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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

17<sup>th</sup> May 2005



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## We've all been there?

With the change in job I've had little time for either bike recently so it was a great disappointment when I got the Commando out of the garage a few weeks ago to find it misfiring on the left hand cylinder. Even after a warm up run with a good deal of backfiring on the overrun, the misfire at low revs persisted. Right, I thought, a plan of action called for. The plugs look a bit tired so in go the new Champions – gap looks about right. Fire up but the problem remains. Recheck plugs – gap looks right but I'll get the feeler gauge out anyway. What looked right is actually in excess of 80thou. Big whoops. Make correction and reassemble but the problem remains the same and I've run out of time again. Just shows you can't take anything for granted – answer is 'Read The F\*\*\*ing Manual' !! Next job will be to get the Colortune out and check the mixture – suspect now is the carburettor, particularly the pilot jet as the problem is worse at low revs. I just hope I can get it fixed and the new rear wheel installed in time for some good weather riding and particularly Norton Day in July ....

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## NOC Summer Party And Norton Day

To be held on the 8th./9th. July 2005 at the Dean Forest Railway, Lydney, Glos. The Forest of Dean is not just a place, but also a way of life. You are invited to come to the Summer Party and Norton Day to enjoy the experience. This event will be organised on the same lines as last year's, starting on the Saturday afternoon at the Orepool Inn on the B4228 between Coleford and Chepstow. The inn offers both overnight camping and B and B accommodation. There will be a ride out around the Forest on the Saturday afternoon.

Sunday will be 'Norton Day' itself with business as usual and based at the Dean Forest Railway near Norchard on the B4234 just North of Lydney. Entry to the event will be free to anyone arriving on a Norton.



The DFR website has the following entry in their events page for that weekend.

### **“9<sup>th</sup> July Diesel Haulage Day**

Special day for diesel loco enthusiasts, with passenger services being hauled by our mainline diesel locos plus Class 108 Diesel Multiple Unit. (No pre-booking)

### **10<sup>th</sup> July Norton Motorcycle Owners' Club Rally**

See a fine display of Norton Motorcycles in our Norchard Steam Centre car park. (No pre-booking)

The Dean Forest Railway is based at Norchard, on the B4234 Forest Road between Lydney and Whitecroft. All our trains start from here. Norchard is the site of a former colliery and power station. We have two platforms, the second - 'Norchard High Level' - has recently been built on the branch line to

Parkend, a separate line which is accessible via a point at Middle Forge, south of Norchard. This platform allows visitors greater flexibility in their travel plans around the Dean Forest Railway.”

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## **NOC NATIONAL RALLY 2005**

3rd. - 5th. June 2005 at East Mersea Youth Camp and Activity Centre, Mersea Island, Essex.

Features include:

- Friday night disco evening
- All day catering Saturday
- 'Poker Run'
- Various accommodation options
- Licensed bar with extended hours
- Trophies for the best presented bike in various categories
- Saturday live music from 'The Flying Saucers'
- Historical places of interest and Country Park

Never been to the NOC National Rally? Jeremy Nicholls describes what to expect:

“I thought I'd explain about NOC rallies, in an effort to convince a few new faces to come along.

Basically, if you like (a) talking about Nortons; (b) riding them; (c) having a party; (d) camping (optional, as you can use local accommodation) then you'll love a Norton Owners Club rally. They are great fun! Everything gets going on the Friday with people arriving throughout the afternoon and evening, comparing notes on their journeys and bikes and saying hello to fellow Noccers. Once the tents are up, it's time to climb onto the outside of a few beers and enjoy the live band in the clubhouse. Friday nights are always enjoyable as everyone relaxes and gets into the party mood.

Saturday morning comes along all too soon and breakfasts are used to restore body with mind. Eventually, we put on our bike gear, start up the bikes and the ride starts as we rumble off to enjoy the local roads and scenery. Once back to the campsite, it's more of the usual chat about all things Norton.”

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## **2005 Events**

<b><u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>May</b>			
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
<b>June</b>			
Fri/ Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	NOC National Rally at Mersea Island, Essex		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club meet with the new Oxford Branch.		<b>T.B.C.</b>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	ACE Café organised Banbury Run Ride-Out	Ace Cafe	<b>T.B.C.</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
<b>July</b>			
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night		
Sat/ Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	NOC Norton Day at the Dean Forest Railway, Lydney, Gloucestershire	NOC	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	70's Bikes Day with Classic Bike Magazine at the Ace Cafe	Ace Cafe	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
<b>August</b>			
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night		
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	The Lucas (Prince of Darkness) Rally at Hannasleiren, Norway		
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	
<b>September</b>			
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Extra club night		
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Chris Norton	

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