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NEXT BRANCH MEETING
20th February 2001

NEXT NEWSLETTER
26th March 2001

EDITORIAL

It's well after the AGM and you are due a newsletter so here it is.

A period of consolidation and planning for the coming year which will hopefully be considerably quieter than the last one!

The AGM was particularly well attended – thank you to all who came and added their penny's worth. A report on proceedings is included in this newsletter.

Some ideas on events for 2001 were discussed, some of which have been firmed up and added to the calendar – more later.

One interesting motion passed was an agreement to purchase a Domain Name for the branch so we can have our own internet presence. We agreed on

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this will give us another string to our communication bow, again more later.

BRANCH MEAL

This was discussed in principle at the AGM and since then Barry and Beryl, in conjunction with your committee, arranged an excellent venue to meet, eat and make arrangements for the coming year.

The meal will be held at The Bell and Bottle, School Green, Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Nr. Reading on SATURDAY, 28th April 2001 - meet at 7.30pm for 8 pm.

The meal is set at a very reasonable £10.50 per head for three courses plus coffee, numbers are limited to 30 so it's first come first served by post to Barry and Beryl. A booking form is enclosed with this newsletter, see you there.

AGM REPORT

Ian – drop your text in yer!

CLASSIFIEDS!

Brian Seward has asked me to drop in the following ad which I am more than happy to do:

'Wanted – To buy or borrow. Cast aluminium badges for Reading ACE, Henley and District, Mortimer, North Berks Motor Cycle Clubs. Call Brian on 01344 777835'

If anyone else wants an advert in the newsletter then drop me a line.

SKITTLES

The 3rd Annual Skittle match between TV and Solent Branches brought 40 contenders to the Golden Pot Nr Lasham. In spite of a last minute foray by TV, we were beaten by Solent Branch by 5 points - they now hold the trophy again. This is a really good fun social event, bringing together two very active branches whilst we wait for the better weather to get out on our Nortons.

Note:

Jeremy Nicholls is planning to use this same venue for a Camping weekend in August to which we will be invited.

EVENTS 2001

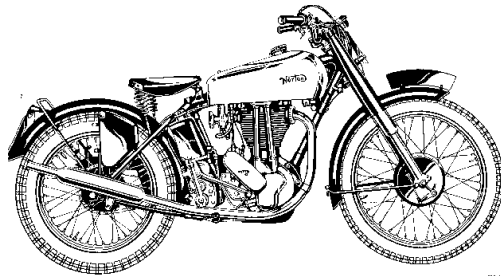
The branch had a mad year in 2000, there are plenty of branch and national events for 2001 but luckily we won't be as heavily involved.

In order to simplify things the AGM agreed that the posts of Editor and Events would be held by the same person this year – guess who!

We had some good suggestions at the meeting, some of the following have already been adopted – some are waiting for more info. Ideas please.

- Pioneer Run
- VMCC Banbury
- Fleet Lions
- Popham
- International Rally
- Rykers Café, A24, Boxhill

- Scramble nr. Fox & Hounds – Newbury
- Traction Engines and Old Motorcycles nr. Reading
- AJS/Matchless OC, Maidenhead RC
- VMCC Pirbright
- BSA OC Lord Derby
- Velocette OC, Stoke Row
- Triumph OC, Burghfield
- Car Rally, Hartley Whitney
- Reading Speedway
- Vincent OC?



Checkout the calendar at the end of the newsletter for the events pencilled in to date. Also see the section on the new website.

PIONEER RUN

The curtain raiser for the branch is the Pioneer Run from Epsom Downs to Brighton taking place on Sunday 18th March.

For those of you whose bikes are in bits this is the date you are aiming for!

Normal rules apply – we meet at the Brewery Road car park in Woking at 0700 !!! in order to be at Epsom racecourse for 0800 to watch the old buggers set off.

We then head off on a short run to the Little Chef – this time I am writing to head office to warn them that they will need more staff on that day!

After the obligatory Olympic Breakfast it is a dash to Brighton for a good day out.

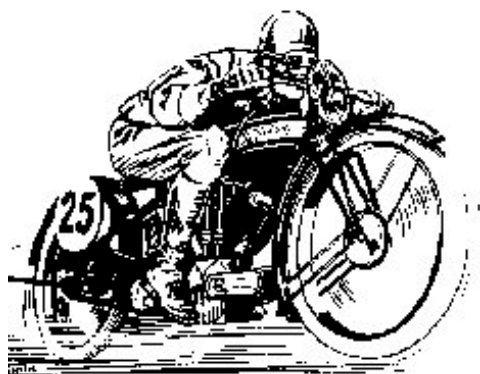
Directions to the Brewery Road Car Park in Woking are on the events listing on the web site. If you need more info contact the events organiser.

TRACK DAY 2001

The date for this years track day has already been set – reserve the 22nd September for an experience of a lifetime!

Last year was excellent but we were short of marshals and we feel as though we took advantage of those who volunteered as they had very long stints out on the track.

To address this we are starting to register volunteers as from now – please contact Ken Aylett, Chief Marshall, on 01344 882685 or collar him at any club night.



NOC THAMES VALLEY WEBSITE

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The branch moves into the 21st century by agreeing to have a website. The club recognises that this is an addition to methods of communication, this newsletter will continue to be the main method of branch communication with the website copying articles and dates.

What the website gives us is instant communication of information (such as confirmation/correction of events), more comprehensive information (event location maps) plus the ability to publish event reports & photographs.

The branch also becomes a searchable item over the world wide web and should become a valuable reference for new members.

For those who are interested in this sort of technology please have a look at the prototype currently posted and let me know what you think. As long as you are using current version of IE or Netscape you shouldn't have a problem with the frames construction.

When I am confident that the site is OK I'll ask the national site to drop in a link to us.



EVENTS/DIARY/ NOTABLE DATES

February

20th
Clubnight

March

18th
Pioneer Run. Meet at the
Brewery Road Car park,
Woking at 0700.

20th
Clubnight

April

1st !!
National AGM
National Motorcycle
Museum, Birmingham.
See Roadholder for more
details.

3rd
Extra Clubnight, run out
to the Beehive Pub.
Leave the Plough &
Harrow at 2000 Hrs

17th
Clubnight

28th
Branch meal - The Bell
and Bottle, School Green,
Hyde End Road,
Shinfield, Nr. Reading
1930 for 2000

May

1st
Extra Clubnight, run out
to the VMCC meet at
Pirbright. Leave the
Plough & Harrow at 2000
Hrs

7th
Fleet Lions Charity Run,
Fleet. Meet at the main
venue in Fleet. You will
need to preregister for

this event - contact me
for details if required.

15th
Clubnight

25th to 27th
'Ampshire 'Ogs camping
weekend, Flower Pots,
Cheriton if anyone
fancies a Saturday trip?

June

11th
Extra Clubnight, run out
to BSA OC meet at Lord
Derby nr. J5 M3. Leave
the Plough & Harrow at
2000 Hrs.

16th
Solent Branch track day
Chertsey

19th
Clubnight

22nd to 24th
International Rally. St.
Pompon, Dordogne

July

2nd
Extra Clubnight,
AJS/Matchless OC bash
at Maidenhead Rugby
Club. Leave the Plough &
Harrow at 2000 Hrs.

8th
Gales Classic Run,
Horndean.

15th
Norton Day. Avoncroft
Museum of Buildings,
Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire.

17th
Clubnight

20th to 22nd
National Rally. Midsomer
Norton Rugby Club,
Norton Down, Midsomer
Norton. Bristol

August

7th
Extra Clubnight

17th to 19th
Second Solent Camping
weekend at the Golden
Pot Near
Odiham/Lasham. Anyone
interested for a day trip?

21st
Clubnight

25th to 3rd
Manx GP IOM

28th
Manx GP Re-union,
Shore Hotel, Laxey. IOM

September

4th
Extra Clubnight

18th
Clubnight

22nd
Track Day. DERA Long
Cross, Chertsey

October

16th
Clubnight

November

20th
Clubnight

December

18th
Clubnight