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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 20th August 2013



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Events

Several local events to enjoy a ride too while the weather remains hopefully good enough to enjoy.

August 18th

The magnificent Motorcycle Mega-Meet returns to Popham Airfield near Basingstoke from 10am. Free entry for prebooked display bikes over 30 years old (send SAE for a pass). Clubs welcome to display in the marquee; please contact organiser to arrange space. Great facilities inc beer tent and full catering, plus light aircraft, trade stalls, autojumble, etc. Jumble pitches from £15. Admission £6 adults, £4 seniors. 01256 397733 or see www.popham-airfield.co.uk.

Classic vehicle day at the Frog and Wicket Pub, Eversley on Sunday 18th August. It is in its 4th year and is a very good event, with live music (outside) and food etc. It starts at about 12 noon with prizes at about 4pm. Anyone with a motorcycle is welcome. There are lots of classic cars but few motorcycles, so any additional bikes would be of interest.

August 24th/25th/26th

The Rudgwick Steam & Country Show is at the Showground, Rudgwick, off the A281 between Guildford and Horsham. See www.rudgwicksteamshow.co.uk for details.

August 25th

The Sammy Miller Run is open to all motorcycles and three-wheelers manufactured before 1980. Tea room, craft shops etc open all day at Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum, New Milton, BH25 5SZ. Phone 01425 620777 for details.

There's a Postwar Motorcycle Show for all bikes built after 1945, with over 700 machines on display plus clubs, autojumble, trade stands, live band and camping. Admission £12. All at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, from 9am to 5pm. Phone 01926 645 029 for further information.

September 6th and 7th

The Eurojumble opens 9am at Netley Marsh near Southampton. One of the biggest autojumbles in the south; hundreds of jumble stalls, trade stands and many complete bikes to buy. Admission £7.50 single day or £15 two-day. Outdoor event; if wet, wear wellies! Cheaper advance tickets from 01507 529529 or see www.classicbikeshows.com.

September 7th

There's a Bonhams Auction at part of the Beaulieu international autojumble, at the National Motor Museum in Hampshire. Sale includes collectors' motorcycles (from a genuine Rocket Goldie to Gold SR), motor cars and automobilia. More sale entries

invited; catalogues available. Phone 08700 273 647 or see www.bonhams.com.

September 21st and 22nd

The Kop Hill Climb Features 350 vintage and classic vehicles testing themselves against this traditional challenge near Princes Risborough. Gates open 9am, admission costs £10. See www.kophillclimb.org.uk for details.

September 21st

The EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 of the M3. Admission £5. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961 for details.

September 29th

The Sand & Motorcycle Day at hosted by Leighton Buzzard Railway is at Pages Park, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 4TN. Free entry, half-price train rides, café, music, shed tours and lots of interesting bikes. All ages and types of motorcycles welcome. Phone 01525 373888 or see www.buzzrail.co.uk for more information.

The Grand Motorabilia Day at Battlesbridge Motorcycle Museum in Essex includes a bike show and jumble. Phone 01268 769000 or contact shows@battlesbridge.com.

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Swallowfield Show

Don't forget the Swallowfield Show over August Bank Holiday weekend with the Branch hopefully in good attendance.

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Editor's musings

Well some good news on several fronts. I have been trying to find the cause of a mid range misfire and spitting back on the Commando. Stripped and cleaned the carb, tried changing pilot jet, needle position and changing plugs and modifying ignition timing. All this failed to solve the problem. I then obtained and fitted a new Pazon ignition module from Paul Goff. Problem solved and the bike runs really sweetly.

Those of you with very good memories may recall some years ago that my Navigator gearbox seized up on the way for its MOT. My brother has completely dismantled the Navigator engine and machined the housing for the layshaft bush and fitted and pinned a new bush. The pinning is worthwhile as if the bush moves it can block the oil feed to the bush and layshaft. I have now ordered a number of replacement parts from various sources including the Club spares scheme and hope to have the bike reassembled and running again later this year.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
August			
20 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
September			
17 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed