

Section News

Please note that financial assistance is available on request if you are planning an event or attending an event as a section on behalf of the Club.

The request ***must*** be sent in advance to the Chairman by email to, malc.linsley@gmail.com together with an estimate of costs and income if applicable. Copies of the Club's Public Liability Insurance are also available if required. Please be aware requests for payment of expenses after an event may face ***refusal*** if an application has not been received and approved.

Section Coordinators

If you are holding a show or event on behalf of the club please supply your report as a Show Report so that it can be given the space it deserves in the magazine.

This way we get the message out to more members what the local sections are putting on events in their area.

****** STOP PRESS - NEW SECTION ******

OXFORD - Ian Douglas aka George Mainwaring

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Meetings held 1st Saturday of the month at 12 Midday

The Chequers, Northampton Road (B340), Weston on the Green, Oxon, OX25 3QH.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (SOUTH) - Elvis Evans

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Meetings held 2nd Sunday of the month from 12pm

The Wheel, 100 Main Rd, Naphill, High Wycombe HP14 4QA

For the January meet the pub at Radnage was, as I had been warned, shut. It was also raining. I rode there at the usual time and mine was the only bike there at the time. I later learned that two, or maybe more, members turned up after I had left. With little input from anyone else I made the executive decision that the February meet would be at the Wheel in Naphill. I sent out an e-mail telling members of the change.

So on to the February meet. I went to Radnage at the usual time in case some people had not got the message. I had been told that the pub would be open again by this time but it wasn't. It was boarded up. We spoke with the new



owner and he said that he was planning to re-open in May and that we would be welcome there if we wanted. The VJMC members that had met at Radnage then rode to our proposed new venue at

Naphill. We were made most welcome here and I think we will be staying here in future. With those that went straight to the Wheel we now amassed 8 bikes

which is very good for our section and considering the time of year. So future meets will be at the Wheel.

CHESHIRE (South) ~ Will Barber 07955 302181/01948 258692
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Meetings held last Thursday of the month at 7:15pm
Bhurlpore Inn, Wrenbury Road, Aston, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8DQ.

As you read this report I will have already stepped down from my position as Section Coordinator after founding this section 13 years ago. It's been a great journey but I feel it's time for someone else to take over the role. Fortunately a member has stepped forward who's willing at least to be the first point of contact for the section, no doubt they will inform the editor of any new meeting place. I will remain a member of the VJMC for the foreseeable future. Over the years we have presented ten section shows, supported many other VJMC sections and charities, had

countless ride outs and shared a raft of information, tips, and also helped each other out where we can. Of course there is no reason why this can't continue and that's what we aim to do. It's also a time to reflect on those members whom are no longer with us; Harry Mathews, Richard Cossey and John McLoughlin, all taken from this world far too early. All that remains is to say a big "Thank you" to all those who have supported the section whilst under my wing and hopefully the section will continue to gain strength under the new coordinator. Best regards and keep safe. Will Barber

DORSET/POOLE ~ Ade Oliver 07929 019821
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Meetings held May -Sept ~ 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.
~ October - April 3rd Thursday of the month
The Angel Inn, 188 Ringwood Road, Longham, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9AP

With December as the quietest month, January is probably a close second, but February has seen a lot of activity with spanners and polishing cloths etc., in preparation for the Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show at the Bath & West Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, which was over the 25-26 February weekend. We

fielded a great display yet again and were very busy entertaining our many visitors. Some could say we took advantage of our lovely ladies who make cake, but to an engineer, and gentlemen of a certain age, cake is currency! (Apple or Fruit? Easy, a slice of each!)



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Overall, our stand was a great success and thanks to all who displayed their machines and took turns to ensure the stand was permanently manned. To be honest, we could do with a bigger pitch, as we had to turn bikes down when other larger stands were struggling for exhibits, but we are just grateful to have been there.



Some of us stay locally and others travel home over night, but those who stayed came together on the Saturday night to enjoy what has become to be our traditional Show Meal at the Well Inn at Canards Grave.



The icing on the cake was Gary Tabner winning the “Modern” Category with his immaculate 1990 Kawasaki KR1S, which he dedicated to the section as “our win” What a Gent!



Dorset Section would also like to congratulate Taunton & Bridgwater section on their 3 awards at the show, all jointly presented by the VIPs Trevor Nation and Brian Crighton.

With the biggest show in our calendar now over, we look forward to more fettling and polishing ready for the better weather and spring to arrive!

The next events will be Hampshire’s Auto jumble at Weyhill, near Andover, on 16th April and our Fish & Chip run to Swanage on the 22nd.

The calendar for the coming year is available under the ‘Featured’ heading on the Group’s Facebook page, which is still enabling us to keep in touch and up to date with what our members are doing. The page is thriving with membership now at 683.

Put the Thursday meeting dates in your diary now, and we look forward to welcoming new members to The Angel Inn, Ferndown, BH22 9AP.



ESSEX ~ Mark Wilson

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Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm
The Bakers Arms, Common Road, Stock, Essex, CM4 9NFN.

Looks like it's going to be busy this year! VJMC Club night, 18th January 2023. Not sure if I would get to the pub with all the very cold weather, a very nice club member Nikk picked me up and we chatted almost nonstop throughout the whole evening, about bikes, of course and life. It was quite strange as we had never met before, as another 2 members joined us for a drink Nathan and Kevin. The 4 of us chatted I think the whole time about bikes, trips we had been on etc., for me it's why I run the Essex section, to meet like-minded people, great! Normally club meetings end around 9.30 pm because people have to get to work etc.; we finished our evening at around 10.30 pm. With everyone going home happy, I hope. Long may it continue?

Week ending 29th January 2023.

Well, another busy week. First it's getting the wording right in Tansha for the Ace Cafe event on the 16th of July, that the club have been invited to by Mark Wilshire, (owner of the establishment). (See page 78 for more info)

Next, bear with me, slightly boring but the end result is really good. I was after something to give out as a prize at all the shows the club attends, one being the Ace Cafe.

The club paid a lot of money for the glass trophies that were given out at the Ace Cafe last year. A friend told me of a company in Farnbridge, Essex that make Rosettes. That's good I hear you say, but the lady I gave my order to asked again so that's Vintage Japanese bikes your club deals with, yes, I replied. So she said can you have a chat with my husband, from there it was all go. The husband had a Suzuki GT 750 that he could no longer ride due to health reasons, wasn't really



sure how to or where to sell it on the net etc. So, after asking a few club members would you like it, a club member I have nicknamed for my own references as Stroker, he and I drove to look over the bike and struck a deal on purchasing it, not too expensive either! Me, I get the Rosettes later this week. But wait there's more, a dear friend who looked after me in 1986/7 has now got dementia, so his son and daughter asked me if I would like the last motorbike the father bought, a Piaggio X9 scooter, for free! Done very



few miles, stored in a nice warm garage, but in Lincolnshire. So later in mid-February I am off with my friend to pick it up. So how many brownie points do I get!

Another recently new club member does not want to be naughty on the road, so bought himself



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a new toy, (his words) it just sort of fell in the van! You know, like they do! 2002 ZX9R for track days only.

Me I just been checking my bike before I go to an event to raise money for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, did all the usual things, thought I would lubricate the rear drive chain, thought the rear wheel didn't sound quite right, so off it

came and some ball bearings rolled on the garage floor. All sorted now, good job I checked! Thanks for the advice! N. Looking forward to the club meal in February and then with luck warmer weather and shows!

Keep safe everyone, Mark Wilson, the man who needs to keep a better eye on his machines!

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<i>(South) Meetings held 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm</i>	
<i>Fox & Hounds, Winchester Rd, Fair Oak, SO50 7HB</i>	
<i>(North) Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm</i>	
<i>Anchor Inn in North Warnborough, RG29 1BE.</i>	
<i>which is between M3 junction 5 and Odiham</i>	

As I write this there is stirring in the Hampshire towns and villages as bikes are wheeled out of winter storage. There are the shall I, shan't I decisions being made as to move a bike on or not. I have circulated quite a number of bikes for sale to members via Loveadmin. Many winter projects are seeing the light of day although my CB77 is a slow job and may hit the road by midsummer. Our season runs and events list is complete, subject to last minute changes, by the time you read this our Skittles evening, and John Wheelers season opening run from Wickham Square to Lasham Airfield will have come and gone, I hope they went well!

at our new location. Hopefully the April Tansha will have arrived in-time for you to see this blatant plug for the event. VJMC Hampshire section car boot sale on 16th of April at Weyhill Country market. Weyhill SP11 OPP Gates open at 7:30am. The Country market is just off the A303 on the Weyhill to Ludgershall road (A342). Cost of a pitch is £10.00 no booking is necessary.

It was suggested that we should have a WhatsApp group in the section so after consulting the Hampshire North members I've setup a group which is proving popular. By the time you read this I should have set one up for the main Hampshire section.

We also have our annual car boot sale

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<i>Meetings held Last Thursday of the month at 8pm.</i>	
<i>Hawcoat Park Sports Club, Hawcoat Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 4HF.</i>	

Some sad news first, long standing VJMC member and well-loved section attendee Frank Whiteway passed away on the 20th February, age 82. Many of us

attended Frank's Funeral on 6th March. VJMC members will have known Frank Whiteway and met him at various shows, events and the TT races over the years.



Originally a trials rider, Frank became a World Class Road Racer, starting in 1964 and in 1966 rode the first Suzuki in the Manx Grand Prix. The following year he was 2nd in the Lightweight Manx Grand Prix on a Crooks Suzuki TR250. In 1968 he was part of the Crooks Suzuki Team that gained the 350cc 24 hour World Record at Monza on an overbored Suzuki T20 Super Six, this record still stands today as far as we know. Also in 1968 he won the Lightweight Manx Grand Prix on the Crooks Suzuki TR250, then moved to the TT for 1969 and was 5th in the 250cc TT, then a World Championship Round. A move to the larger Crooks Suzuki T500 production racer for 1970 was a great choice - he won the 500cc Production TT Race comfortably. He'd also ridden in the 50cc British Championship in 1969 and 1970, Winning the British Championship in 1970. After some amazing results Frank decided to retire from racing and went back to trials riding. A keen golfer he concentrated on family life and on

becoming a motor vehicle mechanic latterly becoming Senior Lecturer and Head of the Motor Vehicle Department at Furness College. He trained many of the mechanics/technicians in the South Cumbria area before setting up an apprenticeship centre at Kimberly Clark paper mill. Our sincere condolences to his wife Dorothy and family.



For 2023 Sam and the Furness Section of the VJMC are determined to get out on ride outs for small, medium and large bikes. The first one kicked off on New Years Day with our annual tiddler run that is open to larger bikes if they don't mind some small back lanes that may have grass, gravel and pot holes along the way. Leaving Dalton-in-Furness we went over some of our favourite fell roads and round the back of Kirby Moor. Dropping down the Ulverston to Gawthwaite Road and heading right over the Woodland Fell Road. We then picked up the Coniston to Broughton-in-Furness Road and headed off to Broughton

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or guide you off the beaten track around the hills, send me a email to stephen.scrogham@btinternet.com and I shall do my best.

Looking forward to a few bike meets now, favourites being: The Hot Tram Roll at Keswick, Wray Classic Bike Night and Torver Bikers Breakfast, Please see forthcoming events for events we hope to attend. If you get to any, please look out for the VJMC face masks and say hello.

Square. This year we went into The Old Kings Head, had a warm welcome and a nice coffee and usual good chat. Back onto the main road, through Ireleth and down the Black Dog Inn Road and back to Dalton-in-Furness. A great time was had by all.

Routes are planned and hoping for better warmer weather plus the diary is filling up. If you are a regular reader of our tiddler runs and planning a trip up to the south lakes we would like to help



<p>HEART of ENGLAND ~ Martin James Email: martinjames101@hotmail.com</p> <p><i>Meetings held 2nd Monday of the month 7pm - 9pm (Optional ride out 7:15pm May - September) Shoulder of Mutton in Grandborough CV23 8DN 4th Thursday of the month from 7pm The Anchor, Leek, Wotton, CV35 7QX</i></p>	<p>07708 702363</p>
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Hi all, hopefully you received an e mail from me in February listing the events in our area. There should be something for everyone, please support if you can. Several members have commented to me that there seems to be a lack of club events in the Midlands. In the past I would have agreed with this but now, with your help, I see that things are changing. The list includes events easily accessible from all 4 corners of our territory. Please look out for future emails from me, I usually try to start the subject line with VJMC to make it easier to spot in amongst the usual spam. Feed back on the mails is welcomed, if you don't want them just let me know. A

further updated list will be sent with the next e mail.

Our monthly meetings, second Monday at The Shoulder of Mutton, Grandborough and fourth Thursday at The Anchor, Leek, Wootton are ongoing. It would be great to see you at one of these if you can make it. Please use only these.

There will also be the popular 2 Stroke Sunday events at the Shoulder of Mutton, Grandborough on the 2nd Sunday morning of each month. All 2 strokes, any size or age welcome! Coffee and breakfast are available.

I have 6 volunteers for the VJMC bike display at the Stratford autojumble on 19th March and we are also invited to



welcome!

We now have 2 WhatsApp groups, one for general chat and advice, the other specifically for events. If you would like to join these please let me know. If you want to leave them, also let me know!

Over the winter months there has been a lot of workshop activity. I have attached a selection of photos to illustrate what some members have been up to. Dean is resurrecting a VF 750 that has been dormant at the back of his garage for 30 years, Nicks TZR 250 is getting a long overdue “refresh”, Steven is restoring, properly, the “restored” 350 YPVS he bought last year, and has almost finished a YB1. Derek is finishing his H2B and Graham is contemplating a tatty H100 as well as working on other people’s exotica. These are just a few examples, apologies to those not mentioned but I did request photos! It will be very interesting to see these in the metal later this year.

I have now become the butt of much



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banter and jokes having added a Superdream to my garage. Give me a break guys, at least it's a 400! Keith was not able to supply any photos of his 400/4. I think this is because he is, at the time of writing still recovering from a self-inflicted injury sustained whilst attempting to ride his push bike to work. Stupid boy! At least he has a reason for the lack of progress this time.

We are seeing a few members from South Leicestershire. Any from this area are welcome to attend our meetings and join the various mailing lists. It seems

that Leicestershire is not currently well represented within the club but maybe we can fix that. Drop me a line if you are interested. Look forward to seeing you soon.
Martin



NORFOLK - Carl Squirrell

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Meetings held 4th Sunday of the month at 10.00 am

Route 11 Diner, Attleborough, A11 Northbound, Norfolk, NR17 2PU.

We are well into 2023 now, and the Norfolk Section is already very busy, we had a fantastic turnout for our first meeting of the year, in January, then in February we had a "members Autojumble" which again was very well supported.



We have almost finalised our calendar for this year and you will find more details at the end of this report.

We have a few new things going on, a couple of repeats but there should be something to please everyone.

Tansha advertiser Chris from VJMP has

joined us and will be sponsoring the best VJMC award at the August Swaffham Show, other new members continue to "sign -up" and we see new faces at each and every meeting.

We have a lot going on and it will be nice to meet up with other section's members as we will be travelling further afield this year !

As always for last minute updates, check our Facebook Group Page, sign up to our E mail members group, or contact me directly.

- Sunday April 16th Run to The 14th Suffolk Classic Motorcycle Show final details to be confirmed...
- Sunday April 23rd: Monthly meet-up at Route 11 (maybe a ride-out at about mid-day?) Provisionally the "ride out" will be a "Tiddler (i.e. bikes under 250cc) run to Flixton Air Museum - other bikes are welcome to join in, they can either leave before or after the smaller bikes or follow behind very slowly!
- Sunday May 28th: Monthly Meet-up at Route 11 followed by a ride-out at

- about mid-day,
 - Sunday June 4th: Ride up to the Cadwell Park CRMC Race meeting, with time permitting interval parade laps. Meet at Dave Field's house (Swaffham) in time to leave at 8.30am
 - Sunday June 25th: Monthly meet-up at Route 11 followed by a ride-out at about mid-day. The "Ride-out" might well be a run to the Sizewell Classics Vehicle show in Suffolk.
 - Saturday 1st/Sunday July 2nd: Section Gazebo at the Snetterton CRMC race meeting plus (time permitting interval parade laps.
 - Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th July: Section Gazebo at the Mallory Park Bike Bonanza, circuit parade laps (will need to be booked). Maybe a group ride up to the circuit?
 - Sunday July 23rd : Monthly meet-up at Route 11 followed by a ride-out at about mid-day. There is also a Road Racers Reunion at Route 11 on this date.
 - Saturday August 12th Charity Bike Show at Worlingworth Community Centre, Shop Street, Worlingworth, Eye, Suffolk, IP13 7HX. 2-6pm Trophies for Best Custom, Best Harley, Best Brit, Best Jap, Best European, Best Trike, Best small bike (up to 250cc). Best Scooter, Best Moped. Licensed Bar, Teas, Coffees and refreshments, Live Music.
 - Sunday August 27th: Section Gazebo at the Swaffham Classic Vehicle Show. (No monthly meet-up in August).
 - Sunday September 24th Monthly meet-up at Route 11 followed by a ride out at about mid-day.
 - Sunday October 22nd Monthly meet-up at Route 11
 - Sunday November 12th Remembrance Sunday at the Desert Rats Memorial
 - Sunday November 26th Monthly meet-up at Route 11 with maybe another Quiz ? Shorter and easier this time perhaps?
- No Monthly meet-up in December.

<p>NORTHAMPTON - Ian Edmunds</p> <p>Email: ian.edmunds1964@btinternet.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meetings held</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Three Horseshoes, High Street, Ecton, NN6 0QA</i></p>	<p>07801 757068</p>
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So Christmas and New Year have been and gone, the weather for the next three months at least promises to rule out any chance of a rideout - what can we do at the Section meetings to keep people interested?

No doubt if you are, or ever have been, a VJMC Section Co-ordinator you will recognise the above. Thankfully the Northants Section has a fall-back position via the friends and contacts of our fellow Member, landlord of the pub we use as our meeting venue, Team Classic Suzuki maestro and all-round good guy -

Steve Wheatman. So when Steve asked before Christmas if we would like James Toseland to come along to the January meeting to talk about his life and even play a few tunes on the piano it didn't take long to say yes please.



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The only downside, if there really is such a thing when James Toseland offers to come along, is we can only fit 30 people in the room. As you can imagine it didn't take long after the email and whats app was sent out for the 30 places to be taken up, apologies again if you missed out.

What can I say about James and the evening? The one word summary would have to be WOW. It was the sort of event that when you wake up the following morning you think did that really happen? A double world champion gave up his time to come to a VJMC Northants Section meeting? The man is a motorcycling legend, plays his own songs on the piano as good as anyone you care to name, the ladies in the room told me he is good looking and he is without doubt one of the nicest people I have ever met.

His friend and fellow racer Danny Webb compered the evening and between them they kept us all thoroughly entertained throughout. There were laughs galore and even a tear or two when James played the song he had written for Danny upon his wedding day.

James didn't want a fee for the appearance; all he asked was that those there bought raffle tickets to raise money for Sheffield's Children's Hospital, of which he is a patron. I have

to say the standard of the prizes was a little different to our normal prizes section raffle, I am sure I am not the only one who would have bought more tickets if the prizes were shown off better when the tickets were sold. Team Classic Suzuki tops, James Toseland signed tops, a signed copy of Michael Rutter's book to name but a few before the final prize of two tickets for the Le Man 24 hour race with full hospitality provided by Danny Webb's team! Not a bad selection I must say, and James was very appreciative of the money raised on the night, nearly as appreciative as the prize winners were.



It would be remiss of me not to wish James the best of luck if he does decide to have another (the 8th) operation on his wrist. If successful this will finally allow him to ride bikes again and play the piano even better than he does now. Thanks to Steve Wheatman for arranging it all and everyone who came along and parted with their hard earned to buy raffle tickets. It was a night that will be talked about for years to come. Our February meeting was a somewhat calmer affair, but the venue was still as packed I am pleased to say, with a real buzz. The main topic was forthcoming events (too many to mention here) and welcoming the 4 new attendees. I

hope Stuart, Christine, Pete and Dave all enjoyed the evening and we look forward to seeing you again - do not be strangers. By the time you are reading this our March meeting will have been and gone and we will, hopefully, be back on two wheels more regularly. If you have never been to the Northants Section meetings please come along, I can't promise the likes of James Toseland and Danny Webb but I can promise you will be made more than welcome and leave feeling better than when you arrived. Ian

NORTHERN IRELAND (Bangor) - Alan Young Email: ajyoungx2@gmail.com	07815 724595
<i>Meetings held</i> 1 st Tuesday of the month at 8pm McBrides Bar, The Square, Comber BT23 5DX	

The January and February 2023 meetings got us off to a good start with both meetings being well attended. A bike show was held in east Belfast on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February organised by Fireblade Ministries.

Bangor section member Brian Gibson assisted by Andy Nichol and others had a stand at the show to promote VJMC. They had four bikes, Brian's 1980 Yamaha RD 400 Daytona, Andy Nichol's 1985 Kawasaki AE80, Mo Davidson's Suzuki TS 400 and a Yamaha Serow 225.

There was a table on the stand with VJMC promotional literature and VJMC goodies. Brian reported good response and interest from the people who came to the stand.

The organisers also had a ride out around the old historic Ards TT race course. Races ran between 1928 and 1936 and the circuit is close to the show



venue on the outskirts of east Belfast. Riders left late morning and returned in the afternoon. The organisers Fireblade Ministries deserve credit for the organisation and the way they included the local community. Our thanks go to Brian for promoting the VJMC at the show and we look forward to its success next year.

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****** STOP PRESS ~ NEW SECTION ******

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Meetings held 1st Saturday of the month at 12 Middyay

The Chequers, Northampton Road (B340), Weston on the Green, Oxon, OX25 3QH.



Now listen everyone, I have some very important news. A new section is available! At the inaugural (tentative) meet (4th Feb.2023) there were a total of 18 bods and 12 bikes. Stuart (Sgt. Wilson) and John (Corp. Jones) and I would like to cordially invite to you future meets. Frazer is in charge of liquor permits and Peter Scholey (Warden Hodges) will be back to check on adherence to the rules later in the year.

Seriously though, not a bad turn out on a drab February day with an eclectic range of bikes from a YDS6 through to a GTS1000 and Pan Europeans, some riders travelling decent distances in the cold. Great to meet people with a common interest through their affection (or maybe affliction) for older Japanese

bikes.

The Chequers is close to the A34 and M40 with a rural ambience (it is 5 miles to the SW of Bicester). The Publican, his wife (Juliette & Steve Jefcoate) and the staff are friendly and helpful. The venue is on the east edge of the Cotswolds which opens the prospect of ride outs across the hills to Herefordshire and beyond.

- Bike of the month is this lovely Honda VF 1000 FII:



This original condition machine was brought back from the dead by Iain Ogilvie, after a damaging accident 19 years ago, its regeneration is an inspiration to us all. Iain says that the later V4s were over-engineered compared to the early

ones and that he hasn't had any issues with cams or cam chains. This bike is surely an underrated and characterful classic.



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*Meetings held Last Tuesday in the month from 7:00 pm
The Dun Cow, 171 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6AL*

Attempting to be as active as possible on the bike front over the Winter months we managed a very healthy turn out for our first meeting of the year.

Much talk was from our intrepid trio and the proposed trip to the Dragon rally; which they did manage to complete albeit on the warmest, driest February night.



Martin, Tony and Tim choosing not to camp at the Dragon Rally.

A visit too from Dave Drew who is resurrecting the Shropshire section of the VMCC and is looking forward to some shared meetings in 2023.

We also took the decision to support the Clungunford Classic Motor Show with a display from our local members.

Clungunford

Classic Motor Show

*10.30am - 4pm.
Sunday 13th August 2023
Clungunford Village Hall and Green, SY7 0PP*

Entries Welcome

To register email: cgmotorshow@gmail.com

Organisers: Dave Cole, 01588 660891 and Dave Wilkinson, 07834 516129



SUFFOLK - Neil Kidby

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*Meetings held 1st Monday of the month at 8pm
Wheel House Whatfield Rd, Naughton, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7BS*

Hi folks. We had our AGM at our usual monthly get together in February. Many thanks to those who came along and shared your ideas and thoughts. It was a positive and enjoyable meeting, the subject of shows was discussed and there are a few shows that we have either decided to have a club stand at or have the option to go to. Let me know your thoughts please.

Shows booked so far where Suffolk Section will have a club stand... **Stonham Barns, May 7th**. This is a nice bike show and normally well attended. Last year our gazebo was not in an ideal location, but this should be addressed for 2023.

Copdock Motorcycle Show September 3rd. This is the big one for our section and is a large and prestigious event. If you would like to show your bike at either event please contact Collin Halls at colin.halls34@tiscali.co.uk
VJMC Kettering Rally/ AGM, July 1st/2nd. Several section members will be camping there. (From Friday June 30th)

Events of interest...

- Langdon Museum of Power Classic Show. August 6th. Essex section normally have a club stand here.

Some other ideas we discussed at our AGM. We used to hold a bike show once a year at Great Blakenham Village Hall.

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Would anyone be interested in doing this again? Please let me know.

We are also considering having an open day at our monthly meeting location. (Wheelhouse Pub at Naughton) If anyone is interested please let me know.

Just as a footnote, we stopped holding the show at Great Blakenham and holding our open days due to the lack of members wanting to participate. These

things do take a bit of organising and fortunately we have the support from a willing band of members within the section able to do this. What we need from club members is a bit of feedback as to what is wanted from us in the way of social activities. Let us know what you want and we will do our best to deliver.
Kind regards
Neil

WILTSHIRE (NORTH) - Hazel Withers Email: hazelmoore.ab@gmail.com <i>Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm</i> <i>The Bell, Bowden Hill, The Wharf, Chippenham SN15 2PJ</i>	01249 815041
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As we entered a New Year, we ended up with a new meeting place. After I forgot to reserve our usual table, the pub forgetting we were coming and a quiz night that crammed the pub full to the door, we were turned away from The Pewsham! There was 'no room at the inn!' Hastily we relocated to The Bell at Lacock (where we had our excellent Christmas meal). We had such a warm welcome we decided to continue to meet there instead. It's a much bigger pub, good sized car park and superb food (from pub classics to more sophisticated dishes at fair prices)

For our February meet I emailed my contacts with the new location and popped a message on the clubs Facebook page. 15 of us turned up and at least one of those was a direct result of seeing my FB post. It was a buzzing night full of chatter, discussions of events and an exchange of models/cash too!

I am finishing off our whats on list, please email me if you want a copy. There will be a display at Calne Bike Meet again, a Tiddler Run, Wiltshire Run and another Mystery Ride out... such a Mystery that even I don't know where to yet, but there is a date at least! Discussions are afoot for a club stand at the new Rona Vintage Steam Rally too...

I attended Bristol Bike Show which was a great social event with some top quality machines on display. The Dorset section had a stand as did the Taunton & Bridgwater group so the VJMC were very well represented in both big halls. The latter made Gerry Ascott and myself feel very welcome again, as Gerry displayed his rare Honda EK200. I think they were as thrilled as we were when it took Best in Show. Thanks guys for providing





a safe space for the precious machine. It certainly drew the crowds in with its unique trafficators!

So, future meetings will be at The Bell, Lacock. Situated at the bottom of Bowden Hill. We meet from 7.30pm although quite often there are members there before that time enjoying a meal. See forthcoming events on page 8 for rideout info.



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Summer meetings held 1st Monday of the month at 7pm

Winter (October - April) meetings held 2nd Saturday of the month 11am-1pm

The Black Bull, Hull Rd, York, YO10 3LF, just off the A1079 heading into York.

By now you all will be set at getting your bikes ready for the new year riding out and about and meeting up with friends at cafés and events. Race the Waves this year is in April so will not match up with the Steam Punk event in the Spa at Bridlington on the weekend of 6th/7th of May this year. However, there will be a display of our bikes in the hall as last year, contact Andy Welbourn through Brian North Yorkshire section. Through winter you all will have been on projects for this year's season.



Honda CB250N has a new exhaust system so now it looks more like a Superdream and sounds like one too, not very noisy. By the time you read this we will of have met up again at the at the Black Bull, Hull Road, York for March and the last weekend meeting of the winter season. Our weekly meeting at the Marina Bar on a Tuesday night will also run until October. I have been informed that the Fimber Café has once again opened up for Friday to Sunday, if we get some nice days soon we can venture out on the bikes. Trackers Café is still on for Sunday morning breakfast, drinks and chat. I hope to see you at the meetings and events this year.



I have a new project a Suzuki GSX 250 1980 to put back on the road. It has been parked since 1996, it was partially restored before being stuck in a barn or shed.

I have used kitchen foil and water on the down pipes which have come back to life in a usable look.

This will keep me busy for some time. My

