

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

19<sup>th</sup> October 2004



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## Thames Valley Branch 2004 AGM – November 16th

The 2004 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Cricketers public house on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. This is our normal clubnight and we are hoping for a good attendance.

This will be my last AGM as Secretary, as I am standing down at the AGM. Chris Norton has kindly offered to stand for this post and hopefully you will all get along and vote him into office. I have been Secretary since the inception of the branch in 1994 and I have enjoyed my time in the job. However, I think the branch is in need of fresh impetuous and I'm confident Chris will be able to supply it.

Mick Hunter is willing to stand again for the post of Chairman, although he will quite happily stand aside should anybody else want the post. Robert Latham is also willing to stand again for the post of Newsletter Editor. I am especially pleased at this, as the Newsletter has become a very reliable publication under Robert's stewardship. Hopefully, **with plenty of contributions from the membership**, it will continue to thrive next year too.

Our Treasurer, Chris Fry, is also willing to stand again next year. Chris and Amanda are currently awaiting the arrival of their second child, due within a matter of days, so Chris might not be able to attend the AGM this year. However, he has prepared the accounts and they should be available for scrutiny at the AGM. We wish Chris and his family all the best.

Apart from electing officers and approving the accounts the AGM must also set out the direction it wishes the branch to follow over the forthcoming year. The committee cannot do it all on their own and require your ideas, encouragement and constructive criticism in order to plan for 2005. However, above all else, the committee needs the practical participation of the membership. If you are happy that the branch is little more than a monthly meeting point then come along and say so. On the other hand, if you want more from the branch then the AGM needs to know what, when and how.

On a personal note I'd like to thank everybody for making my experience as Branch Secretary a pleasant one. I have enjoyed seeing the branch establish itself and then go on to organise a number of national events, such as the Millennium Rally and the Track Days. The challenge now is to keep up the interest and find ways of enjoying our old bikes, which fits in with the demands modern life.

My experience of riding a Norton in the 1980's was akin to a lone dodo wandering around looking for a mate. Imagine the joy on that dodo's face finding a whole flock of fellow dodos just around the corner. Although I never did knowingly mate with any of them, I have done my little bit to keep the flock going. And remember! the dodo may have been fatally out-moded but it wasn't 'alf good to ride while it lasted! Or so John Barclay tells me (sorry mate).

I'll leave you with a little ditty that appeared in Roadholder back in the 1980's and adorned the rear mud flap of my Commando for several years. I often wondered why nobody thumped me and concluded they must have been afraid of all that torque!

"Down the glen came the biking men  
on their two wheeled handsome prancers,  
One in ten were Norton men  
and the rest were wucking fankers!"

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# THAMES VALLEY NOC

## AGENDA OF THE 2004 AGM

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2003 AGM
3. REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR
4. TREASURER'S REPORT
5. ACCEPT ACCOUNTS FOR 2003/2004
6. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
8. EVENTS AND EXTRA-CLUBNIGHTS FOR 2005
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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### 2004/ 2005 Events

<u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u>			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>November</b>			
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers*	Ian Verrinder	Confirmed
<b>December</b>			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers*	Ian Verrinder	Confirmed
<b>January 2005</b>			
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Ian Verrinder	
<b>February</b>			
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Ian Verrinder	
<b>March</b>			
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Ian Verrinder	

### Tailpiece



There is no truth in the rumour (I hope) that Norton Motors Inc. have developed a brand new design for the American market - and you thought Hummers guzzled fuel !!