

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

19th April 2011



www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org

Skittles Bash

Don't forget it's just time again for a joint Skittles Bash with Solent Branch on 1st May. Details from Barry Stickland or you just fill in the form on the next page and send your money off to Barry.

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Surrey Branch

May 21st sees Surrey Branch Norton Open Day at Brooklands from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Their now Annual event takes place at the famous former circuit with the opportunity to ride the test hill. More details to follow from Surrey Branch. Note that Southern Classic Bike Show & Autojumble is also on this day. Phone EGP Enterprises on 01344 883961.

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Other events

April 17th

The London Motorcycle Museum plays host to a St George's Day Hog Roast. Opens 11am to 4pm at Ravenor Farm, Oldfield Lane, Greenford, with displays of over 150 classic machines including many rare or unique prototypes from the old industry. Admission includes food plus local history centre, free parking, tea-room, etc. Just five minutes from the A40. Phone 0208 575 6644 or see www.london-motorcycle-museum.org

April 23rd, 24th and 25th

For something different there's an Easter Steam Rally at the Sammy Miller Museum at New Milton in Hampshire. 01425 620777

Also on April 23rd and 24th

The Stafford Classic Motorcycle Show opens 9am on both days at the Stafford County Showground. USA racer Steve Baker will appear on stage both days, plus more for race fans at the GP paddock with the Yamaha Classic Racing Team where Phil Read and Tommy Robb will be reunited with their Yamaha machines. All the usual show attractions on top of that, including Bonhams Auction, Wall of Death, Classic Dirt Bike experience and trials display, hundreds of trade and autojumble stalls and club stands with even the odd old bike or two. Oh, and if you venture in the deep dark depths of the Sandylands Hall you'll even find the RC Crew in their usual place, purveying grubby magazines and Jaffa Cakes. Admission now £11 on the day so best to prebook at www.classicbikeshows.com or call 01507 529529.

April 25th

The Red Marley HILL CLIMB is at Walgrove Farm, Great Witley in Worcs. Admission £7. 01886 888803

May 1st

The VMCC's Vintage Training Day is at Arborfield Barracks, Reading. It gives both VMCC members and non-members the opportunity to experience the type of machine that they might not normally get the chance to ride. Owners of 1920s and 1930s hand-change machines will be available to give instruction in the art of riding for those willing to brave lever throttles and tank mounted gear sticks! Entry fee £30, gives the opportunity to ride at least 10 different vintage machines. Early booking essential; single day membership available. Entry forms from 01283 540557 or at www.vmcc.net

May 20th to 22nd

The Norton Owners' Club hosts NORTON DAY as part of their Summer Party at Abbots Bromley near Lichfield. You need to prebook for the full weekend of camping, rides and entertainment, or just go along for the Sunday to Norton Day itself which is being held at Chasewater Light Railway. Admission on the Sunday is free. See <http://www.nortonownersclub.org/events/summer-party-and-norton-day-2011> or call 01889 881876

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Editor's musings

Last Saturday was another fine day so I took the Commando out for a spin just to see if there were any problems before riding to Esher where some of the Surrey Branch meet informally. Despite having charged the battery I found while progressing that the output was insufficient to work horn, lights or indicators reliably. So the journey was made by car and I have now ordered one of these clever modern battery chargers which are supposed to recover and maintain reluctant batteries. The battery itself is only three years old but I confess to have been erratic in keeping it in top order. If the new charger doesn't do the job I may still be needing fresh electrons in a plastic case. I have cleaned the clutch plates but some further adjustment is needed to eliminate the drag I now have. Otherwise all seemed well though I was disappointed I didn't get to do the longer run out. The new battery charger has arrived and been put to work so I am hoping for great things soon.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
April 2011			
19 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
May 2011			
1 st	Annual Skittles Bash with Solent Branch at The Golden Pot, Odiham Road, Alton, Hants GU34 4DJ	Barry Stickland	Confirmed
17 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
21 st	Surrey Branch Norton Open Day at Brooklands		Confirmed
20 th to 22 nd	Summer Party and Norton Day	nortonday@nortonownersclub.org	Confirmed

NORTON OWNERS CLUB – Thames Valley

Annual (?) Skittles Bash with Solent Branch

At

The Golden Pot, Odiham Road, Shalden, Alton, Hants GU34 4DJ

On Sunday 1st May 2011 at 1 pm

Price £10.00 per head

Select Choice from menu below

Qty

Beef Carbonnade (beef cooked in ale)

Chilli con carne

Vegetable Lasagne

Salmon and Pesto parcels

**Please return complete form or photocopy with cheque made payable to Barry Stickland
110 Reading Road, Finchampstead, Berks, RG40 4RA by 12th April at the latest**

Please reserve..... places.....

Cheque enclosed.....

Name..... Please Print

NOTE –

THIS IS A RETURN MATCH ORGANISED BY SOLENT BRANCH SO GET YOUR BIKES (preferably) or CARS OUT and come.

We hold the trophy at the moment – so it is up to you.

Bring your wife/partner/uncles/aunts etc. and support this event.

We need a team of at least 20 and Solent are breathing heavily to beat us.