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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

20th July 2010



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Forthcoming events

July 24th

The special tenth anniversary Calne Motorcycle Meet is scheduled to fill Calne town centre in Wiltshire from 10am to 4pm with veteran, vintage and special interest bikes; ride ins and ride outs, plus helmet bar, trade stalls, bike jumble and other stalls, bands and entertainment all day, food and refreshments, family fun. If you'd like to get involved then please contact them via [calnemotorcycleevent at tiscali.co.uk](http://calnemotorcycleevent.atiscali.co.uk) or 07816758741.

July 31st

There's an autojumble and bike extravaganza at Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum Swanwick Lane, Bursledon, near Southampton. Opens 9.30am. Phone 07866 763934 for details
 The Berkshire Branch of the Triumph Owners Club host their Classic And Custom Motorcycle Show at Reading Abbey Rugby Club, Reading. Starts noon, admission £3, 0118 978 8113

August 8th

It's VMCC Day at the Ace Café in North London. Join VMCC members displaying their bikes. Details on www.vmcc.net.
 The White Dove Collectors Transport Show is at the Kingsley Sports Ground, Sickles Lane, Kingsley, near Bordon in Hampshire. Over 400 entries of classic cars, motorcycles, commercials and military vehicles will be present. Numerous classes for any unique, modified or interesting bikes and vehicles, with trophies awarded to the winners. There will be a motorcycle ride out, live musical entertainment and a barbecue. Club House facilities are available. Trade stands and autojumble. All proceeds go to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.
 Contact whitedoveevents@hotmail.co.uk

August 14th

Bill Little once again invites you to join his classic ride-in with autojumble, great food, live music and more throughout the day. Admission is free; classic bikes welcome to park in the yard (sin bin for all others!) with barbecue, pork roast and excellent entertainment, all at Oak Farm, Braydon, near Swindon SN5 0AG. Phone 01666 860577 or see www.classicbikesuk.com.
 The Cheltenham autojumble opens 10am at Cheltenham Racecourse. Refreshments, free parking, and bike jumble. Admission £3.50. 01543 572583

August 15th

The Taunton autojumble returns to Taunton Racecourse. Refreshments, free parking, and heaps of good bike jumble. Opens 10am. Admission £2.50. 01543 572583
 There's a bikejumble at the Sammy Miller Museum in New Milton, Hants. Phone 07762 131276 for details
 The Cranleigh Lions Classic Car Show & autojumble opens from 9am to 4.30pm at the Cranleigh Showground. Free entry for classic vehicles, driver and one passenger. Entry costs £5 for adults, under 16s free. Show programme is £2. There is plenty of free parking on Cranleigh Showground. Arena events, food, live music, stall holders, and Brooklands Museum display. Proceeds to charity.
 See www.cranleighlions.org/classiccarshow.

August 21st and 22nd

The Bluebell Railway in Sussex hosts their annual Vintage Transport Weekend. There will be steam trains, classic cars and traction engines, along with a motorcycle section. Free entry to the show, and discount railway tickets for exhibitors. See www.bluebell-railway.co.uk or download entry forms from <http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/events/vintage/vintage10.html>.

August 22nd

The Motorcycle Mega-Meet returns to Popham Airfield near Basingstoke from 10am. Free entry for pre-booked display bikes over 30 years old (send SAE for a pass). Clubs welcome to display in the marquee. Great facilities inc beer tent and full catering, plus light aircraft, trade stalls, autojumble, etc. 01256 397733 or see www.popham-airfield.co.uk

August 30th

The London Motorcycle Museum hosts its all day breakfast, with access to all museum halls packed with some extremely unusual old bikes, including many one-off prototypes from the BSA-Triumph years, plus local heritage displays, gift shop and such. All at Ravenor Farm on Oldfield Lane in Greenford, a few minutes from the A40. Admission £8 adults includes a slap-up feed and hot drinks. Opens 10am; hot food available from around midday. Call 020 8575 6644 or see www.london-motorcycle-museum.org.

August 29th and 30th

Don't forget the Branch stand at the Swallowfield show this weekend. Details from Beryl or see www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk. If you plan to take your Norton (or any other make I suppose!) you will need to register it with the organisers before the end of July.

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Editor's musings

In the good weather following the Surrey Branch's Brooklands event I took the Commando out a few days later but I completely misjudged the level of fuel in the tank and came to a spluttering stop at the entrance to The Pound in Cookham. The fuel reserve managed to get me only 200 yards so I ended up pushing the bike back towards Maidenhead. Having struggled for about a mile – it seemed like 10 – I was resting before the next push when 2 members of the Triumph Owners club, Martin and Stuart from Gerards Cross, stopped to render assistance. One stayed by the bike while the other took me to find a (un)suitable container and on return drained some juice from his Bonneville tank which was enough to see me to the garage at Furze Platt for a refill. I am indebted to them – thanks guys.
 Shortly after my unplanned exercise I realised that the bike was overdue for its MOT. For other vehicles I've usually had a reminder from the test station that the test is due but not this. Just shows one needs to keep a good diary. I felt the bike was in good enough nick to pass so I booked in for the test. Out came the failure certificate. Handlebar grips were not secure (although you need to be quite determined to remove them but a small amount of Evostick made sure for the retest), both tyres on the wrong way round (totally wrong - the tester admitted when pointed out to him that he hadn't read the tyre wall details accurately!) and the idling speed changed as the steering was moved round. The latter was solved by removing all the cable ties I had used to clip the cable back out of the way leaving a big loop of cable in 'fresh air' which the tester readily admitted was only correct at the time of test and could easily be clipped back as soon as leaving the test station!
 Just shows how attentive one has to be in these situations.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
July			
20 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
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17 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
29 th / 30 th	Branch stand at the Swallowfield Show	Beryl Skinner	Confirmed