

# Vintage Motorcycle Club

## Isle of Wight Section

Events Calendar from January 4<sup>th</sup>. 2021

I have taken the liberty of nominating leaders for most of the Lunch and Breakfast runs. If you can not manage the day allocated please let me know as soon as possible. Look for your name NOW, as I have changed a few around. **YOU CAN NOW FIND US ON FACEBOOK – “ISLE OF WIGHT SECTION VMCC”**

..... So that was 2020! Nothing of much goodness to remember, but it will not be easy to forget. So very frustrating that each time we thought that we could get back to some sort of normal, the dreaded Chinese disease came back for another bite. “We live in Hope” is starting to sound a bit boring, but that is about all we can do, and await our turn in the vaccine queue, which was fine until today, when for the **THIRD** time, back it came again, this time in a more determined fashion, so **LOCKDOWN** rules once again.

**\*\*\* Check this one, something has changed since the last time you had this list.**

From all the Officers and Committee of our Isle of Wight Section

### **BEST WISHES FOR**

### **2021**

**Well it's not getting off to good start, but let's make it a better one than the last one.**

As it stands at this moment, any event before April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2021 could well be subject to change or cancellation. But the following is what **COULD** happen.

**Jan. All events cancelled.**

**Feb. All events cancelled.**

**Mar. Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>. “Cold Fingers” Lunch Run, from Hare and Hounds, 11.30am, to the Sun Inn, Calbourne, by 12.30pm (Tony)**

**\*\*\* Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>. Club Night at 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. Could be our first of the year, so let's just renew our Club Spirit, and make plans for better times.**

**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>. “Sun up” Breakfast Run. Start from Nunnery car park, Carisbrooke, 9.00am to Appley Manor, Ryde. (Geoff)**

**Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Club Night at 8 Bells from 7.30pm. “Carry on Flying”. Another dip into the life and career of Iain Young.**

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>. Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Show, - CANCELLED**

**April Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>. Join with Goodwood Section for their “Norman Broadbridge Run” 9.00am ferry from Fishbourne, getting to Tangmere Aviation Museum for 10.30am start.**

- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>. “Tulip Day”, Lunch Run from Hare and Hounds at 11.30am, to The Propeller Inn, Bembridge by around 12.30 (Gerald)**
- Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>. Club Night at 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. During all of those Lock Down hours in your sheds, you must have unearthed loads of items you had forgotten about and no longer need. Bring them along to our annual Auction of desirable tat. But please – no complete ‘bikes, or engines dripping oil. Money to you, or the Section, or 50/50**
- Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>. “April Showers” Breakfast Run. Nunnery car park, Carisbrooke, 9.00am, to End of the Line Cafe, Freshwater for 10.00am. (Danny)**
- Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>. Club Night at 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. Motorcycle Picture Quiz.**
- \*\*\* Weds. 28<sup>th</sup>. VMCC 75<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Ride-in. Over to Portsmouth and ride up to the Hog’s Back, to mark this day 75 years ago when the newly formed VMCC had their first ever meeting. More details to follow.**
- May**
- Tues. 4<sup>th</sup>. “Maybug” Lunch Run. Leaving the Hare and Hounds car park at 11.30am. to The Boathouse, Fort Victoria, Yarmouth by around 12.30pm. (Ron)**
- Tues. 11<sup>th</sup>. Club Night at the 8 Bells, from 7.30pm.**
- Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>. “Springtime” Breakfast Run, Nunnery Car Park, 9.00am. to Brownriggs Cafe, Newport Road, Godshill by 10.00am. (Geoff)**
- Tues. 25<sup>th</sup>. Club Night Ride-in. Meet 7.00pm at Old Smithy car park, Godshill, for gentle ride to 8 Bells, Carisbrooke, by 8.00pm. (Mike Attrill)**
- Jun.**
- Tues. 1<sup>st</sup>. “Getting Warmer?” Lunch run. From Hare and Hounds, 11.30am, to Thomsons Garden Centre, Watery Lane, Hale Common, Sandown. PO36 0LK – Opposite the Fighting Cocks. For 12.30pm (George Hibd) Lunch Run venue for the next 3 months.**
- Tues. 8<sup>th</sup>. A North Island evening (Club Night with a difference) 4.00pm ferry from Yarmouth, a New Forest ride, Fish and Chips supper and 9.00pm ferry from Lymington home again. (Ron) If it’s not for you, 7.30pm for noggin and natter at 8 Bells.**
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup>. Underpowered Wobble Part 1. Open to all and any motorcycle, moped, scooter etc. under 200cc,\* and any Flat Tank. If you don’t have any of these, bring what you’ve got. Short, fairly flat route of around 15 miles for the “tiddlers” with route markers. Longer, “follow the leader” route for the big boys. Start and finish Chessell Pottery, Brook Road, near Calbourne, from 2.00pm. Return by 3.00pm for tea and scones.  
\* Machines must be over 25 years old.**
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup>. “Wild West” Breakfast run, from Nunnery car park, Carisbrooke at 9.00am, Pete’seria Cafe, Freshwater, by around 10am. (Fred Salter)**
- Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Club Night Ride-in, 7.00pm from Old Smithy car park, around the houses to the 8 Bells by 8.00pm. (George Case)**
- July**
- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>. “Summer Sun” Lunch Run. 11.30am at Hare and Hounds, to Thomsons Garden Centre by 12.30pm. (Iain Young)**
- Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>. “Chippy” Club Night. Meet Nunnery car park, Carisbrooke, 7.00pm, for a ride to Brading Down. Place your order at the start to be ‘phoned to the Brading “Chippy” to be collected on our way to the Down. 407010 Of course, if it’s a crap evening, it will be just another evening of chat**

and general jollity at the 8 Bells. (Mick Priddle)

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>.** “Beat the Heat” Breakfast Run. Nunnery car park 9.00am, to Yaverland Cafe – East end of Sandown Esplanade by 10ish (Dave Horner)

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>.** Underpowered Wobble Part 2. Start and finish Old Smithy, Godshill.

**Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night Ride-in, from Old Smithy, Godshill 7.00pm, to 8 Bells by around 8. (Robin)

**Aug. Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** “Hot and Sweaty” Lunch Run. 11.30am at the Hare and Hounds car Park, to Thomsons Garden Centre by 12.30pm (Reg)

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night at the 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. Bring your Interesting Bike Night. That oddity or machine of interest which rarely sees the light of day. Bring it along to the car park, even it has to be trailed.

**\*\*\* Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>.** “Avoid the Grockles” Breakfast Run, from Nunnery car park 09.00am, to Fields Nursery Cafe, Allotment Road, Niton by 10.00am. Numbers and requirements will have to be phoned through at the start. A very “laid back” run. (Robin)

**Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night Ride-in from Old Smithy, Godshill, 7.00pm to the 8 Bells by around 8 (Andy Eason)

**Sept. Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>.** “Last of the Summer” Lunch Run. 11.30am at Hare and Hounds car Park to Thomson’s Garden Centre by 12.30pm. (Graham Moore)

**\*\*\* Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night at the 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. A Pre – Scurry roundup. If you are part of it or wish to be, please come along.

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>.** “Falling Leaves” Breakfast Run from Nunnery car park, 9.00am, to The Sloop Inn, Wootton Bridge. (Tony Dymott)

**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> to Mon. 27<sup>th</sup>.** September Scurry. Lots of details to follow.

**Tues. 28<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night Ride – in from the Old Smithy, Godshill at 7.00pm to the 8 Bells by 8. (Ron)

**Oct. Tues. 5<sup>th</sup>.** “Muddy Lanes” Lunch Run. Hare and Hounds car park, 11.30am to Roman Villa Cafe, Brading by around 12.30pm. (Don Wheeler)

**Tues. 12<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night at the 8 Bells from 7.30pm. An evening with feeling. Can you guess what everyday item has been sewn into each of the 30 small bags. A small prize if you get them all correct.

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>.** “Real Cool” Breakfast Run, from Nunnery car park, 9.00am, to Gossips Cafe, Yarmouth by around 10.00am. (Geoff)

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night at the 8 Bells, from 7.30pm. and with any luck it will be Our AGM !! Should be interesting as most of your Committee will be looking for a rest.

**\*\*\* NOTE!** The “Diamond Races” are planned to be held at a date, yet to be determined during October, so we may need to change any of the October dates.

**Nov. Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>.** “Gathering clouds” Lunch Run. From Hare and Hounds at 11.30am, to the Sun Inn, Calbourne, by 12.30-ish. (Ron)

**Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>.** Club Night at the 8 Bells, Carisbrooke from 7.30pm. Our annual Alan Penny memorial Table top trial. Follow the clues around a 196 OS map of the Island, and fill in the answers.

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>.** “Frozen Knees” Breakfast Run, as usual from Nunnery Car Park at 9.00am. to the Bear Cafe, Honnor & Jeffrey’s Garden Centre, Apse

- Heath by about 10 am. (Reg)
- Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Club Night at the 8 Bells from 7.30pm. Guest speaker TBA.
- Dec. Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>. “Christmas Lunch” run. From Hare and Hounds car park, 11.30am To The Griffin, Godshill for 12.30, or straight there if weather rubbish. Numbers will need to be booked at least a week before, so inform our Chairman or Secretary by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Nov. (Geoff)
- Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>. Club Night at the 8 Bells from 7.30pm. It’s a Quiz night with mince pies. De-brief on the year gone, and a look into the year to come.

Any of the above may have to be changed or cancelled at short notice, if circumstances so demand. Hope not though.....!

If you know of any events other than above that are of interest and you would like to attend with a group of like-minded souls, please let me know.

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#### **REPORT of EVENTS. (last 3 months)**

Thanks to Covid19 or whatever one wishes to call the dreaded Chinese disease, there was almost no VMCC activity 2020 until the end of June, then we thought we would risk a few steps outside, so after a few careful runs in July, it was back to the Calendar, but with the Club and Government guidance observed through August, September, and of course no Scurry and minimal Club Nights, then .....

OCTOBER became another “Dead month” A few small runs and meets of just ones and twos, but nothing as planned, or at least, not until the 18<sup>th</sup>. when a few members again did the “sod it” bit, and 6 of us did a Breakfast Run from Carisbrooke, following Ron through Gunville, Porchfield, Calbourne, Brighstone, Brook, Chessell and Thorley to The Boathouse, Yarmouth where we caught up with more to make 10 sitting for Brecky, and very nice it was. But now with another Lock Down upon us, that will probably be the last event of 2020.

NOVEMBER, about as lively as a pet skeleton.

DECEMBER, and we looked longingly at the few sunny days, with just a few taking refuge within a helmet for a solitary reminder of what life should be like on two wheels.

..... AND JUST IN CASE YOU ARE INTERESTED..... If you ever fancied the “Classic” Bullet look from Royal Enfield, you are probably too late, ‘cos they are now at the end of production. There are still a few available, whilst the stock of parts are used up. Meanwhile, we still wait to see the Indian version of the BSA Gold Star, and the Norton Commando. There are however, some plans by the Indian owners, for those marques to have British input again, with design and development taking place here.

How about wearing a garment which promotes our section. Polo shirts @ £12; A long sleeved Polo shirt @ £15; Sweat shirts @ £18; Fleece (no hood) @ £24; and Body warmers

**@ £30. A full range of colours to suit yourselves. Also now, "Hi vis" vest or Jacket @ £7.50. All with Section Logo. Tell Ron what you need.**

**..... and don't forget, should you ever feel that you would like to travel to North Island, Wightlink still offer a 20% DISCOUNT on fares TO the Mainland by VMCC Club members, when travelling with your motorcycle. Just quote code MP 14 IMC, and be able to produce your membership card. Note! 12 trips a year and you will have saved the cost of your VMCC membership. But please remember that this is strictly for Isle of Wight VMCC paid-up members only. (Although some other Island M/C clubs are included in this offer) All running again, but timetables reduced, and with discount it now costs £28.40**

**Happy Riding, (eventually) ....**

**Ron**