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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

19th December 2006



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Thames Valley Branch 2006 AGM Report

Thirteen or maybe fourteen members attended the Branch AGM at the November meeting. The Chairman's and Secretary's reports emphasised the lack of interest in Branch events in 2006 the run organiser often being the only starter. Two members reported that lack of working machines was their problem and not lack of interest which they hoped would be rectified in 2007. There were some successes though: the visit to Castrol Research at Pangbourne and the Branch post - Christmas Dinner (anything to do with the subsidy?) were both well supported.

The 2005/6 accounts were accepted and it was noted that the current healthy balance is in the main part due to the profits from the last track day. There was lively discussion on the options for the Branch funds. The two principal schools of thought centred on either continuing to subsidise events such as the dinner until the pot runs out or keep the balance up in order to be able to support possible future events, a track day in 2007 being a possibility. This is being proposed by an 'outsider' and hopefully the Branch will be able to assist. A venue has yet to be determined.

The Committee is therefore looking for ideas from the membership for events that they would turn up and support. One proposal put forward to minimise these issues is to create a register of members with a positive interest in runs out together who central point of contact for each run to advise status or the run in the event of inclement weather or other misfortune. A repeat of the Avebury run when 6 Branches coincided is under consideration for next year. The Committee urged all members particularly those not at the AGM to come forward with their suggestions not only for runs they would like to take part in but also other ideas for club nights which otherwise remain as social evenings which may not be of sufficient interest to encourage attendance. Contact any Committee member - details on the newsletter heading.

Branch membership remains steady at about 60 with some gains and some losses during the year. On a proposal from the floor and all being willing the 2006 Committee were re-elected 'on block' and the conversations returned to the issue of how to raise enthusiasm for Branch events. An excellent selection of sandwiches arrived to complement the beer.



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2006/ 2007 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
December			
Date 18 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	TBA	Confirmed
January 2007			
Tues 16 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	TBA	Confirmed
February			
10 th / 11 th	Bristol Classic Bike Show – Shepton Mallet (NOC stand by Bristol Branch)		
Tues 20 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	TBA	Confirmed
March			
Tues 20 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	TBA	Confirmed



On behalf of the Branch Committee may I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and safe and carefree riding in 2007- Rob Latham

