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NEXT BRANCH MEETING
18th May 2013



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Events

The Surrey section of the NOC hosted a **NORTON BROOKLANDS** Day on June 9th. I couldn't go this year due to family commitments. If anyone went from the Branch photos and/or a brief report for the next newsletter would be appreciated.

At the annual Brooklands Norton Day, not only is there access to the excellent Brooklands Museum, but you can show your bike inside the famous Members enclosure and take your Norton on the famous Brooklands banking and up "Test Hill."

The Test Hill is a fairly gentle 1 in 8 for most of its length but steepens to a challenging 1 in 4 at the top! Then there's a lovely downhill section on to the famous Brooklands Banking - a quick dash through the Car Park and why not go again!

If you've not been before make space in your diaries for 2014.

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June 15th

There's a Bonhams Auction of pioneer, veteran and vintage motorcycles close to the Banbury Run which takes place on June 16th. Sale is at Banbury Rd, Shipton on Cherwell, Kidlington. See www.bonhams.com

The VMCC's vintage training day at the Motor Heritage Centre at Gaydon allows newcomers to learn to ride hand-change and girder fork machines under supervision from their owners. Entry forms from www.vmcc.net, and all part of the giant Banbury Run weekend; www.banbury-run.co.uk

June 16th

The VMCC's Banbury Run returns to the Motor Heritage Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire. New routes and checkpoints for the 600 entrants on motorcycles made before 1931.

The Norton Owners Club will be there with a display of very old Nortons to dispel the oft quoted rumour that the NOC is a Commmando-only club. Some Nortons will be entered in the runs. Huge autojumble; masses to see and do all day. See www.banbury-run.co.uk

The annual Ride of Respect travels from Carterton to Brize Norton, between 9am and midday. Around 10,000 riders expected to pay their respects to the military personnel who serve in Afghanistan. Fund-raiser for the Royal British Legion.

June 19th

It's Shiny Bike Night from 7pm at The Plough at Cadsden, Princes Risborough Bucks HP27 0NB. Classic bike concours event with lots of prizes, raffle, music. Great country setting. Friendly staff, good beer. Food available & accommodation. Organised by the Bucks British & Classic MCC. See www.bbcmcc.freeuk.com or phone 07940 492348.

June 21st to June 23rd

Bristol Branch 50th Anniversary Rally is being held at Keynsham Rugby Club BS31 2BE.

Camping available with food and bar on site and a rideout taking place on Saturday. Details from Andy Sochanik, 12, Cloverlea Rd, Bristol, BS30 8LF, phone 07765957362 or email andysoc@aol.com.

June 29th

The Royal Berkshire Branch of the TOMCC host an Old Motorcycle Gathering at Burghfield Community Sports Association, James's Lane, Reading. Opens 11am to 5pm, open to all marques up to 1972 and ridden in. Wide range of classes & trophies, snacks and real ales; free entry. Phone 0118 9701466 or see www.berkshiretomcc.org.uk

July 13th and 14th

The VMCC's Festival Of 1000 Bikes returns to Mallory Park, and gives enthusiasts the opportunity to ride their own machines in multiple track sessions over the weekend. The Saturday caters for all classes of road machines from the earliest veterans through to machines of the superbike era. With lesser noise restrictions, Sunday is the day for riders to display their racing machinery in special track sessions running throughout the day. Throughout the weekend there are also Past Masters parades (see Wayne Gardner on a works Honda; Trevor Nation, Terry Rymer and Steve Spray on rotary Nortons, and many more famous faces on fabulous machines), Pre 65 Trials, historic Grass Track, historic Sprint Demo, the Avenue of Clubs display, trade Stands and autojumble, real ale, live music, Stars on Stage and more. Track sessions have now all sold out. See www.festivalof1000bikes.co.uk

July 27th

Branch event: visit Norton Motorcycles at Castle Donington. Arrive 10:30, Coffee, show round the place, Q and A session. Maybe (just maybe) get a once around the block on a 961. Tony suggests from his place is it a little over 2 hours but Motorway nearly all the way. He will be going on the Commmando, in order to break the journey a little and giving a place for us to meet suggests meeting at the M40 Junction 10 Cherwell Valley Services at 9:00 His route is going to be M4, A34, M42, A42, A453.

Feel free to travel by any means, Norton, other motorcycles or even 4 wheels. If anyone wants to come or if you are going to drop out having previously expressed interest, please let Tony know as soon as possible. The address is:

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
June			
18 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
21 st - 23 rd	Bristol Branch 50 th Anniversary Rally Keynsham Rugby Club, Bristol	Andy Sochanik	Confirmed
July			
16 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
27 th	Branch visit to Norton Motorcycles – see above	Tony Ripley	Confirmed