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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 20th February 2007



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Across Canada on an '88'

On the web site at <http://www.realclassic.co.uk/ridesfiles/rides07021200.html> there are details of a trip across Canada in 2006 by John and Lizzie Powell on a 1962 Norton Dominator 88. The site has a lot of technical details about the machine and its modifications which are summarised and adapted here. For the full story try the site which has lots of interest.

"The frame is Slimline Featherbed and the engine is 497cc plus 60thou rebore. The bike was first registered in 1962 but from engine/frame number it appears the build was end 1960/start 1961. To undertake the trip a number of modifications were made including:

- Twin leading shoe front brake. (Norvil, without air scoop). Rear with Norvil stiffening fitting. Left hand front fork slider is off a later model possibly an Atlas.
- Electrics are still 6 volt with original distributor ignition, but later encapsulated alternator stator. Battery is the hard rubber type normally fit externally on older machines. I find vastly better battery life than with the "see-through" plastic types. A 6 volt halogen 35/35 watt headlamp bulb is used.
- Cylinder block is from an SS. Carburettor is 1 1/16" bore off a model 99 (600cc version), jetted as for "99".



- Original timing side cover with internal oil pressure relief valve has been replaced by the type used earlier, and later, with an external pressure valve. Norvil's magnetic sump plug with small central drain plug. In-line oil filter fitted.
- "Hagon" rear suspension units, replaced again autumn 2005. Original would probably have been Armstrong.
- Luggage rack roughly modelled on period rack, though the teak slats are probably unique among Nortons. Hikers' first aid kit attached to frame.
- Avonaire "Dolphin" fairing, though not originally off this machine, is from a Featherbed Norton. Flashing turn signals and an additional cycle type speedo fitted set to read in km.
- Oil and fuel tanks epoxy lined.
- Conical (Tapered) steering head bearings.
- Tyres Avon AM20 front, AM18 rear.
- Twistgrip movement marked in quarters with white "Tippex" "

The full story of John and Lizzie's adventure appears in print in the March 2007 issue of Real Classic magazine (RC35).

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2007 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
February			
Tues 20 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
March			
Sun 11 th	Malvern Real Classic Bike Show at 3 Counties Showground		
Sat 17 th	Autojumble at Kempton Park		
Tues 20 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Sun 25 th	South of England Classic Bike show at Ardingly (near Gatwick)		
Sat/ Sun 31 st / April 1st	AJS/ Matchless Club (Newbury) Westward Ho! Reliability Run from Stockcross near Newbury (NOTE: starts at Midnight)		
April			
Sun 8th	Reading MAG Bike show at Abbey RFC, Emmer Green		
Tues 17th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Sat/ Sun 28 th / 29th	27 th International Classic Bike Show at Stafford County Showground		
May			
Sat 12 th	Southern Classic Bike Show at Kempton Park		
Tues 15th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed