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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING  
 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012**



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**Events**

Quite an improvement in the weather the last month but I suppose the Olympics might have put off riding out for some!

Here are a few events to consider for a ride out in what remains of the summer !

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Motorcycle Mega-Meet returns to Popham Airfield near Basingstoke from 10am. Free entry for prebooked 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. Admission £6 adults, £4 seniors. 01256 397733 or see [www.popham-airfield.co.uk](http://www.popham-airfield.co.uk) (This sounds like a good event for a club run - Ed)

There's a VMCC Sprint at RAF Wroughton near Swindon. Entries welcome from classic and modern machines. Special offer for first time riders: you need your bike, leathers and ACU gold sticker helmet. See [www.vmccsprint.co.uk](http://www.vmccsprint.co.uk) or phone 01425 485133 before 9pm.

**August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>**

There's a photo exhibition of motorsport on the Isle of Man, featuring TT, Manx and other two- and four-wheeled competition. Opens 9am to 5pm at the Hodgson Loom Gallery, Laxey Woollen Mills, Laxey, with free admission (but donation to helicopter fund welcome). Opens 9am. Easy parking; gallery on first floor of mill. Phone 01624 862238 or email [amulree@mcb.net](mailto:amulree@mcb.net) for details.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Rudgwick Steam & Country Show takes place the Showground at Rudgwick on the A281 near Guildford. Call 01403 822378 or see [www.rudgwicksteamshow.co.uk](http://www.rudgwicksteamshow.co.uk) for details.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**

The London Motorcycle Museum hosts an all-day breakfast and Hurricane Day with the TR3OC. Opens 11am to 4pm at Ravenor Farm, Oldfield Lane, Greenford, with displays of over 150 classic machines including many rare or unique prototypes from the old industry. Admission £8 includes food plus local history centre, free parking, tea-room, etc. Just five minutes from the A40. 0208 575 6644 or [www.london-motorcycle-museum.org](http://www.london-motorcycle-museum.org)

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**

The 2012 MANX GP Reunion hosted by the Norton Owners Club, will be held at the Shore Hotel, Laxey from 3pm to 6pm. As well as the usual display of gorgeous heretage race & road machines there will be a BBQ. See [www.nortonownersclub.org](http://www.nortonownersclub.org) for details.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

Autumn Steam Gala on the Mid Hants Railway (The Watercress Line) featuring Southern Railway locomotive designs by R.E.L. Maunsell. Intensive passenger service on the 3 days plus demonstration goods and breakdown trains. Good destination for a rideout.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**

It's Classic Vehicle Day at the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, with classic cars, motorcycles and commercials on free display at this authentically restored railway operating with 1950s diesel railcars and preserved main-line steam locomotives. See [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com) or 01242 621405

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Kop Hill Climb near Princes Risborough celebrates the first historic run up this hill back in 1910. More pre-war and road-legal entrants very welcome to join last year's 400 entrants in this untimed and relaxed event. Extremely popular with spectators; club groups welcome to gather in the paddock. For details see [www.kophillclimb.info](http://www.kophillclimb.info).

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five mins from J1 off the M3. Admission £5. [www.egp-enterprises.co.uk](http://www.egp-enterprises.co.uk) / 01344 883961.

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**ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL WEEKEND 2012**

Don't forget the dates for this year's IOW hotel weekend are 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The hotel will be Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel 4-6 Queens Road Shanklin PO37 6AN, phone 01983 862596. There will be ride outs as usual for the Saturday and Sunday. They are offering 25 rooms in a mixture of doubles, twins, singles and possibly family. They have a heated swimming pool a dance floor and a good size lounge for all to sit together and also a quiet lounge. They are providing entertainment for the Saturday evening. The suggestion is B&B and evening meal which consists of 3 courses + tea or coffee. The rates are £49.00pppn = £98.00 for the two nights each B&B+Dinner. They can also arrange ferry travel for motorbike rider and pillion for £36.00.

If interested, people should book themselves with the hotel and please mention **Norton Owners Club** to get the **discount**. At time of booking they will need a deposit of £100.00 per room Or £50.00 for single room.

Anything you need to know regarding the hotel please ring them direct. Anything else you would like to know about the weekend you can contact Graeme or myself on 01983 400481 or email [g.mudge5863@googlemail.com](mailto:g.mudge5863@googlemail.com)

I hope this sounds ok and you will join us again for a lovely weekend. Lesley & Graeme Mudge.

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**Editor's Musings**

Been working on my brother's Bantam recently and have replaced the fuel pipe and some bits of the Monobloc carb. I've had it running but not yet long enough to warm through and make any adjustments. Then its MOT time – not quite old enough to miss it. I will be pleased when I can swap it back for my Navigator which Alan is dealing with the gearbox layshaft bush replacement which I didn't get quite right when I tried it.

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**Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar**

Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>August</b>			
21 <sup>st</sup> (not 16 <sup>th</sup> )	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
28 <sup>th</sup>	Manx GP Reunion hosted by the Norton Owners Club, at the Shore Hotel, Laxey.		
<b>September</b>			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Isle of Wight hotel weekend at Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel, Shanklin	Lesley & Graeme Mudge	