errington Cup, Colin Crease. H J Giddings Cup, Charlie Newman, Best Over 40, Pete Dury. Trials Cup, Mike Wood. One unusual happening, noted on the results was that a Youth Rider, Ricky Wiggins would have figured on the leader board except that as a youth rider he cannot win an award in an adult trial, well done anyway, obviously a rising star! Many thanks as usual to all those who helped, not forgetting of course Phyllis Sweeting, Secretary of the Meeting and Brian Shuttleworth Clerk of the Course.

Another trial that has taken place since my last N/L was the Christmas Cup Youth Trial at Becky Addy Woods on 19th November. This was set up with 8 sections through which the riders had to do 5 laps. The course was laid out as usual by Steve Barrett and his team and judging from the marks lost must have pretty testing. Results: Best "A" class, Dan Udall. Best "B" class, Sam Martin. Best "C" class, Mitchell Frost. Best "D" class, Victoria Payne. Well done to you all and many thanks to Steve and Gill Barrett and all their helpers.

You will have seen above that the Youth Trial scheduled for January has been postponed. Unfortunately Steve Barrett is not too well at the moment and has been advised that he should take things easy for a while. However Steve says he hopes to be able to carry on from the February trial. Best wishes Steve from the whole club.

While on the subject of Youth Riders, it was agreed at the last club meeting that in future all our youth membership will receive the newsletter whether or not they live within the 15 mile radius of Melksham, which is our normal cut off point for automatically sending a newsletter. But don't forget any member outside the 15 miles can get a regular newsletter by ringing Babs or Terry on 01225 723158. This limit was only introduced some time ago to save postage. Final membership count for the year is 46 Youth and 229 Full Members, many join to enter events only and live far away so would be unlikely to be interested in a newsletter, but you only have to ask!

News now of Pat Lywood, a past Club Social Secretary, best known recently, as chief organiser of our re-vitalised and very successful annual dinners for several years. Pat sprang a surprise on us all in November when she announced, that she and partner, Mik Peach, had decided to tie the knot and had secretly been married on the London Eye! Congratulations and best wishes for many happy years together Pat and Mik.

All the best as usual and Happy Christmas to you all,

Terry P.

