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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

21<sup>st</sup> June 2005



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## News from Oz

Email from Jonathon Holt to Phil Hill.

"Just so you guys in England are aware that life still goes on down under I have attached a couple of photos of the yellow peril in action on a run from Sydney to the Snowy Mountains. As usual the weather was superb and the scenery excellent. Still getting the TV newsletter from Rob, which is great. Guess who is now the President of the NSW NOC? Yep, me!

BTW the girl in the second shot is the partner of the bloke with the red flashes down his jacket- I'm still happily married to Dee.

Hope the family is doing well, what are the kids up to these days, how is Irene keeping?

Cheers, Jono"



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## Ride Out Ideas number 1

From Phil Hill: The Bull at Stanford Dingley is hosting a classic vehicle meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at lunchtime if you fancy a ride. The Bull Country Inn, Stanford Dingley, Reading, Berkshire RG7 6LS. Tel: 0118 974 4409

Anyone know of other potential destinations? Let me know and I will include them in future issues.*Ed.*

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## We've all been there – Chapter 2

Well a couple of weeks have passed before I could continue with my investigations into the misfiring Commando. Next job was to investigate the Amals. So off with the tank and remove the slide and cables– cable ends look a bit tatty but that's a job for another day (I hope). The Amals looked very clean, no jet blockage, except for some water in the bottom of the left hand float bowl – that must be it, I thought. It's picking up the water with the fuel– wrong. It made no difference after I'd cleaned it all and given it a run. So I'll let the engine cool down and check the valve

on the leads. So back to the beginning and check the sparks this time with the plugs correctly gapped. The left one looks much weaker than the right—so could it be the coil. A call to RGM and hopefully a coil will arrive soon and I can check it out. If that is the problem then I'll replace the other as well. All very frustrating and means I'm missing some of the better riding weather—except perhaps tonight where it is blowing a gale outside. I still hope I can get it fixed and the new rear wheel installed in time for some good weather riding and particularly Norton Day in July ....

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### **NOC Summer Party And Norton Day**

Just to remind you this year's party is to be held on the 8th/9th July 2005 at the Dean Forest Railway, Lydney, Glos. The Forest of Dean is not just a place, but also a way of life. You are invited to come to the Summer Party and Norton Day to enjoy the experience. This event will be organised on the same lines as last year's, starting on the Saturday afternoon at the Orepool Inn on the B4228 between Coleford and Chepstow. The inn offers both overnight camping and B and B accommodation. There will be a ride out around the Forest on the Saturday afternoon.

Sunday will be 'Norton Day' itself with business as usual and based at the Dean Forest Railway near Norchardon the B4234 just North of Lydney. Entry to the event will be free to anyone arriving on a Norton.

### **10<sup>th</sup> July Norton Motorcycle Owners' Club Rally**

See a fine display of Norton Motorcycles in our Norchard Steam Centre car park. (No pre-booking)

The Dean Forest Railway is based at Norchard, on the B4234 Forest Road between Lydney and Whitecroft. All our trains start from here. Norchard is the site of a former colliery and power station. We have two platforms, the second - 'Norchard High Level' - has recently been built on the branch line to Parkend, a separate line which is accessible via a point at Middle Forge, south of Norchard. This platform allows visitors greater flexibility in their travel plans around the Dean Forest Railway.”

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## **2005 Events**

<b><u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>June</b>			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – <i>Cricketers</i> . AJS/Matchless Club to visit us at the <i>Cricketers</i>	Chris Norton	Confirmed
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Run to the <i>Fox and Goose</i> at Greywell to meet up with Solent Branch. Meet at 8pm on the A30 next to the BRITISH CAR AUCTION entrance near Blackbushe Airport.	Chris Norton	Confirmed
<b>July</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Run to Maidenhead AJS/Matchless Club gathering (NOTE MONDAY)	Chris Norton	Confirmed
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night		
Sat/ Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	NOC Norton Day at the Dean Forest Railway, Lydney, Gloucestershire	NOC	Confirmed
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	70's Bikes Day with Classic Bike Magazine at the Ace Cafe	Ace Cafe	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – <i>Cricketers</i>	Chris Norton	Confirmed
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday run to Avebury to meet up with Bournemouth, Bristol, Oxford and Solent branches for lunch <b>Please try and make this one if you can, as I have put myself on the line for this one. CN</b>	Chris Norton	Confirmed
<b>August</b>			
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night Return Visit to AJS/Matchless boys near Newbury	Chris Norton	Confirmed
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	The Lucas (Prince of Darkness) Rally at Hannasleiren, Norway		
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – <i>Cricketers</i>	Chris Norton	Confirmed
<b>September</b>			
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night		
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – <i>Cricketers</i>	Chris Norton	Confirmed

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