



WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

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Club Meetings 1st Thursday in the month
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June Club Meeting	Thursday 3rd June	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
July Club Meeting	Thursday 1st July	Melksham House, Melksham 8.15pm
Hare & Hounds	Saturday 17th July	Naish Hill Nr. Lacock, Scrutineering 1.00pm

Once again there was only one competitive event on the club's calendar last month and that was the Hare and Hounds at Naish Hill. Unfortunately the size of the entry, at 62, was down on previous Hare and Hounds we have run in the past, this may have been partly due to our being virtually out of the list of organisers last year, so riders had lost track of us. The event went well, so lets hope that our entry will recover to previous levels for our next Hare and Hounds on 17th July. Weather conditions on the day were quite good, dry with just a light wind, some dust was thrown up in the field area of the track, but it was not serious. There were several sections of the track in the woods where Brian had laid out alternative routes, short and tough, or slightly longer but not so tough, the riders could choose which to take, which seemed to work very well. Clearing up after the event went very well with a good number of people staying on to assist, this was helped by not having to clear the woods area as Brian had agreed with the landowner that it could all be left for the next event. Further good fortune came from being able to get the field graded by a JCB as we were clearing up, so, with all this going so well Brian was able to wrap it all up that evening! Now for a summary of the results: Overall winner and Best Expert, Freddie Broadway. Best Veteran Expert, Alistair Bramwell. Best Clubman 2, Ben Shuttleworth. Best Clubman 4, Andy Noad. Best Veteran Clubman, Philip Dyke. Best Sportsman 2, Wayne Tibbles. Best Sportsman 4, Nicki Richardson. Just to finish on this subject, well done and thanks to Brian Shuttleworth, Clerk of the Course and Tom Gerken, Secretary of the Meeting, plus all those who helped to mark out the course, run the event, and clear up afterwards.

No competitive events coming up from the club in June so the next one to look forward to is the second of our Hare and Hounds this year, on 17th July, this will also be run at Naish Hill, so lets hope we have a larger entry after the success of the first one. The usual team of Brian Shuttleworth and Tom Gerken are again leading the organisation of the event so let's be giving them all the support they deserve.

A sad event to mark now; one of our long standing members and a Vice President, Hilary Lywood passed away on 15th March, Hilary was a leading active member of the club from the 1950s, first helping in road rallies and car treasure hunts that were popular in the 50s and 60s. Then, acting as Secretary of the Meeting, with her husband Ken, who was Clerk of the Course for our Open to Centre and National scrambles. In parallel with these events Hilary with Ken filled these same posts for the scrambles organised by the club mostly at Naish Hill in the winter, for BBC TV through the 1960s, with Murray Walker as the commentator, and who still remembers Hilary and the team from WWMC who helped him in those days. She then went on to be Secretary of the Meeting for the series of British 500cc Moto Cross Grand Prix, plus the "Moto Cross des Nations", run by the club into the early 1980s. In all of these events she was assisted greatly by long-term friend and now also a club Vice President, Barbara Gigli. Hilary was teacher of Maths and Physics, latterly at the Convent Girls Grammar School in Bath, and on retirement ran a restaurant with Barbara, called "Barbarys". Hilary was notable for her unflappability and friendly good humour to all those involved in the club and many of us have happy memories of working party suppers and New Year's Eve parties organised by her over many years, especially for the numerous party games where Hilary would always adjust the rules to suit! She will be much missed by Ken and their daughters Kay, our Club Secretary, and Pat, who was also very active in the club over many years, plus her grandchildren, as well as so many, including myself, who had the honour to call her a friend. Unfortunately, Hilary did not enjoy the best of health for several recent years but never the less was always friendly and cheerful to all those who visited her house.

All the best

Terry P