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NOC Golden Jubilee Year Appeal

The Branch has received an appeal from the organisers of the NOC Golden Jubilee celebrations.

‘As you know it is NOC Golden Jubilee Year. To enhance interest the Club is organising events and competition for which it is seeking **donation of prizes and sponsorship**.

This competition exists at two levels; for the die-hard rallyist, there are trophies for the Top Three in each of 5 classes (Light-weight, Heavy-weight twins, Rotaries, Singles and Girder-Forked machines). These will be awarded to those having covered the highest mileages in attending the GJEC events, and only those making quite significant efforts to attend our various events really stand a chance of an award here - that's how we want it to be, to reward those prepared to go out and support all our Branches and the NOC as a whole by turning up at the events we're all putting on for the membership.

At another level, there are also benefits for the more casual attendee at GJEC events. Every event attended earns each attendee an entry in the free-of-charge Raffle we're holding, so everyone stands a chance of winning something worthwhile - obviously, the more events attended, the more entries in the raffle, and the higher the chance of winning - but even the occasional attendee is still in with a chance, so we spread the potential benefits as wide as we can within the Club.

Top prize is a made-to-measure, made-to-winner's-specification top-notch leather jacket from Scott Leathers, with the Golden Jubilee 'patch' included if the winner so desires.

Other prizes? Well, that's where **YOU** come in. The more prizes the Club can get, the more winners we'll have, so the organisers are casting their net far and wide, to see whether our branches and their members have good, local contacts with local bike shops, local industries, camping shops etc., anyone who we as a Club, through you, our local representatives, can approach with a request for a donated prize of value (and preferably motorcycling relevance) to add to the kitty - all donors will, of course, be properly recognised and acknowledged in Roadholder at the appropriate time.

Obviously, with potential winners coming from anywhere in the UK, and possibly even over in Europe, these prizes need to be easily transportable - a meal for 2 at your local gastro-pub near Land's End, whilst nice, may not be of much value to its winner in John o'Groats!!

Why are we asking for donations, and not just buying prizes from the £15,000 Golden Jubilee fund, voted at

AGM 2008? Well, we ARE buying prizes, and trophies, but we've also bought a free of charge raffle Interstate worth £5000; we've provided every member with a free Golden Jubilee lapel badge and stickers, and the next Roadholder will include another freebie of interest and value to the entire membership; the budget is well and truly allocated, and the appeal for additional GJEC prizes is not an attempt to cheapskate and save money, it's genuinely to add even more value to what will already be a great year for members.

So, if you and /or your branch-members can help swell the prize-kitty for the GJEC, a competition designed not only to provide extra benefits for the participating members, but by offering inducements to attend events, to provide more attendees for all those events you, the branches, are putting on - we want your events to be huge successes, and this is a way we at HQ can support your efforts.

At this stage, we don't need the prizes themselves - and we won't until November - but we DO need promises and commitments, so if you and / or any of your local members are ready, willing and able to ask people in a nice way to support your club in its Golden Jubilee year by putting up a raffle prize, anything in the £10 to £100 range (more if they really want!!), please let me know a.s.a.r.p.

We're 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.

Forthcoming events

Despite the recent snow and cold weather the time is fast approaching when we can safely remove the cobwebs from the bike and ones gear and prepare for hopefully a spell of fine spring weather. Just to get you thinking about where to go here are some of the up and coming local spring events. Note particularly the Evening with Colin Seeley at Burnham on 11th March.

February 27th and 28th, March 1st

The Ally Pally Motorcycle Show returns to London's Alexandra Palace at Wood Green, N22 7AY for three days featuring all aspects of motorcycling, modern and ancient and in-between. The show includes manufacturers and dealer displays, off-road and racing bikes, streetfighters, customs and classics, touring, trade stands, accessories, tuning and modification stalls and more. 2000 free parking

spaces on site or easy access via tube or train (free shuttle bus from station to main entrance). Discounted tickets available in advance from 0845 230 5177. Gate admission £15 adults, children age 5 to 14 £5. Ring 01484 452002 or view the website at www.classicshows.org.

February 28th

The **VMCC Jumble** returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet, a little earlier in the year than its normal March date, offering genuine bike jumble and masses of secondhand spares. Opens 9.30am, admission £2

Wednesday 11th March

AJS & Matchless Owners Club (East Berks Section) are holding *An evening with Colin Seeley* at Burnham Cricket Club Taplow Common Road Burnham, Slough, Bucks at 8.00pm.



Tickets are £5 in advance from Gary Jones (01628 636142) or gary@garyjones.vispa.com

March 21st

The **EGP Autojumble** opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 off the M3. Admission £5 or contact 01344 883961 or website www.egp-enterprises.co.uk.

March 22nd

The **Malvern Realclassic Bike Show** is open from 10am to 4pm at the Three Counties Showground at Malvern (J7/8 off the M5 or J1 off M50). Club stands, private entries, all kinds of classics, indoor trade stands and outdoor jumble. Phone 01484 452002 or website www.classicshows.org.

March 29th

The **South of England Realclassic Bike Show** returns to the South of England Showground at Ardingly near Gatwick. Range of awards for various classes plus all entrants go home with a commemorative souvenir. Enter your classic early, because places are limited, or ride along on the day to enjoy the bikes, club stands, autojumble, trade stalls and refreshments. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277.

April 5th

Salisbury MAG hold their 8th **Spring Surprise Bike Show** at Salisbury Livestock Market, Netherhampton Road, Salisbury SP2 8RH. Starts at noon. Everyone an Entrant – Everyone a Judge. Unique trophies, bar, revised catering, prize raffle, cash raffle and trade stands. Contact Dave on 01794 342062 / 07970 363520 or gsdaveuk@hotmail.com

April 11th to 13th

It's the **Easter Steam Rally** at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at Bashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5SZ. See www.sammymiller.co.uk or 01425 620777

2009 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
February			
17 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers, Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
27 th – 28 th	Ally Pally Motorcycle Show at London's Alexandra Palace at Wood Green, N22 7AY	01484 452002	
28 th	VMCC Jumble at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet		
March			
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11 th	AJS & Matchless Club' Evening with Colin Seeley at Burnham Cricket Club	Gary Jones 01628 636142	
17 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers, Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
21 st	EGP Autojumble at Kempton Park Racecourse, Sunbury.	01344 883961	
22 nd	Malvern Realclassic Bike Show at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern	01484 452002	
29 th	South of England Realclassic Bike Show at the South of England Showground, Ardingly near Gatwick	01797 344277	
April			
5 th	Spring Surprise Bike Show at Salisbury Livestock Market, Netherhampton Road, Salisbury SP2 8RH	01794 342062	
11 th – 13 th	Easter Steam Rally at the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum, Bashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5SZ	01425 620777	