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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

18th May 2010



Forthcoming events

May 22nd

The Surrey Branch of the NOC is organizing a Norton meeting at Brooklands and all Nortons are very welcome. The famous test hill will be available (weather permitting) for one hour in the afternoon. From the top of the test hill you make your way down to the original race track and ride along the banking for about 150 yards before returning to try the test hill again. Open from 10:00 am to 05:00 pm.

May 28th – 30th

Solent Branch camping weekend

For anyone that is interested in going to the Flower Pot at Cheriton at the end of the month, below are some details.

It is always a good event and close enough to just pop in for the day (this is what Tony is intending to do on the Saturday).

It is very much a family event so if you want to bring children or grandchildren along for a game of rounders or similar then please do.

You don't need to book for Cheriton, just turn up and pitch your tents and drink beer! Tony George & family tend to put their tents at the top of the hill but that's further from the pub. We camp at the bottom of the hill but don't put your tent right next to the fence as that is where the cars park (a sort of over-flow car-park for the pub). At some point in the weekend you can pay the pub for the camping fees, which are very low (about £5 a night if I remember correctly). Whilst talking of pub 'rules' we really need to take care please to not burn the turf with hot pans or open fires. Paul (the publican) is very fond of his grass field and last year some of were naughty and left burnt patches. Also, we must make sure that we clean the BBQ after using it. We didn't do this last year, which was not fair of us. The pub has been very kind to us over the years so let's not spoil that.

There is no programme as such, but having said that, what we tend to do is:

Friday 28th There is food available at the pub but it can be slow service if they are busy so you may wish to cook your own or ride to a nearby pub or go into Winchester such as *The Tichborn Arms* (about 3 miles away) for a meal then get back and start drinking beer.

Saturday 29th after a slow start (some people go to Loomies for breakfast at West Meon Hut) we normally go for a ride, this has been a Mystery Tour organised by Barry Stickland (Thames Valley Branch) for the last 2 years. Then it's back to Cheriton for a game of rounders with loads of kids roped in if the weather is good. This is great fun actually for kids, women and all of us. If the weather is good we will have a Solent BBQ for which the food may be provided by the Branch or we may ask people to bring some meat, bread and salad etc. Check your emails nearer the time for this. For those who want to hang around at the pub (instead of the ride) you can do just

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that and then meet the various people who just turn up mid-afternoon to say hello. After the games and BBQ the George family usually provides some live music which is fun and good. We get lots of attention from the other campers during this as they can see the fun we're having and usually want to join in which is fine!

Sunday 30th is clearing and packing up time then it's home to re-pack the tents and do all the washing - you know the score!

May 30th

Classic and British Bike Day at the Ace Café, North Circular Road, Stonebridge. Special guests will include Stuart Garner and Chris Walker of Norton Motorcycles (UK) with the new Commando.

June 6th

Classic Vehicle Show and autojumble near Petersfield, at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, from 10am to 4pm located on the A3 with easy access and free public car parking on site. Organised by the South Hants Vehicle Preservation Society. Over 250 cars, commercials, motorcycles and military vehicles of all shapes, sizes and makes dating from 1903 to 1986. Full refreshment and catering facilities, licensed bar, brass band, fairground organ, punch and judy, children's roundabout, toilets and first aid facilities. Over 150 autojumble stalls. Adults £4, under 16s free.

Jun 11th – June 13th

The NOC National Rally will be held at the Coast View Holiday Park, Shaldon, Torquay in Devon.

Programme

Friday: Site opens midday. Evening meal and entertainment available.

Saturday: Poker run with cash prize taking in local attractions followed by Devon cream tea back at the site. Evening meal, entertainment and prize giving.

Sunday: Run taking in local views and places of interest across Dartmoor with lunch stop on route. In the early evening there will be a little competition at the pitch and putt course.

Entertainment includes cabarets and disco or relaxing bar area. Chalets and caravans are fully equipped and are of a reasonable rate if a group booking is made to share accommodation. i.e. couples or Branch groups.

For bookings and site enquiries:- Coast View Holiday Park, Torquay Road, Shaldon, TQ14 0BG. Tel 01626 872392.

June 20th

The 62nd Banbury Run returns to the Motor Heritage Centre at Gaydon, with 600 entrants on machines manufactured before 1931 following three different routes to converge at the site. Spectators pay £6 admission which includes the Heritage Motor Museum plus autojumble, club displays etc. See www.banbury-run.co.uk

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
May			
18 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
22 nd	Surrey Branch 'Nortons at Brooklands'	Nigel Heugh	Confirmed
28 th – 30 th	Solent Branch camping weekend at Cheriton	Ann Nicholls	Confirmed
June			
11 th – 13 th	NOC National Rally at Coast View Holiday Park, Shaldon, Torquay in Devon	Brian Harriss 01376 512549	Confirmed
15 th	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed