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Events

Not an event in the usual sense but our congratulations to Rocket Ron (Fromant) on celebrating his 80th birthday just before Christmas. Hope that doesn't slow you down!! It's that time of year again when there not many events but here are a few that take us up to the season opener at Bristol.

January 13th

The Kidlington Auto Jumble returns to the warm and cosy Exeter Halls, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1AB (A4260 on the Oxford to Banbury Road). Admission £3 with concessions. 10am – 2pm. Full map & details at www.woodclass.com or call 07968 080990.

January 26th

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. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

February 10th

The Gordon Jackson Trial hosted by the Sunbeam MCC is at Bagshot Heath. Phone 07885 660939 or see <http://sunbeam-mcc.co.uk> for details

February 16th and 17th

The Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Giant indoor show. Guest of honour Sammy Miller. Hundreds of bikes on display on club stands; private entries also welcome to compete for a range of trophies and highly commended awards (entry form from the web site). Tickets from £10 in advance (more on the gate) from 01507 529529 or see www.classicbikeshows.co.uk.

March 2nd

The giant VMCC Bikejumble returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Excellent value event with over 450 stalls in three halls packed with genuine old bike jumble plus trade stalls selling new spares and accessories. Outdoor stalls often have plenty of interesting 'barn fresh' bits. Complete bikes for sale too. Opens 9.30 to 4pm. Free parking, good refreshments and licensed bar. Admission £2. Contact Dave on 01934 820657 or see www.vmccsomerst.co.uk

March 10th

The South of England RealClassic Motorcycle Show And Bikejumble opens at 10am at the South of England Showground near Ardingly RH17 6TL, close to Gatwick. Big displays of British, European, Japanese and American classics: extra indoor space for the club displays, trade stands and autojumble stalls. Plus free parking on firm ground, bring your bike to sell, garage clear-outs welcome. All pre-booked display bikes go home with a souvenir plus have the chance to win one of the

handsome awards across a range of categories. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277.

March 23rd

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. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

March 24th

The Pioneer Run starts 8am at Tattenham Corner on Epsom Down, when 400 pre-1915 motorcycles will travel to Brighton, arriving from lunchtime until 3pm. 01293 771446 or <http://sunbeam-mcc.co.uk/pioneer>.

The Club has organised the Pioneer Run since 1930, this immediately established itself as the premier event for pre-1915 veteran machines. However the start has been moved from the 1930 venue at Croydon Aerodrome, firstly to the railway yard at Tattenham Corner, Epsom, then to Weybridge for 1936 and finally back to Tattenham Corner.

Just for once in 1954 it was also started from Westminster, however the finish has usually been on Madeira Drive, Brighton, but one-off finishes were Peacehaven and Paris!

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Editor's Apology

Due to absence elsewhere I will not be able to produce a newsletter for the February meeting. I hope you won't be too disappointed! In the meantime enjoy this novel Norton inspired beer dispenser.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
January 2013			
15 th	Thames Valley Branch Special Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross. Talk by Andy the Chain Man to be confirmed.	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
February			
19 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed