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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

16th February 2010



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Thames Valley Branch AGM Report

The Thames Valley Branch AGM was held at the January meeting on 19th January **with** sixteen people attending. The current Committee resigned as required by procedure and with no other candidates were all re-elected.

There are 66 members of the Branch, approximately the same as last year. Less than half of these are active or positively interested as the others simply tick a box on their application although they have no interest in the Branch. Thirteen members are not on email of which only 6 or 7 pay for hard copy of the monthly newsletter.

The new NOC website is up and running. A Forum has been added for exchanges of information. A link to the Thames Valley Branch pages is included.

The main Branch event of 2009, the Swallowfield Show was very successful and a repeat in 2010 is being considered. A run to the Flower Pot at Cheriton was well attended and a visit in 2010 is recommended.

The Secretary appealed for members to send in photos and/ or writes of any trips they make for inclusion in future issues of the Branch Newsletter.

As there is no income from membership the Branch accounts have only expended £20.80 for an award for the Swallowfield show. This leaves a bank balance of £699.06. It was noted that expenses for events that the Branch runs can be claimed from the main club up to £75 without receipts.

Because of his commitment to the NOC Jubilee and personal circumstances the Secretary was unable to organise other events last year and will not be able to organise events in 2010. Possibilities for extra clubnights in 2010 include:

- Swallowfield Show August Bank Holiday
- Flower Pot at Cheriton (date not yet known)
- Visit to a private motorcycle museum is being investigated for a possible summer run

A possible summer runout to meet up with the Surrey Branch is being investigated and will be reported when there is further information.

A volunteer is required to maintain the Thames Valley Branch web pages. The site uses Dreamweaver (Adobe) software. If any member can help or knows of anyone who could assist in this respect please contact the Committee.

Branch Meetings

The Branch evening Social Event will now be held on March 16th at our usual venue The Cricketers at Hayley Green. Please get your names into Tony by 13th March so he can advise numbers to the pub. The menu is quite extensive including several meat, fish, vegetarian and traditional pub dishes together with various starters and desserts.

Forthcoming events

Mothers Day Bikers Event 2010.

Thousands of bikers from throughout the country are planning a spectacular mass ride through Wootton Bassett in Wiltshire on Mothers Day to honour soldiers who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

More than 1,000 riders are expected to ride through the Wiltshire town on **Sunday March 14th** and then gather on the runway at RAF Lyneham. They will there hand over funds raised for the Afghan Heroes charity set up last September by a group of mothers who lost their sons in Afghanistan.

The bikers will descend on Wiltshire from throughout the UK and gather at the Leigh Delamere services on the M4 (Junction 17 - eastbound) before the mass ride through Wootton Bassett to RAF Lyneham at 12 noon where the fallen were repatriated into the UK.

Each rider will pay £5 (on the day) and receive a special commemorative Afghan Heroes wristband, which will be their entry pass to the RAF base.

All proceeds raised from the ride will go to the Afghan Heroes charity, which helps our service personnel in theatre, families of the fallen and our returning troops.

Please go to the web site below, you **MUST** register or you will not be allowed into RAF Lyneham.

<http://www.afghanheroes.org.uk/bikersevent.asp>

Tony's Run

Our Secretary will not be attending Mothers Day Bikers Event on March 14th as he is running in the Reading half marathon that day. If it is for sponsorship consider sponsoring him.

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
February			
16 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
March			
16 th	Thames Valley Club Night and Social evening – now at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed