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NEXT BRANCH MEETING
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Skittles Evening



Barry Stickland reports that the Skittles Evening with Solent Branch on the 12th February was a very successful event to point that the Thames Valley Branch beat Solent Branch and are now the proud owners of the Solent Challenge Trophy pictured. I am sure Solent Branch regard their 'loss' as purely temporary. Prize for the highest score went to – Phil Hill. Well done, Phil.

Solent Challenge Trophy

From the Sec

Hi NOCers,

First of all please bear with an old fart who is not used to doing anything like this job before.

My first Duty is to say thank you to Ian V for all the hard work that he has done over the last 10 YEARS (don't time fly when your having fun?).

Secondly, well done Barry and the skittles team for giving Solent branch the thrashing they so richly deserve. Your Sec can claim a share of this victory by not being there. Believe me if I had been we would have lost!

We have a new branch (Oxford) starting up near us and dialogue is already established with a view to some mutual events. It would be great if we can establish as good a relationship with them as we have with Solent.

But be warned, any of you northerners i.e. Maidenhead, Wycombe and beyond, who get itchy feet and feel like pastures new don't expect the Sec to buy you a beer on club nights. (Stand up that man who says he doesn't anyway).

Hopefully we will be a bit more active this year. This should not be difficult as last year was one of the worst summers for riding that I can recall.

Starting on March 20th There is the Pioneer Run from London (well Epsom Downs actually) to Brighton. Your Sec will try not to get bowled off on the last roundabout as he did last year. Any encouragements from the branch much appreciated but please reserve the rotten eggs until after the finish line. If the weather is good there will be a run from the usual BREWERY ROAD car park in WOKING starting at the god-forsaken hour of 7.30. Anyone interested please contact Ian Verrinder on 01252 318524. You can also check with Ian the night before if the weather looks dodgy or you are expected but can't make it.

Sunday April 10th sees Norton/BSA day at the Ace Café. This is a chance for a short run to sort out your treasure for the coming season. Needless to say I am not talking about your partner! Be at the Cricketers at 11.00am or see me at club night.

Extra summer club nights are looking like this:

May 3rd Possibly a run to the VMCC at Pirbright but there will be a run somewhere - wait and see...

June 7th we are provisionally booked for a meeting with the new Oxford branch somewhere in the Chilterns. Venue not yet confirmed.

July 5th we are going to visit the AJS/Matchless club at Peasemore, near Newbury, and at some stage they will visit us at the Cricketers

Another date for later is Sunday July 24th. This will be a run to the Red Lion at Avebury for lunch. We have put out feelers to several other branches to come and join us on this one. It would be great if we could produce enough Nortons to oust the modern machinery from the car park so please try and make this one, as the Branch pride will be on the line.

Lastly some of you have queried whether I have struck a deal with our treasurer to pocket the proceeds of your Subs, as some people are getting reminders in Roadholder after they have paid up. Fret not, I have spoken to Chris Davis who deals with these things. He said there has been a change in the distributor of Roadholder and this is one of a few teething problems. Your Subs are safe with honest John.

Ride Safe,

Chris N

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NOC AGM

The Club AGM is being held again at the refurbished and re-opened National Motorcycle Museum on Sunday 3rd April. The Club amassed a surplus of £11, 759 in 2004 compared with a small loss the previous year. This and other club issues will be discussed at the AGM. Details in *Roadholder*.

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2005 Events

<u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u>			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
March			
Tues 15 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
Sun 20 th	London (Epsom Downs) to Brighton Run	Ian Verrinder	
April			
Sun 3 rd	NOC AGM at National Motorcycle Museum		
Sun 10 th	Ace Café Norton and BSA Day	Chris Norton	
Tues 19 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
Sat 23 rd – Sun 24 th	International Classic Motorcycle Show at Stafford County Showground		
May			
Tues 3 rd	Club run to VMCC at Pirbright – or somewhere!		
Tues 17 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
June			
Fri/ Sun 3 rd /5 th	NOC National Rally at Mersea Island, Essex		
Tues 7 th	Club meet with the new Oxford Branch.		T.B.C
Tues 21 st	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
July			
Sat/ Sun 9 th /10 th	NOC Norton Day at the Dean Forest Railway, Lydney, Gloucestershire		
Tues 19 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
August			
12 th -14 th	The Lucas (Prince of Darkness) Rally at Hannasleiren, Norway		

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