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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING  
 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**



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**Events**

Autumn seems to have arrived but the weather remains mainly good for ride outs. A few 'local' events to enjoy a ride while the weather remains good enough to enjoy.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Kop Hill Climb Features 350 vintage and classic vehicles testing themselves against this traditional challenge near Princes Risborough. Gates open 9am, admission costs £10. See [www.kophillclimb.org.uk](http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk) for details.

**September 21<sup>st</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 of the M3. Admission £5. See [www.egp-enterprises.co.uk](http://www.egp-enterprises.co.uk) or phone 01344 883961 for details.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Sand & Motorcycle Day at hosted by Leighton Buzzard Railway is at Pages Park, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 4TN. Free entry, half-price train rides, café, music, shed tours and lots of interesting bikes. All ages and types of motorcycles welcome. Phone 01525 373888 or see [www.buzzrail.co.uk](http://www.buzzrail.co.uk) for more information.

The Grand Motorabilia Day at Battlesbridge Motorcycle Museum in Essex includes a bike show and jumble. Phone 01268 769000 or contact [shows@battlesbridge.com](mailto:shows@battlesbridge.com).

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The VMCC Bikejumble returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Over 450 stalls in three halls packed with old bike jumble plus trade stalls selling new spares and accessories. Outdoor stalls often have interesting 'barn fresh' bits. Complete bikes for sale too. Opens 9.30 to 4pm. Free parking, good refreshments and licensed bar. Admission £2. Phone 01934 813638 or see [www.vmccsomerset.co.uk](http://www.vmccsomerset.co.uk)

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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. 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Classic Mechanics Show returns to Stafford County Showground and spotlights motorcycles from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. This is now spread across half a dozen halls and heated marquees plus outdoor displays and acres of club stands, trade and jumble stalls. Special racer Christian Sarron will be there. Top tip: attend on Sunday if you can because it's far less frantic so you'll see more and avoid being trampled. Opens 9am both days. Prebook

tickets to save on admission price and avoid queues: single day ticket costs £12 on the gate. Phone 01507 529529.or see [www.classicbikeshows.com](http://www.classicbikeshows.com).

There's a Bonhams Auction as part of the Stafford Show. Hundreds of lots including spares, projects and complete classics; competition and collectors' motorcycles as well as road-going machines. Entries welcome. View lots on the Saturday; sale starts Sunday morning. Bid in person at the Show or in advance. 08700 273 647 or see [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com)

**November 15 - 17**

The Classic Motorbike Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1NT. Running in parallel with the Classic Motor Show the NOC will have its stand there and there will also be an autojumble.

It has grown to the extent that in 2010 it was launched as a separate show. Visitors can purchase tickets for just The Classic Motorbike Show or can buy a combined ticket that will give entry to the Classic Motor Show as well.

2013 is the 60th anniversary of Eric Oliver and Stan Dibben winning the world sidecar championships, the last time British riders on a British bike won a World Championship. To celebrate this achievement NOC Vice President Stan has agreed to be guest of honour on the Club stand.

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**Norton Motors visit**

I am left wondering if anyone went on the Norton Motors visit in July as I have not received a single report or photograph I can pass on to branch members who couldn't or didn't go. Come on chaps let's have some contributions to this journal and share your experiences.

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**Editor's piece**

1927 490cc racing Norton in Brooklands Museum



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**Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar**

Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>September</b>			
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