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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

15<sup>th</sup> May 2007



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### 'Sponsor's' message

"There has been a lot written recently in the *Roadholder* about lack of interest in rallies, reasons given vary but as you would all have read the articles I will not repeat them here. For all those people who have not been to a rally for a while or maybe never been, then coming up at the end of the month is a chance to rectify that. The Solent Branch is having their camping weekend at the Flower Pots pub in Cheriton near Winchester on Friday 25th May to Sunday 27th May. This is only just over the border between Thames Valley and Solent branch so distance cannot be a real issue. If you do not wish to camp overnight then it is near enough to just pop in for the day, maybe appear in time for breakfast. If the weather is good and enough people are interested there will be a run out on the Saturday so if you arrived mid morning we would probably go out for a run to another pub for a spot of lunch. In the evening there will be a barbecue and of course as we are camping in the pub field some of you may wish to go for a pint. I intend to arrive 10:00 ish on the Saturday morning and leave a similar time on the Sunday. If anyone is interested in going please let me know so I can give Solent Branch an idea of numbers.

Cheers,

Tony"

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### Southern Classic Bike Show

As I write this the 2007 Southern Classic Bike Show at Kempton Park is drawing to a close. Entry to the show was a protracted affair taking well over an hour's queuing to go through one of only two gates operating such was the huge crowd attending. I went partly to meet my brother (a rare occurrence!) who arrived on his 550cc Suzuki triple and to obtain some more parts for the Commando which slowly gets closer to being operational again. I was disappointed to find that among the club stands there was no Norton representation and very few Nortons either in the show or in the car park. I took what photographs I could and have included a few of the better ones.



This Norton Four, using an Ariel square 4 motor squeezed into the Norton frame was on sale for £6995.



This good looking twin was found in the car park.



A very nice '99' on offer in the show at £2995 with a recently rebuilt 1959 engine and gearbox in a 1957 frame

and a slightly unusual instrument layout.

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## 2007 Events

<b>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>May</b>			
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Norfolk Branch camping weekend		
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Solent Branch camping weekend at <i>The Flower Pots</i> , Cheriton near Winchester – see Tony's message on the front page.	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>June</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Devon camping weekend – see <i>Roadholder</i>		
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
30 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup>	NOC Summer Party and Norton Day organised by the Kent Branch at Birchington, Kent (camping) and Powell-Cotton Museum (event).		Confirmed
<b>July</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	VJMC Show at Uttoxeter Racecourse – see <i>Roadholder</i>		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The 2007 NOC National Rally on the Isle of Wight – see <i>Roadholder</i>		Confirmed
<b>August</b>			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	2007 International Rally on the Isle of Man -- see <i>Roadholder</i>		Confirmed
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Manx GP reunion on the Isle of Man		Confirmed

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## Tailpiece



A reminder of the efforts put in by Bristol Branch to their stands at Bristol Bike Shows.



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