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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

17th August 2010



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Forthcoming events

Important this one. The Branch will have a stand at the Swallowfield Show on **Sunday and Monday August 29th and 30th**. In order to bring your bike onto the showground (as opposed to leaving it in the car park) you will need to register it with the organisers. Have you done it yet? Details from Beryl or see www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk. The event has been well publicised in Roadholder so we may meet a few friends from other branches. Gates open at 10:00 am. To find the Show just follow the AA signs from the B3349 to Whitehouse Farm, Spencers Wood, READING RG7 1HS.

Be there or be square!

Other events

August 14th

Bill Little once again invites you to join his classic ride-in with autojumble, great food, live music and more throughout the day. Admission is free; classic bikes welcome to park in the yard (sin bin for all others!) with barbecue, pork roast and excellent entertainment, all at Oak Farm, Braydon, near Swindon SN5 0AG. Phone 01666 860577 or see www.classicbikesuk.com.

The Cheltenham autojumble opens 10am at Cheltenham Racecourse. Refreshments, free parking, and bike jumble. Admission £3.50. 01543 572583

August 15th

The Taunton autojumble returns to Taunton Racecourse. Refreshments, free parking, and heaps of good bike jumble. Opens 10am. Admission £2.50. 01543 572583

There's a bikejumble at the Sammy Miller Museum in New Milton, Hants. Phone 07762 131276 for details

The Cranleigh Lions Classic Car Show & autojumble opens from 9am to 4.30pm at the Cranleigh Showground. Free entry for classic vehicles, driver and one passenger. Entry costs £5 for adults, under 16s free. Show programme is £2. There is plenty of free parking on Cranleigh Showground. Arena events, food, live music, stall holders, and Brooklands Museum display. Proceeds to charity. See www.cranleIGHLIONS.org/classicarshow.

August 21st and 22nd

The Bluebell Railway in Sussex hosts their annual Vintage Transport Weekend. There will be steam trains, classic cars and traction engines, along with a motorcycle section. Free entry to the show, and discount railway tickets for exhibitors. See www.bluebell-railway.co.uk or download entry forms from <http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/events/vintage/vintage10.html>.

August 22nd

The Motorcycle Mega-Meet returns to Popham Airfield near Basingstoke from 10am. Free entry for pre-booked display bikes over 30 years old (send SAE for a pass). Clubs welcome to display

in the marquee. Great facilities inc beer tent and full catering, plus light aircraft, trade stalls, autojumble, etc. 01256 397733 or see www.popham-airfield.co.uk

August 30th

The London Motorcycle Museum hosts its all day breakfast, with access to all museum halls packed with some extremely unusual old bikes, including many one-off prototypes from the BSA-Triumph years, plus local heritage displays, gift shop and such. All at Ravenor Farm on Oldfield Lane in Greenford, a few minutes from the A40. Admission £8 adults includes a slap-up feed and hot drinks. Opens 10am; hot food available from around midday. Call 020 8575 6644 or see www.london-motorcycle-museum.org.

August 29th and 30th

Don't forget the Branch stand at the Swallowfield show this weekend. If you plan to take your Norton (or any other make I suppose!) you will need to register it with the organisers.

September 9th

The Goodwood Section of the VMCC welcome RC readers on appropriately old motorcycles to join their Wrinkly's Run, which meets at Northgate Car Park, Chichester at 10.30am. Details at www.vmcc.net.

September 10th, 11th and 12th

The Ace Cafe Reunion includes three rides on three days across this weekend. On the Friday the Continental Run Ride-In starts from 6pm. On Sat the Cafe Racer Ride-Out departs at 10.30am. On Sunday the Brighton Burn-Up departs 10.30am from the Café on the North Circ for a free, grand day out at the seaside on Brighton's famous seafront road, Madeira Drive with trade and club stands, stunt displays, live music and special guests. Join in to celebrate the unique history, culture and style of Ace Cafe London and what it represents.

Details at www.acecafeevents.com.

September 10th and 11th

The Eurojumble at Netley Marsh near Southampton opens 9am to 5pm. Admission £7. Camping available. 01507 529529

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Editor's musings

In the absence of any other inputs I can report a successful ride out on Sunday. We've had a visitor over the weekend and while she was being conveyed home by Jen I took the Commando for a 20+ mile jog round local roads. After I had garaged the bike I found that our visitor had left behind her collection of essential medication. So on with the gear and out with the bike for a run up to Chesham and back. Not the best of runs with the Sunday afternoon drivers plodding along but reasonably satisfying none the less. Today (Tuesday) as I write the weather has taken a distinctly unfriendly turn. I hope for better later in the week.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
August			
17 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
29 th / 30 th	Branch stand at the Swallowfield Show	Beryl Skinner	Confirmed
September			
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