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## NOC National Rally

A full report on the National Rally organised by the Surrey Branch can be found at: [surrey.nortonownersclub.org/reports4.html](http://surrey.nortonownersclub.org/reports4.html)  
A total of 122 Norton motorbikes attended the event, 121 of them being classic Nortons (ranging in age from the 1930's to the 1980's) and 1 brand new Norton motorbike, the latter being the product of the new British business set up at a factory on the Donnington race track circuit.  
On Saturday riders left the Bisley camp for the Brooklands Museum and for some a ride up the test hill. I declined on this occasion as I had several runs at the Surrey Branch meeting there in May and didn't want to spoil the fun for those who don't otherwise have the opportunity; but it was great fun to watch.



The scene at Brooklands Museum – the test hill is in the background.

The Sunday ride out for most was to the Mid Hants Railway otherwise known as the Watercress Line for a view of much more powerful veteran and vintage machinery.  
All told a very successful Rally – well done Surrey.  
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## Events

### October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

The Classic Mechanics Show is at Stafford County Showground and spotlights motorcycles from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. With half a dozen halls, heated marquees, outdoor displays club stands, trade and jumble stalls, and Wall of Death displays. Special guest GP racer Wayne Rainey. Opens 9am both days. Prebook tickets to save on admission price and avoid queues: single day ticket costs £11 on the gate. See [www.classicbikeshows.com](http://www.classicbikeshows.com) or phone 01507 529430.

### October 15<sup>th</sup>

EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Admission £5 to around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 of the M3. See [www.egp-enterprises.co.uk](http://www.egp-enterprises.co.uk) or phone 01344 883961

## NEXT BRANCH MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011



## [www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org](http://www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org)

### October 16<sup>th</sup>

The Newbury Classic Car & Bike Show and jumble opens 10am at Newbury Racecourse with autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. 01484 667776 or download a form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org).

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>

The South of England 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](http://www.elk-promotions.co.uk) or call 01797 344277.

### October 30<sup>th</sup>

The Malvern Classic Bike Show and jumble opens 10am at Three Counties Showground, Malvern, with autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. 01484 667776 or download a form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org).

### November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

The Classic Motorbike Show returns to the NEC in Birmingham alongside the Classic Motor Show and Top Gear Live. It features club stands and private displays, special guests, jumble and bikes for sale. Combined tickets start at £17.50 or bike-show only tickets from £10 prebooked (up to £25 on the door, plus parking). Saturday and Sunday usually cheaper than Friday. 0844 854 1354.

### December 3<sup>rd</sup>

The EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 off the M3. Admission £5. [www.egp-enterprises.co.uk](http://www.egp-enterprises.co.uk) / 01344 883961.  
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## Editorial Musings

Well after all the trials with the Commando it is now running pretty well and starts on the button even from 'cold'. I use the word cold fairly loosely bearing in mind recent temperatures. However I plan during the winter to convert the starter to 1 4 brush setup. I also need to cure the oil leak from the front of the right hand cylinder head. When stationary for more than a few minutes a little oil smoke drifts up from the front round the exhaust port. As this seems to be a recent occurrence I suspect I might need to replace the head gasket.

My brother came over last week and we reassembled his Bantam. It has been with me for a few weeks to sort out the electrics after the replacement battery feed wire went up in smoke. We then gave it a brief but successful test run. It just needs some new cables now and it will be ready for an MOT. Alan is sorting out my Navigator's gearbox blind bush in return and I'm looking forward to seeing that again.  
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## Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>October</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>November</b>			
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