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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

15th February 2011



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Thames Valley Branch AGM

The Thames Valley Branch AGM was held on the 18th January – our usual ClubNight – at the usual venue.

There was a limited turnout with 12 attendees and 4 apologies for absence. The existing Committee resigned and as no-one else could be found to stand the committee were re-elected. There has been little movement on the bank account and it was agreed to carry on as we are.

A discussion of branch grants from NOC HQ for events followed and it was noted the Branch has been awarded £50.00 for the 2010 Swallowfield show (tea / coffee and awards). It is hoped to attend the Swallowfield show again in 2011

Possible events were discussed including Popham MEGA Meet Sunday 21st August, Ace Cafe (special Norton event April 24th) and maybe Begonia Rally, fairly close but is 'abroad'. It may clash with Swallowfield and Manx and Brooklands one weekend. The Branch meal WILL NOT now be in February and is hoped to hold it in March.

Tony will be going to the AGM in York 3rd April, anyone want to bring any relevant subjects up ?

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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. EGP Enterprises. 01344 883961.

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Forthcoming events

2011

February 19th and 20th

The Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Tickets from £9 from 01507 529430 or see www.classicbikeshows.co.uk

February 26th and 27th

The London International Custom Bike Show is at the Alexandra Palace in Wood Green. 01484 667776 or d/load form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see www.classicshows.org.

February 27th

The Malvern Bits N Pieces classic car and bike autojumble opens 10am at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern in Worcester. Admission is £5. Phone 01484 667776 or see www.classicshows.org.

There's an autojumble and spares auction indoors at the South of England Showground, Ardingly, near Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Opens at 10am and the spares Auction starts at 1pm. Admission is £3. Phone 0208 759 2711 for details.

March 5th

The VMCC Bikejumble returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Excellent value event with

several halls packed with genuine old bike jumble plus trade stalls selling new spares and accessories. Outdoor stalls often have plenty of interesting 'barn fresh' bits plus occasional complete bikes, too. Normally opens 9.30 to 4pm, with an associated auction of old bikes. Free parking, good refreshments and licensed bar. Admission is £2. Contact Dave on 01934 820657.

March 6th

The Staffordshire Classic Car & Motorcycle Show opens 10am at Uttoxeter Racecourse with autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. Phone 01484 667776 or download a form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see www.classicshows.org.

March 20th

The Mike Hailwood Memorial Run starts at 11.15 am from the former **Norton factory, Bracebridge Street, Birmingham**. It includes a short service at St Mary Magdalen's church at Tanworth in Arden where Ken Sprayson will speak about his memories of Mike. 400 riders last year; all welcome to join. Phone 01746 862335 or see: <http://madeinbirmingham.org/hailwood.htm>.

The South of England RealClassic Motorcycle Show and Bikejumble opens at 10am at the South of England Showground near Ardingly RH17 6TL, close to Gatwick. Big displays of British, European, Japanese and American classics: extra indoor space for the club displays, trade stands and autojumble stalls. Plus Guest of Honour, free parking on firm ground, bring your bike to sell, garage clear-outs welcome. All pre-booked display bikes go home with a souvenir plus have the chance to win one of the handsome awards across a range of categories. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277

Or go to the Newbury Classic Car & Motorcycle Show opens 10am at Newbury Racecourse with autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. Admission is £5. Phone 01484 667776 or download the form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see www.classicshows.org.

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Editor's musings

Today was bright and sunny and fairly mild so I took the opportunity to escape from the painting and decorating indoors to wheel the Commando out and check it over. First problem arose with no sign of life from the battery; this turned out to be a blown fuse so my spare was put to use and of course I will now have to get another spare. The brake light for the rear was non-functioning which turned out to be both leads being disconnected. Tyres were topped up as were oil levels after draining off excess from the primary chaincase so with a bit of reasonable weather tomorrow the first outing is a strong possibility. (Didn't happen – weather and decorating again!)

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
February 2011			
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