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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 17th December 2013



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Events

Not many local events to suggest. One can always look forward to next year and:

February 8th and 9th

The Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet from 10am to 5pm both days. Giant indoor show with as much to see and admire as Stafford. Look out for the Real Classic Roadshow returning to the main hall: should be on Stand 53. Hundreds of bikes on display on club stands; private entries also welcome to compete for a range of trophies and highly commended awards (entry form from the web site). Mainly indoors in heated halls with good parking on firm ground. Tickets from £10 in advance (more on the gate) from 01507 529529 or see www.classicbikeshows.co.uk. Free parking.

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Secretary's Bit

I would like to thank Paul Pattinson for his excellent talk on the history and restoration of his model 50. Ed Shoobridge for his talk on the history of the Manx Norton and finally Peter Weait for his talk on the P11.

I was hoping for December to have a demonstration on wheel building but the chap concerned lives over at Walton on Thames so it is a bit far for him to come. This now puts me under pressure to come up with something so I am hoping to have a talk on the basics of electricity as it relates to motorcycles. This will be based on my article published a short while ago in Roadholder.

If anyone has any electrical widgets they want to bring along that we can play with then please do, also if you have your own DVM (or even an analogue meter) then please bring that along.

Note:- As it is close to Christmas the landlady of the Swan will be laying on mince pies so lets hope for a good turnout.

The AGM will be on the 21st January 2014 (usual format), if enough interest is expressed I will organise a meal for that evening.

I intend to stand down from the post of Secretary at the AGM and I am looking for volunteers to step forwards to take the branch onto new heights. I have enjoyed my time in the position but I think it needs someone to rejuvenate the branch. I will still be attending meetings and events but not in the same

role. Please let me know if you are interested, the job can be as large or small as you wish.

(Editor: I won't be able to attend the AGM or prepare a January newsletter and would like to pass the reins of the newsletter to someone who can give it a refresh – any takers?)

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NEW - Norton greetings cards from the NOC Shop

Send a greetings card with a picture of a Norton on it. Now available in *NOCShop* is a range of four greetings cards, each depicting a Norton. These are reprints of the paintings used for the 2000 NOC Classic Calendar and feature a Manx, a Commando, a CS1 and an Atlas. The cards are blank inside so that you can write your own message and they can be bought singly or as a set of four at a discount.



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NOC Calendars

At the time of writing Tony has one spare NOC 2014 calendar. First come, first served I guess if you want it.

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Editors musings

The weather has been very kind to us over the last few weeks but I haven't been able to take as much advantage as I would have liked. I managed to get a short run on the Bantam and to run the Commando engine to warm it through but not to ride it. The last two bushes for the Navigator gearbox have been machined and reassembly will soon start in earnest. I am looking forward to getting the machine back on the road.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
December			
17 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
January 2014			
21 st	Thames Valley Branch Club Night and Annual General Meeting – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed