

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 21st February 2012



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AGM and Annual Dinner

The 2012 AGM of the Thames Valley Branch was held at The Swan, Three Mile Cross on 17th January 2012. The minutes as written are shown below.

The Branch Secretary gave a brief introduction and welcomed those attending. 34 members and their partners were present. No apologies for absence were received.

A resume of the minutes of the 2011 AGM were presented and the minutes accepted.

Secretary's Report

Since moving from The Cricketers due to its closure for refurbishment there has been an increase in the numbers at the Club Night at The Swan, with 16 at the last one. The number of other Branch activities during the year was very low. The Swallowfield show was quiet from the Branch point of view. The Secretary had attempted to attend the Solent Branch meeting at The Flower Pot but suffered a puncture on route.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the Secretary and the rest of the Committee for their efforts in running the Branch. The change of venue has been productive and hopefully this will lead to the promotion of more activities. The possibility of more liaison with Surrey and Oxford Branches should be actively considered.

Treasurer's Report

There has been little financial activity during the year and the Branch has a cash balance of £659.06 with Lloyds TSB. This is an increase of £10 over last year. The accounts were accepted by the meeting. The main Club supports activities through grants but the Secretary has decided not to claim the £20 for the trophies for the Swallowfield Show as the Branch has sufficient funds.

Resignation of Officers

The current Treasurer was in post as a hangover from 2009/10 and now wished to stand down. Beryl was thanked for her efforts. All Officers resigned and the election of the new Committee was overseen by Barry Strickland.

Election of Officers

With the exception of the Treasurer the previous Committee were all re-elected. Peter Renouf agreed to stand as Treasurer and was duly elected by the meeting.

Officers for 2012 therefore are:

Chairman	Chris Norton
Secretary	Tony Ripley
Treasurer	Peter Renouf
Editor	Robert Latham

Events and Extra Clubnights for 2012

No events currently planned but the options were discussed under AOB.

Any Other Business

Events

Barry commented on the lack of outings by the Branch and suggested that an Event Coordinator would raise the profile. Members were invited to consider events they would like to participate in and submit suggestions to the Editor for presentation in the newsletter. The Chairman repeated his invitation to visit him at home in the Forest of Dean.

The Branch has a long standing arrangement with Solent Branch for an annual skittles match. Attendance from this Branch in 2011

was poor with only 4 attending. The minimum needed is 10 for each side. The meeting showed positive interest in arranging for a Sunday lunchtime event at the Golden Pot near Alton.

The Moto Piston Club Rally was suggested as a possible outing. (Post Meeting Note: the 25th Ancient Motorcycles International Meeting will take place in 2012 and is usually held in October.)

Beryl advised that entries for bikes to display for the Swallowfield Show this year (August Bank Holiday) will receive passes to the show which include entry for family members.

Events

A few events now coming up to start the season:

February 25th & 26th

The London International Classic & Custom Bike Show is at the Alexandra Palace in Wood Green. Extra halls this year for separate displays of old and iconic motorcycles as well as chops and customs. Private entries welcome. 01484 667776 or download a form at www.classicshows.org.

March 3rd

The giant 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 £2. Contact Dave on 01934 820657.

March 11th

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, plus three further halls of trade stands and autojumble stalls. There is 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. Real Classic magazine subscribers can claim a discount on the admission price (show your membership card on the gate). Private entries welcome (apply early as it fills up), and more clubs welcome to join this rapidly-growing event. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277.

March 24th

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

Editors Musings

The Commando is up and running after sorting of a few wrinkles. The oil smoke from the right cylinder head joint required nothing more than a new gasket and the head tightened down. While the head was off the valves were checked and found to be on the bottom limit and replaced and one guide was sufficiently worn to justify replacement. The single carb seems to have wrongly jetted (size 15 pilot) and has been increased to #25 which has cured the overrun explosions. I'm now looking forward to a reasonable season of riding. Thanks to Clive Rickman for his expertise.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
February			
21 st	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location tbc but assume The Swan	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
March			
20 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location tba	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
April			
17 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location tba	Tony Ripley	Confirmed