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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003



### Skittles at the Golden Pot

The Thames Valley versus Solent skittle match was held at the Golden Pot near Odiham on Saturday 25th January 2003 and attended by 34 people from the two groups. The result was a victory for Thames Valley Team by 386 to 336. Contributing to the Thames Valley score was a creditable 24 by Clare Verrinder beating husband Ian by 3 (He claims the amber nectar was to blame! – Ed). Highest score of the evening was Chris (29) with Julian second (28). Joint top scorers for Solent were Sandra and John (28). After the team game a knockout competition was won by Geoff of the Solent Group. With a good buffet provided and a pleasant atmosphere this was an excellent evening out. Thanks go to Barry Stickland and Beryl Skinner.

### Thames Valley Web Site

With the escape of Jonathan down under the NOC-TV web site has moved to a new address (URL for the 'techies' amongst you) and is now in the capable hands of Chris Norton. The address is 'http://homepage.ntlworld.com/manx\_norton'. Don't forget the underscore in manx\_norton.

### New Home

We seem to have settled into the Cricketers very nicely. There's more room, cheaper ale and a few new faces. Come along and try it out. The next club night there is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### The International NOC Rally

The International NOC Rally to be held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August is looking good. Gino Rondelli, who is co-ordinating it, says that the site is well appointed and close to Cork. The locals are friendly and there doesn't look to be a limit on numbers now. So put it in your diary. See *Roadholder* for breaking news.

### National Rally

Ian Verrinder now has details of the National Rally. It's being held at Kibworth Rugby Club in Market Harborough town centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Two live bands are promised, along with plentiful food and beer. There's also free tea and coffee for all you mean sods!

### Welcome

We have two new branch members, although have been NOC members for sometime. Welcome to Tony Ripley (Mk3 Commando) and Anthony Lennon (Mk2a Commando and MG!).

### Quiz Night

The quiz night was not well attended but the quiz itself was good and the events for the season were finalised, so it did its job. Thanks go to Reg Pick and Barry Stickland.

### 2003 Events

| <u>Thames Valley NOC - Branch Events Calender</u> |  |               |                      |
|---|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Date  | Event  | Contact       | Status               |
| <b>March</b>                                      |  |               |                      |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers                   | Ian Verrinder | Confirmed            |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>                              | Brighton Run - leave brewery road car park, Woking at 8 am | Mick Hunter   | Date to be confirmed |

| <b>April</b>                                 |   |                    |                            |
|--|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>                         | Thames Valley extra-clubnight run to the VMCC at the Cricketers at Pirbright          | Mick Hunter        | Confirmed                  |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Norton Owners Club AGM at York Railway Museum   | Roadholder         | Confirmed                  |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | Norton gathering at the ACE Cafe  | John Barclay       | Details to be confirmed    |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| <b>May</b>                                   |   |                    |                            |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>                          | Thames Valley extra-club run from the Fleet Lions run to the VMCC at Popham air field | Barry Stickland    | Start time to be confirmed |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> | Norton Owners Club involvement at the Monthery event, near Paris                      | Roadholder         | Details to be confirmed    |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>                         | Solent NOC track day at Chertsey  | Solent branch      | Confirmed                  |
| <b>June</b>                                  |   |                    |                            |
| Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>                       | Thames Valley extra-clubnight run to meet with the Solent branch                      | Barry Stickland    | Venue to be confirmed      |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>                         | Norton Day at the Midland Railway Centre, Ripley in Derbyshire                        | Roadholder         | Date to be confirmed       |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| <b>July</b>                                  |   |                    |                            |
| Sat ??                                       | Thames Valley barbecue at the Cricketers  | TBA                | Details to be confirmed    |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>                          | Thames Valley extra-club run to the ride-a-bike night at Maidenhead Rugby club        | Volunteer required | Date to be confirmed       |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> | Norton Owners Club National Rally at Market Harborough                                | Roadholder         | Details to be confirmed    |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | Gales Run at Horndean   | Barry Stickland    | Details to be confirmed    |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| <b>August</b>                                |   |                    |                            |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | Thames Valley extra-club run to White Waltham aerodrome                               | Reg Pick           | Details to be confirmed    |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Norton Owners Club International Rally at Clonakilty near Cork                        | Roadholder         | Details to be confirmed    |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | Norton Owners Club Manx GP reunion  | Ian Verrinder      | Details to be confirmed    |
| <b>September</b>                             |   |                    |                            |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>                         | Thames Valley extra-club run to the VOC at the Plowden Arms, Shiplake                 | Mick Hunter        | Confirmed                  |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | Thames Valley track day at Chertsey   | Barry Stickland    | Confirmed                  |
| <b>October</b>                               |   |                    |                            |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | Thames Valley extra-clubnight run to the VMCC at the Cricketers at Pirbright          | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| <b>November</b>                              |   |                    |                            |
| Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>                         | Thames Valley NOC branch AGM  | Ian Verrinder      | To be confirmed            |
| <b>December</b>                              |   |                    |                            |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | Thames Valley NOC clubnight - Cricketers  | Ian Verrinder      | Confirmed                  |



In the absence of any other inputs readers will have to endure a photo of the Editor's 1960 Navigator. This is currently off the road having a minor gearbox rebuild with some new oil seals (courtesy of Mick Hunter) on the gearchange shaft to stop the contents leaking out every few weeks.

If you don't want see a repeat in the next newsletter (it might be the Commando next time or even one of my brother's eight machines – mostly Tr\*\*\*phs and a few Japs!) let me have your reports, letters, anecdotes, recommendations, hints and tips for inclusion.