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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

16th November 2010



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2011 NOC Calendars

If you would like a 2011 calendar then please let Tony know ASAP; if he gets enough expressions of interest he will order them from HQ but we need at least 12 to obtain the significant discount being offered.

Forthcoming events

November 12th – 14th

Footman James Classic Motorbike Show at the NEC, Birmingham. The Club will have a stand at the show. Also appearing will be Freddie Spencer, former motorcycle racer and world champion. The Footman James - Vintage Motorcycle Cycle Club stand will have two of his competition bikes on display. The former 500cc and 250cc racer, who was born in 1961, won the 1978 250cc US National Road Racing Championship, from where he signed to Honda. In 1982 he scored his first GP win at the 500cc Belgian Grand Prix, and in 1983 he won his first 500cc World Championship, battling with Kenny Roberts throughout the year to achieve points supremacy. Two years later he won both the 500cc and 250cc Grand Prix World Championships – the only rider to do so. In 1985 Freddie also took his last win, at the 500cc Swedish Grand Prix. His 'double' will be celebrated with the appearance of 250cc and 500cc Works Honda machines in the exact livery to mark the 25th anniversary this year. The show opening times are:

Friday 12th November 10.00am – 7.00pm
Saturday 13th November 9.30am – 7.00pm
Sunday 14th November 9.30am – 5.30pm

More details at <http://www.classicbikesatclassicmotor.com>.

November 20th

Surrey Branch Annual Dinner at The Star public house, Malden Rushet, near Leatherhead KT22 0DP; 7:30pm to 11:00pm. Only £22.50 per head. Contact nigel.heugh@ntlworld.com or n.heugh@gre.ac.uk for more details.

November 21st

The Newbury Classic Car & Motorcycle Show opens 10am at Newbury Racecourse with autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments

etc. 01484 667776 or d/load form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see www.classicshows.org.

December 4th

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 is £5. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961 for details.

December 26th

The Oxford Section of the VMCC host the Ron Amey Trial at 2pm, with Pre-65 and Pre-84 Twin-shock machines. Day membership is available. Start is at Rockley Copse, Besselsleigh, Oxford, signposted from the A420. Contact Celia on 01865 372324 for more details.

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January 3rd

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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.classicbikeshow.co.uk

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Editor's musings

With Barry having fitted a replacement return spring for the gear change on the Commando I thought, foolishly as it happens, that my troubles were over and that I could get a few rides in before the weather turned really autumnal. On the first run out I found that the gear change often became solid preventing selection of first and sometimes second gear. However I have managed to helicoil the righthand footrest. Now that I have disposed of the trailer on ebay I have some space in the garage to take the gearbox cover off and see what is going on. I may even get to it today if the other jobs allow.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
November			
12 th – 14 th	NOC stand at the FJ Classic Motorbike Show in the NEC, Birmingham		
16 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
20 th	Surrey Branch Annual Dinner at The Star public house, Malden Rushet, near Leatherhead		
December			
16 th and 17 th	The Classic Motorcycle Show at Stafford County Showground		
21 st	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed