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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 17th July 2012



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Events

Not too many local events showing up at the moment but here are a few to consider for a ride out and hoping for a substantial improvement in the weather!

July 21st

The pre-war Prescott Hill-Climb at Gotherington, Cheltenham promises a fun packed day of hill climb heroics and vintage banter. Mainly cars, look out for a fly-by! See www.prewarprescott.com

July 28th

The Triumph Owners' MCC Berkshire Branch host their Classic & Custom Motorcycle Show from midday, with awards at 4pm, at Reading Abbey Rugby Club, Peppard Rd, Emmer Green, Reading, RG4 8XB. Special 25th anniversary event with Old Manor Café exhibition. Autojumble, club stands, trade stalls, raffle, live music, real ale, on-site camping and cooked breakfast. Admission £3, camping £5 per tent. Trade stands by arrangement only. Info from 0118 978 8113 or bob.berkstomcc@btinternet.com.

The annual Calne Motorcycle Meet takes place the town centre of Calne, on the A4 between Marlborough and Chippenham. Thousands of bikers attend each year, including veteran, vintage and special interest bikes. Features include many trade stands, bike club meeting points and stands, ride-in and ride-outs, live music, food and refreshment stalls and a fun fair. FREE admission. See www.calnemotorcyclemeet.co.uk for details.

August 4th

There's a Classic Bike Meet and Barn Autojumble at Bill Little Motorcycles from 10.30 to 3.30pm. You're welcome to ride in and park up in the yard to browse the tons of original spares which Bill is clearing out from his big barn, and enjoy some live music at lunchtime. See www.classicbikesuk.com or call 01666 860577 or head directly to Oak Farm at Braydon near Swindon, SN5 0AG

August 12th

The South of England Superbike Show opens 10am at the South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL. Includes large indoor show for the later classics of the 1970s, 80s and 90s. Over 5500 square metres of indoor bikejumble, plus the Show Hall and masses of outside hard standing. Perfect ride-in venue for club day out. Good facilities, refreshments, free parking, etc. Admission £6 adults; £5 seniors in receipt of state pension; kids under 16 free. Phone 01797 344277 or see www.elk-promotions.co.uk.

The White Dove Collectors Transport Show is at Kingsley Sports Ground, Sickles Lane, Kingsley, near Bordon GU35 9PD. 600-plus entries; classic cars, motorcycles, commercials and military vehicles; numerous classes for any unique, modified or interesting bikes and vehicles, with trophies awarded to the winners. Motorcycle ride out. There will be live musical entertainment, barbecue, Club House facilities, trade stands and autojumble. See www.whitedoveevents.org.uk

August 19th

The 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. Great facilities inc beer tent and full catering, plus

light aircraft, trade stalls, autojumble, etc. Admission £6 adults, £4 seniors. 01256 397733 or see www.popham-airfield.co.uk (*This sounds like a good event for a club run - Ed*)

There's a VMCC Sprint at RAF Wroughton near Swindon. Entries welcome from classic and modern machines. Special offer for first time riders: you need your bike, leathers and ACU gold sticker helmet. 01425 485133 before 9pm or see www.vmccsprint.co.uk

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ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL WEEKEND 2012

The dates for this year's IOW hotel weekend are 28th-30th September 2012. The hotel will be Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel 4-6 Queens Road Shanklin PO37 6AN, phone 01983 862596.

We will be having the ride outs as usual for the Saturday and Sunday. They are offering us 25 rooms in a mixture of doubles, twins, singles and possibly family. They have a heated swimming pool a dance floor and a good size lounge for us all to sit together and also a quiet lounge. They are providing entertainment for the Saturday evening.

We are suggesting B&B and evening meal which consists of 3 courses + tea or coffee. The rates are £49.00pppn = £98.00 for the two nights each B&B+Dinner. They can also arrange ferry travel for motorbike rider and pillion for £36.00.

We are asking people to book themselves with the hotel and please mention **Norton Owners Club** to get the **discount**.

At time of booking they will need a deposit of £100.00 per room Or £50.00 for single room.

Anything you need to know regarding the hotel please ring them direct. Anything else you would like to know about the weekend you can contact Graeme or myself on 01983 400481 or email g.mudge5863@googlemail.com

I hope this sounds ok and you will join us again for a lovely weekend. Lesley & Graeme Mudge.

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Editor's Musings

Sometime ago I replaced my ailing Amals on the Commando by a single Mk2 Concentric on a new manifold supplied by RGM. The choke was a lever operated device on the carb with the choke either on or off. This proved to be difficult to operate on the move so I added an extension piece to it. Although this made operating the choke 'on the move' a possibility it didn't resolve problems with getting the bike warmed up. I recalled seeing details of a choke conversion kit and I was able to obtain one quite quickly from RGM (Amal part no. 2622/149 for any one interested in doing the same). I managed to 'fudge' a temporary cable from the original, which of course was split to operate two carbs. I found a supplier of cable parts (outers, inners and nipples) who quickly delivered a selection of suitable parts for this and other projects. [The supplier was feked at www.feked.com (phone 08455190620) and the usual disclaimer applies.] Since fitting the new arrangement the warming up process has been transformed and I now find starting on full choke is quickly reduced to halfway and fully closed within a mile. The running is much better for the first couple of miles since the mixture can be set to near optimum instead being just on or off.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

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