

2021 Tortoise and Hare pre event details.C (13-3-2021) (Web)

Wells Classic Motorcycle Club are preparing to welcome entrants from far and wide to their 10th annual Tortoise and Hare Run" on Sunday 18th July.

This event is open to Motorcycles and Scooters of all ages and has three run groups, on the routes we use point marshals plus some signs.

The event is based and will start from Wells Football Club this year due to issues at The Market Place.

The football club is only a short walk into town, plus we hope to have the bar open Saturday evening.

If you are looking for a great day or weekend, this is the place to be, A limited number of pre-booked entrants with Tents/ Campervans etc are welcome to join us from Friday afternoon on the 16th and depart on Monday morning. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

There is also a Premier Inn and a Morrison's nearby plus much other accommodation, campsites etc.in the area as Wells is a tourist destination.

We plan a Scenic Social run on Saturday 17th for those wishing to join us OR you can do your own thing, there is much to see and do in the surrounding area.

The main event is on Sunday 18th July, you can pre-order on your entry form for Sunday a Full English or Bacon Rolls plus Ham or Cheese Ploughman's lunch etc. for when we return at lunchtime.

After lunch we go out again returning for tea/cake, awards presentations, raffle etc.

The event raises much needed funds for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, the club has donated in excess of £24000.00 over the last nine events, many thanks go to our sponsors and brochure advertisers and the entrants.

From 2007 to 2010 the club held a Tortoise Run based on the Somerset Levels which ran from Eli,s the popular public house in Huish Episcopi near Langport.

The idea was to try and encourage some of the older bikes and their riders to take part in a leisurely ride of about 40 miles for the day on fairly level ground, these events met with moderate success.

For the clubs 10th anniversary year, Club chairman Chris Weeks offered to take the run back to our home town of Wells and make it into a "Tortoise and Hare Run" which would open the event to all bikes and scooters. This meant quite a lot of extra organising and the event was a great success, the event has followed the same successful format to date, we change the Coffee stop location each year so as to enable us to alter the routes for the entrants enjoyment, taking in some of the finest viewing points that the area has to offer.

For 2014 we included a" Snail Route" which is for Veterans and very low powered machines, this extra route allowed us to extend the Tortoise run into more of the Mendip Hills and surrounding countryside.

The event has three different run routes which for this year will start from the Football Club

The Runs are flagged off by the Mayor with the Town Crier in attendance which all adds to the spectacle and enjoyment of participants and spectators. For further details and entry forms visit

www.wellsclassicmotorcycleclub.weebly.com or email tandhwcmc@hotmail.co.uk or send an SAE to

C Weeks. 5 Hooper Avenue. Wells. Somerset. BA5 3NA.