

2017 AGM report from Chairman Brian Barraclough.

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2017 AGM report from Secretary Gordon Scott.

Our groups championship events were well supported this year and it is always pleasing to meet and chat to so many Westvets throughout the season.

We promoted the VTTA National 50 mile event on behalf of the NEC with many positive comments received and we should have no hesitation in accepting other events as a group and should give consideration to putting our group forward to promote future championship events. My only 'reservation' is the course, regardless of the distance, we need a reasonably fast course with good access and a suitable HQ.

I am gradually gathering the information for the various trophies and awards and collating the previous winners, again I would ask the more senior members to send any information they may have or can recall, I am grateful to those who have sent me anecdotes and recollections, keep them coming.

I have made initial moves to setting up a couple of social media accounts on behalf of West Group. The vast majority of clubs and groups, whatever the sport or pastime, use social media as a fundamental method of communicating information to their members and I feel we should not be any different. Our Westvet Journal is the envy of many and will always be our primary source of all things Westvet, this can be complemented by other forms of communication and would also provide more sources of information and anecdotes for inclusion within the Journal.

The popularity of our groups evening 10 presentation and event is proving popular, providing members old and new the chance to get together and share memories and past glories. The venue at Goss Croft Hall is ideal and adds to the atmosphere, hopefully we will all reconvene there next May and promote our groups championship 10 mile event followed by the presentation.

My sincere thanks go to the members of this committee who carry out their roles voluntarily whilst fulfilling roles within their own clubs or organisations, some still work full time and at the end of the day all we want to do is ride our bikes. As I have said before being secretary of this group is an honour and I have no hesitation in continuing to do so.