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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007



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## March Club Night

Just for a change to the usual format Chris Norton will be giving the Branch a showing of his Himalaya DVD at the Clubnight on Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> March). So come along for a different evening and support your Branch.

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## Mike Jackson at Oxford

The Oxford Branch of the Norton Owners Club has pleasure in inviting members of the Thames Valley Branch to a talk by OMJ (Old Mike Jackson), ex-Sales Manager Europe, V P of Sales Norton North America, our President and a well-known figure on the classic bike scene. Date is 10 April, time 7.30 for an 8 p.m. start, and the place is Sturdy's Castle pub near Tackley, Oxfordshire on the main A4260 Oxford / Banbury road, 4 miles north of Kidlington town centre and 6 miles north of Oxford.

Mike's talk will naturally centre on his experiences in the 1960s and 70s with Norton in its various incarnations, from his time from recruitment by Norton Villiers after its acquisition of AMC and the move to Andover, through to the end of the mass-manufacture of British motorcycles in the second half of the 1970s. There will probably be many anecdotes and mentions of Norton and non-Norton times and matters, so it should be a great evening for anyone with an interest in hearing first-hand from one of those at the very heart of the Brit-Bike industry's final days (before John Bloor took up the baton once more in the 1980s).

There will be a small charge of around £2 to each attendee to cover room hire etc costs. If more details are required, contact Paul Whitehead (whitehpn@btinternet.com, 01869 248605) or Peter Scatchard (pscatchard@yew-tree-house.co.uk, 012356 751 751).

Tony Ripley will be going (by car), (Tony lives in Burgfield Common south of Reading), so if anyone wants him to pick them up along the way then give him a call (phone number above).

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## 2007 Events

<b>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</b>			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>March</b>			
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers. Chris Norton DVD on the Himalayas.	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	South of England Classic Bike show at Ardingly (near Gatwick)		
Sat/ Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> / April 1st	AJS/ Matchless Club (Newbury) Westward Ho! Reliability Run from Stockcross near Newbury (NOTE: starts at Midnight)		
<b>April</b>			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Berkshire Egg Run		
Sun 8th	Reading MAG Bike show at Abbey RFC, Emmer Green		
Tues 17th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Sat/ Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> / 29th	27 <sup>th</sup> International Classic Bike Show at Stafford County Showground		
<b>May</b>			
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Vintage Motorcycle Show at Amberley Museum		
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Classic Bike Show at Kempton Park		
Tues 15th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed

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## More events

News of several more events has been filtering through to me over the last few weeks. If I only I could get the Commando running I'd be there too but don't let that stop you.

The posters and entry form for the Berkshire Egg Run and the Amberley Museum Vintage Motorcycle are on the next page.

You are invited to:

# The Thames Vale Vultures

Berkshire Egg Run 2007  
6th April 2007, (Good Friday).

Supporting  
**variety club**  
the children's charity



We are aiming to collect more than last years total, so please be generous with your Easter Eggs.

Meet at AutoDex, Sterling Way, Norcot Industrial Estate, Norcot Road, Reading, RG30 6HW at 12 Noon to Ride to the presentation

Please contact us to let us know you're coming so we can get some idea of numbers.  
E-Mail: [eggrun@tvvultures.co.uk](mailto:eggrun@tvvultures.co.uk)  
Or Phone/Text: Bryan on 07988 691963




The Bristol Branch stand at the Bristol Classic Bike Show held at Shepton Mallet last month. Other pictures at the Bristol Branch website together with some from last summer's Norton Day at Whittington Castle in Shropshire. Despite rumours to the contrary they do run more than just Lightweights!

# AMBERLEY

working museum

## VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007



### ENTRY FORM

### VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007

We are pleased to bring you details of our 2007 Vintage Motorcycle Show, at which we aim to show a wide cross-section of machines for the education and entertainment of the public, while providing an enjoyable day for exhibitors, in interesting surroundings and impeccable company.

Our Vintage Motorcycle Show is open to V.M.C.C. eligible motorcycles, i.e. first registered before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982. **All entries must be booked in advance** so that space on site can be properly planned. The closing date for entries is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

There is no entry fee for this event, and the riders of machines booked as entries, along with their immediate family arriving with the motorcycle, will be admitted to the museum free of charge.

If you would like to join us on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, please complete the entry form opposite and return it to the address shown as soon as possible. A stamped, addressed envelope would be much appreciated.

A limited number of autojumble stands are also available, strictly for vintage motorcycle parts and literature. A separate booking form for these is available from the Museum Office

If you received this form by post, a small poster for the event is enclosed. We would be very grateful if you could arrange for this to be displayed locally. Anything else you may be able to do to help spread the word about the event will be very welcome.

Ken Burton & Dave Bunker  
Event Organisers

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### VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007

NAME

ADDRESS

Postcode  Telephone Number

MOTORCYCLE

Make of motorcycle	Model
HP / CC	Year
Registration Number	

IMPORTANT: So we can plan parking, please tell us if your machine will be:

Ridden in without a support vehicle?	Yes / No
Ridden in with a support vehicle?	Yes / No
Trailer behind a car or van?	Yes / No
Carried in a truck or van?	Yes / No

DECLARATION: I confirm that the rider holds a valid driving licence for this class of vehicle. I also confirm that the machine is covered by Third Party Insurance, including off-road show use, having a limit of indemnity of not less than £500,000 for any one accident.

Signed	Date
Received	Entry No.

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