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Events 2006

Events are now starting to appear in the calendar. First to get a mention (because Barry insisted!!) is the **Annual skittle match with Solent Branch**. This will be held on Saturday 20th May at the French Horn Alton. The date is provisional at the moment.

Before that, on Sunday 2nd April the **Annual General Meeting** of the Norton Owners Club will be held at the Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford and is your chance to participate in the running of the Club, to hear what is planned for the rest of the year and to vote on the important decisions that have to be made.

The meeting will start at 11.00 with the main business running until around 13.00 leaving a half-hour discussion period free before a buffet lunch. Further details if required from Keith King; telephone:- + 44 (0)1905 454740.

On the weekend of 6th and 7th May 2006 the Norfolk Branch are holding their **10th Anniversary Camping Weekend** at Kelling Heath Holiday Park, near Sheringham, Norfolk. The site lies three miles from the coast. There will be family entertainment on the Saturday evening and a run out to The Muckleburgh Collection (tank museum etc.) with the possibility of a bike show on the Sunday morning. The site is close to the North Norfolk Railway, a preserved steam operated line that runs from Sheringham to Holt. Holt is also renowned for its bookshops.

Another **camping weekend** is being arranged by Bristol Branch from 2nd to 4th June 2006, with a trip to **Sammy Millers** on Sunday 4th (cost £4 per person). There will be a ride out on the Saturday to the seaside. The camp site is having a beer festival on that weekend and a live band, with a barbecue if the weather is nice. Contact details below for the exact location, otherwise just turn up at Sammy Millers on the Sunday. Our Branch Sec Tony Ripley has proposed a ride to Sammy Millers on the Sunday to meet up with Bristol Branch. Their contact for details is Frank Parkhouse; telephone:- + 44 (0)117 977 2985

The Oxford Branch of the NOC announces its first ever rally on 23rd - 25th June 2006. The **Oxford Reunion Rally** is open to all NOC members, present or past, hence its title, the Reunion Rally. It will provide a focus for past members to come along, meet up with old friends, and find out what's going on in the Club.

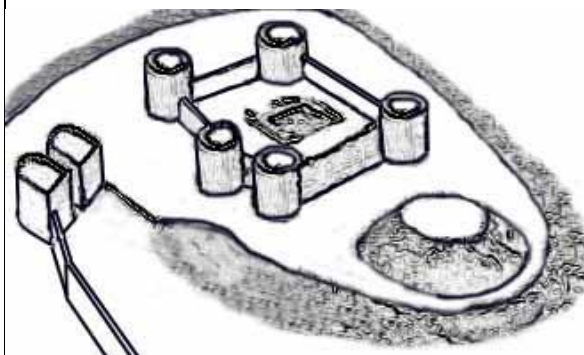
The venue is The Ferryman Inn at Bablock Hythe, near Abingdon, right on the banks of the Upper Thames, with an amazing range of facilities, including a BBQ area, an events-hall and bar, and shelter for the band,. There's a large tarmac car-park, and a field for camping. The inn has 6 bedrooms in various configurations, and there is further B&B accommodation within walking distance. Chalet accommodation may also prove to be possible. Food and drink will be available at all reasonable hours, and at reasonable prices. There will be shower and toilet facilities for the exclusive use of rallyists. This will be a great early-Summer event, with the full range of the usual rally events, BBQ, music, treasure hunt and ride-out, rider/bike awards and silly competitions - also ideal for dropping into on your return from the International Rally in Portugal.

The Shropshire Branch of the NOC will be organising **Norton Day 2006** on behalf of the Club, in the delightful setting of Whittington Castle near Oswestry in Shropshire. It will be later this year than previously, being held on the 23rd./24th. September 2006 (I might even have the Commando running again by then ! - Ed).



Left: The outer bailey gatehouse and a length of adjoining curtain wall of Whittington Castle. The battlements of the towers are a modern reconstruction.

Below; An impression of the castle layout in earlier times.



This event will be organised on the same lines as last year's, starting on the Saturday afternoon with a ride out followed by a party in the evening. Sunday will be 'Norton Day' itself with business as usual. Entry to the event will be free to anyone arriving on a Norton

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2005/ 2006 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
March			
Tues 21 st	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
April			
Sun 2 nd	NOC AGM at RAF Museum, Cosford 11:00 a.m.	Keith King	Confirmed
Tues 18 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
May			
6/ 7 th	Norfolk Branch 10 th Anniversary Camping Weekend	Norfolk Branch	
Tues 16 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Saturday 20 th	Annual Solent/TV Skittles bash at the French Horn Alton.	Barry Stickland	Provisional
June			
3 rd / 4 th	Joint visit with Bristol Branch to Sammy Miller's Museum	Tony Ripley	Proposed
23 rd -25 th	Oxford Reunion Rally	Oxford Branch	
Tues 27 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
September			
23 rd / 24 th	Norton Day and camping weekend	Shropshire Branch	

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Tailpiece



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Photos from the Northern Carolina Norton Owners Club web site from the 2005 NorCal BSA All Brit Rally.