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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 16th May 2006



<http://www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org/>

Branch Sunday Morning Breakfast Run.

“This will be on the **21st of this month** and will leave from the Cricketers at 9:00 the aim is to do about an hours run, stop for a cuppa and a bacon sandwich and be back home in time for Sunday lunch thus not upsetting family plans too much. This first run may be a fairly sedate affair as I intend to use the Navigator so any guys with the slightly slower machines should come along. If anyone has any good ideas for a venue or a route then I would very much appreciate a call (07831 266236) or email at the usual address. Also if anyone has any thoughts about alternative starting points for a run rather than the Cricketers that may enthuse more people then please let me know.”

I hope to see more than the usual 3 or 4 bikes. *Tony Ripley*

The Branch went on an evening run a few years back in pouring rain to Alton Station. The café in the station forecourt served magnificent butties. I don't know if the café opens on Sunday – it didn't used to but may have changed. Possibly the food has changed too. As an alternative I would suggest Alresford Station. The West Country Buffet on the station would certainly be open by 10 o'clock and if sunny, or at least dry, one could take advantage of the seats outside and watch the comings and goings of Mid Hants steam trains, many of which are older than our bikes! *Ed*

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2005/ 2006 Events

<u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u>			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
May			
Tues 16 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Saturday 20 th	Annual Solent/TV Skittles bash at the French Horn Alton.	Barry Stickland	Provisional
Saturday 20 th	Norton Motors Open Day at Rugeley, Staffs		
Sunday 21 st	Sunday Morning Breakfast Run	Tony Ripley	
June			
3 rd / 4 th	Joint visit with Bristol Branch to Sammy Miller's Museum	Tony Ripley	Proposed
23 rd -25 th	Oxford Reunion Rally	Oxford Branch	
Tues 27 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
September			
23 rd / 24 th	Norton Day and camping weekend	Shropshire Branch	

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Pristine 1961 Standard Model Navigator – probably Terry Brock's machine – but apologies to the owner if it isn't!

As Tony is planning to ride his Navigator on the Breakfast Run on 21st May and the model still appears to be very much in the background of Norton favourites I thought it would be useful to include the following notes:

“Introduced at the 1960 Earls Court Show in Standard and De Luxe versions, the Navigator is a larger version of the Jubilee, easily recognised by the Roadholder forks and an 8" Dominator front brake. It had revised frame geometry for extra strength and a cylinder block cast in one piece, compared with the Jubilee's two separate castings; although both models had two part cylinder heads. Early versions had a two tone paint job, dove grey / black on the De Luxe and dove grey / blue on the Standard. From October 1962, the Standard's colour options were changed to black and polychromatic blue, black seats with white piping were fitted, and after the move to Plumstead in 1963, production of the De Luxe ceased at the end of that year. Wider front forks were fitted and a steering lock, before the last Navigator came off the production line in 1965.

The top speed is just under 90 m.p.h. with petrol consumption in the mid '50s or better.”