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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

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NOC Golden Jubilee Year Appeal

To enhance interest in the NOC Golden Jubilee celebrations the Club is organising events and competition for which it is seeking **donation of prizes and sponsorship**. The Club is determined to make the Golden Jubilee year a really special one for all our members, and your continued help is a very important part of this.

What can this Branch do to support this? Tony Ripley suggests using say £30 to £50 of our funds to create a prize of some sort.

What he is looking for:-

1. Is this a good or bad idea?
2. What ideas do you have for a prize / prizes.

Have you responded to Tony yet with your views?

Forthcoming events

The recent spell of fine spring weather should be enough to get you thinking about where to go here are some more of the up and coming local spring events.

April 25th

The Bristol Italian Auto Moto Festival takes place in the city centre with Moto Guzzi as the featured marque. Ride in from Gordano Services (meets 9am). More bikes welcome to join the display. Details at www.biamf.co.uk or 0117 947 5814.

April 25th / 26th

- The International Classic Motorcycle Show returns to Stafford County Showground, Stafford. Opens 9am to 6pm. Tickets from £8.50 prebooked, camping £10 per night. 01507 529529.

April 26th

- The London Motorcycle Museum host the Humber Club Show at 29 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford UB6 9LB, five minutes from the A40. All welcome to bring bikes, friends and family. Admission fee includes home-cooked food plus access to all the Museum displays with over 80 unusual and interesting British bikes to be admired. See www.london-motorcycle-museum.org or 020 8575 6644 or 020 8579 1248.

- The Northants section of the VMCC welcome suitably old bikes on their Gate Run which leaves at 10.30am from Midsummer Meadow, Northampton. Details from 01604 831584.

- The 12th British Engineering Classic Motorcycle Charity Run starts 9am from Blatchington Mill School, Nevill Avenue, Hove BN3 7BW. Free tours of the historic windmill next door for run entrants. Two routes with short option for older or low-powered bikes. Entry includes a route card, souvenir badge, programme and hot lunch. Details on www.engrun.supanet.com.

May 2nd & 3rd

- The Magnificent Motors Festival fills Eastbourne with speedway thrills and classic motoring; 500 classic and vintage cars, motorbikes, buses, commercial and military vehicles on display, plus a seafront cavalcade and more. See website www.visiteastbourne.com

May 2nd

- British bike specialist Bill Little celebrates an impressive assortment of anniversaries this year. Bill started trading back on 1st May 1979 (so that's 30 years), plus Bill and assistant Alistair enjoy landmark birthdays in 2009 which total 110 years. To mark the occasion an additional Autojumble and Ride-In will be held today. Tea and refreshments on offer, and plenty of classic bikes to view. More information at www.classicbikesuk.com or from 01666 860577.

- The Gravesend MCC Bike Show starts midday with awards at 4pm for various classes including classic, custom, trike etc. Music, hog roast, BBQ, etc. Free entry. The Ascot Arms, Central Avenue, Gravesend. Details at www.gravesendmcc.com or from 07775 883147.

May 3rd

- The VMCC's southern Vintage Motorcycle Training Day is at Arborfield Barracks, near Reading. It gives riders the opportunity to experience the type of machine that they might not normally get the chance to ride. Owners of 1920s and 1930s hand-change machines will be available to give instruction in the art of riding for those willing to brave lever throttles and tank mounted gear sticks. The entry fee is just £25 which gives give the opportunity to ride at least 10 different vintage machines. Places are limited and the VMCC advise early booking as no entries are taken on the day due to the events being so oversubscribed. One day membership will be available for non-VMCC members at a cost of £3 which will allow them to enjoy the thrills of vintage motorcycling. Entry forms from 01283 540557 or email events@vmcc.net.

May 4th

- The Fleet Lions Club 26th annual Motorcycle Run And Concours starts 10am from The Civic Halls Car Park, off Harlington Way, Reading Road North, Fleet and returns for approx 2pm. The road run is approximately 46 miles through scenic Hampshire countryside with a pub stop halfway for lunch. Awards given at the end. Entry fee £6 in advance or £8 on the day. Proceeds to local charity. Details at www.fleetlions.org.uk.

May 9th

- The Southern Classic Bike Show opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Indoor show, many private entries and club stands, plus huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 off the M3. Details at www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

May 16th & 17th

- The BMF Show returns to the East of England Showground at Peterborough from 9am to 5pm both days. Manufacturers, trade stands, club displays, arena action, live music and more. Admission £16 on the gate, discounted advance tickets from 08712 301084 or www.bmfshows.co.uk.

May 17th

- Midlands Royal Enfield host their second Open Day featuring 'Ride out with Read': your chance to ride your bike with eight-times world champion Phil Read. Plus test ride the new EFI bikes, wheel building demonstration, club displays, food, race bike displays, raffle, etc. All from 10am onwards at Battlefield Enterprise Park, Shrewsbury, admission free. Phone 0174346 7746 or at www.midlandsroyalenfield.com

May 24th to May 28th

- Members of the London Douglas Club will set off from the Colliford Lake Tavern, just north of Bodmin along the A30 in Cornwall, on this year's Summer Social Run. If you would like to see these machines or perhaps even join them along the way, riders will be setting off from Colliford Lake Tavern at around 10.30am on Monday 25th May, riding north to Lynton for the first evenings stop. The following days will be spent on and over the Exmoor and Dartmoor National Parks before concluding at the Plume of Feathers, Princetown on Dartmoor on the evening of Thursday 28th May. Well-wishers and other riders (Douglas not needed but old bike preferred) welcome to join the gang for all or part of the way. Details from 01579 348542.

May 25th

- The Ringwood Autojumble opens 9.30am on the A31, Near Ashley Heath Country Park, St Leonards at Ringwood, Hants. Details from 01202 433258.

May 30th and 31st

- The BMF's Garden Of England Show returns to Kent County Showground at Detling, 9am to 5pm both days. Manufacturers, trade stands, club displays, arena action, live music feature. Admission £13 on the gate, discounted advance tickets and camping from 08712 301084 or www.bmfshows.co.uk.

June 6th

- The Cheltenham Autojumble opens 10am at Cheltenham Racecourse. Free parking and refreshments. Admission £3.50. Details from 01543 572583.
- Autojumble and Grand Vintage Show at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, south of Petersfield on the A3; free parking on site. Opens 10am to 4pm. Display of over 250 cars, commercials, motorcycles and military vehicles all over 25 years old, approx 200 stalls, refreshments, fairground organ, children's entertainment, etc. Admission £3, children under 16 free. Details from 02380 435176.
- Historic Racing at Mallory Park with the British Historic Racing section of the VMCC. Phone 0115 875 2292 or email bhrsecretary@ntlworld.com for details.

2009 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
April			
21 st	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
25 th /26 th	29 th International Classic Motorcycle Show Stafford County Showground, Stafford.	01507 529529	
May			
3 rd	VMCC's southern Vintage Motorcycle Training Day Arborfield Barracks, Reading	01283 540557	
4 th	Fleet Lions Club 26th Annual Motorcycle Run And Concours	01252 616998	
9 th	Southern Classic Bike Show Kempton Park Racecourse near Sunbury.	01344 883961	
22 nd -24 th	NOC Solent Branch Camping Weekend Cheriton, Winchester	023 9279 8292	Confirmed
June			
19 th	The Unapproachable Norton – Golden Jubilee Day (Donington Park) <u>NOC Jubilee Event</u>	NOC	Confirmed
20 th	Norton Day (Donington Park) <u>NOC Jubilee Event</u>	NOC	Confirmed
21 st	NOC Classic Racing (Donington Park) <u>NOC Jubilee Event</u>	NOC	Confirmed
July			
3 rd – 5 th	National Rally (Keynsham)	NOC	Confirmed

June 13th

- The Oily Rag Reunion takes place at Chelsea Bridge to fill the air with rock 'n' roll and rasping high-revs and reminiscences. Starts 2pm with live music, real ale and more (and no admission fee). Contact Lenny for more info on 01428 685883.

June 14th

- Bikers' Day at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at Bashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5SZ. Phone 01425 620777 or see www.sammymiller.co.uk.

June 17th

- Shiny Bike Night is at The Plough at Cadsden, Princes Risborough from 7.30pm. A classic bike show with prizes, barbeque and raffle at a lovely village pub in great country setting. Phone 01494 562962 or see www.bbcmcc.freeuk.com.

June 19th to 21st

- You are all aware of course of the Club's 50th anniversary celebrations at Donington Park with The Unapproachable Norton event featuring the largest-ever collection of Norton motorcycles in one place, from the 1907 TT winning V-twin to the new 2009 rotary racer. Everyone is welcome. All NOC members who pre-register a Norton for the event will have the opportunity to ride it on the circuit over the weekend. Details in The Roadholder or at www.nortonownersclub.co.uk.

June 20th and 21st

- The 2009 Royal Enfield Open Weekend takes place on both days from 10am. Admission is free to tour the factory and see the RE range, plus an opportunity to try one of the new unit-construction EFI Electra bikes. This event has turned into a highlight of the summer season; an old-fashioned ride in with refreshments (curry served by the local Sea Scouts), an informal concours competition, treasure hunts for the kids, bargain spares for sale, advanced training rides, technical advice from the RE team. See www.royal-enfield.com for details.

June 21st

- The Banbury Run returns to the Motor Heritage Centre, Gaydon. Open to veteran and vintage machines manufactured before 1931, 600 machines normally take part. The organisers would like to encourage more clubs to put on static displays so visitors can enjoy all aspects of vintage motorcycling. Details at <http://www.banbury-run.co.uk>.

Editor's Note: if you attend any of these or similar events how about sending in a few words and/ or photos for the newsletter?

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