



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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January Club Meeting	Thursday 5 th January	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
February Club Meeting & AGM	Thursday 1 st February	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
ANNUAL CLUB DINNER & DISCO	FRIDAY 3 RD FEBRUARY	CUMBERWELL GOLF CLUB 7.30 for 8.00pm
James Cup Trial	Sunday 12 th February	Becky Addy Woods, Bradford on Avon

As usual a fairly short newsletter this month, with the Worker's "Do" not yet happened and nothing much else on during December, except for a small matter of Christmas of course, the main job for me is to give a plug for things early in the New Year, plus a bit of official business.

First mention must go to our Annual Dinner and Disco, I can confirm the date as **3rd February 2012** once again at **Cumberwell Golf Club on the A363 just north of Bradford on Avon**. The ticket price has been held the same as for the past **four years** at £25 per ticket, how do they do it, I hear you cry! Well our team of organisers **Chris Kelly** and **Babs Phelps** watch every penny spent and make sure that everyone else involved does the same! By long tradition there is a subsidy from club funds, but this is these days, only a fraction of the levels of subsidy possible when the club was running major events in the Moto Cross era. Clearly this means that all who come are getting exceptional value for money. As in previous years, Chris and Babs make sure that many previous members are advised about the dinner and many come to renew old acquaintances and have a good chat. We always try to get as many of the young riders along as their involvement is vital for the continuation of motorcycle sport.

So, give Chris Kelly a ring on 01225 865497 or Babs Phelps on 01225 723158 and book your places now, for what will be another good evening out!

One further mention on the dinner, we always try to present as many of our awards as possible. So what about you **Award Winners** from any events in the past year? Come and collect your awards in person, all you have to is let our Competition Secretary, Chris Kelly know on 01225 865497, buy your ticket and she will arrange for you to be included in the presentation of awards during the dinner.

The only other event in February is our James Cup Trial at Becky Addy Woods on Sunday 12th. Brian Shuttleworth is Clerk of the Course and Phyllis Sweeting is Secretary of the Meeting. We hope to have the same good entry as our last trial, the Errington, but with more people there to do some observing, as last time even the clerk of the course had to observe due to a dire shortage. This makes things very difficult as the leading officials should not be tied down to one place during the event in case of any problems that might arise. So riders, please try and bring someone with you that could observe.

I had better own up now to a bit of a clanger I dropped in the last newsletter. I commented on the scores of the "Over 50" and "Over 40" were so close to the overall winner of the trial. What I had forgotten, of course, was that these classes were riding slightly less demanding sections, therefore could not be compared so directly to the all out winners as I implied. Whoops sorry chaps!

Now for that bit of "official business", as you can see above our Annual General Meeting is incorporated into the February meeting, this means that if any members wish to place a proposition to the AGM, such as rule changes etc. then they must be submitted, in writing, duly seconded, to our Secretary, Kay Gerken, (address at header), by the end of December.

One further bit of news about one of our Vice Presidents, Jenny Hodgkins; Jenny, and her late husband Bernard for several years supported the Japanese Team in the European Enduro Championship, travelling all over Europe to each of the rounds and meeting up with them to provide much appreciated help. Sadly Bernard died in 2008 and to show their appreciation of all the help given to them by Bernard and Jenny, the Japanese Enduro Organisation have decided to name an award after Bernard. Jenny was invited to Japan in July to present this new Award, a great honour and a very touching action from the Japanese Enduro Team. It really does show just how much they appreciated their help in Europe. If you type Bernard Hodgkins and Enduro into Google you can read more about this, the language on the site is Japanese but if you touch the "Translate" symbol, all will be clear.

Just room to wish you all a very **Happy Christmas**,-----from Terry P

