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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

17th May 2011



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Peter Allen

Club Member Peter Allen passed away recently after a battle with cancer. Linda Allen has written to the Branch:

"Just in case you have not heard I have sad news I'm afraid. My wonderful, beloved Peter died on Thursday 28th April after a 5 month battle with Mesothelioma. He was very courageous throughout his debilitating illness and never uttered a word of self pity. He only worried about me and his family and how we would cope when he was gone. He kept his wonderful sense of humour to the end and we are all devastated to have lost him. He was 68 a week before the end and enjoyed a 12 piece jazz band party in his garden at home with relatives and a few friends. He was not strong enough to dance but his feet did not stop tapping!

If any of you are able to attend his last ride the motorcycle outfit will take him to Easthamstead Crematorium (RG40 3DW) at 2.30pm on the 19th May. It will be escorted by many of his family on motorcycles from Chamberlain Gardens. Friends riding motorcycles will gather at the British Legion car park in Arborfield at 2pm ready to join in behind as he passes. He will lead a rideout one last time. The service will be at 3.15pm at the Crematorium followed by a farewell do at the Flavell Banqueting Suite, Sindlesham Court, Mole Rd, Sindlesham RG41 5EA. All are very welcome.

No flowers please but a donation to Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance would be appreciated."

The Branch offers sincere condolences to Peter's family.

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Surrey Branch

May 21st sees Surrey Branch Norton Open Day at Brooklands from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Their now annual event takes place at the famous former circuit with the opportunity to ride the test hill. More details to follow from Surrey Branch. Note that Southern Classic Bike Show & Autojumble is also on this day. Phone EGP Enterprises on 01344 883961.

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Other events

May 14th and 15th

The BMF Show returns to the East of England Showground near Peterborough. Concours, trade displays, live entertainment, etc. Tickets £17 per day on the gate; £38 for weekend camping, discounts for prebooking from 0844 884 5151.

The Beaulieu Spring Autojumble is at the National Motor Museum in the New Forest in Hants. Tickets from £9 per day. Phone 01590 612345 for details.

May 21st

At the same time as the Surrey Branch Norton Day at Brooklands there is the Southern Classic Bike Show and EGP Autojumble which opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Indoor show with classic clubs and private entries. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 off the M3. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

May 20th to 22nd

The Norton Owners' Club hosts **NORTON DAY** as part of their Summer Party at Abbots Bromley near Lichfield. You need to prebook for the full weekend of camping, rides and entertainment, or just go along for the Sunday to Norton Day itself which is being held at Chasewater Light Railway. Admission on the Sunday is free. See <http://www.nortonownersclub.org/events/summer-party-and-norton-day-2011> or call 01889 881876

May 22nd

The Surrey Classic Car & Motorcycle Show opens 10am at Loseley Park, Guildford. Autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. Admission £7. 01484 667776 or download form at ClassicShows Bike Entry Form, or see www.classicshows.org.

June 18th

The Berkshire Branch of the Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club host an Old Motorcycle Gathering from 11am to 5pm. This is open to all marques up to 1972 which are ridden in to Burghfield Community Sports Association, James's Lane, Burghfield, Reading, RG30 3RS. Wide range of classes and trophies, snacks and real ales. Free entry. Donations welcome to Air Ambulance. Phone 01635 31169 or 07581 840169.

June 22nd

The Bucks British & Classic MCC host Shiny Bike Night (*lets me out then!* - Ed) at the Plough at Cadsden, near Princes Risborough, HP27 0NB, from 7pm onwards. Trophies for several categories, raffle. Delightful country setting, good beer and food. Contact Dermot on 0794 0492348 or see www.bbcmcc.freeuk.com.

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Editor's musings

Well the Commando did need a new battery and I now make sure I keep the new one on the Optimate when not in use. The clutch is much improved after cleaning and further adjustment and I am getting some confidence back riding the bike. I've just exchanged machines (temporarily) with my brother; he is going to sort out the Navigator's gearbox while I sort out his Bantam D7's electrics! He still doesn't own a Norton!!

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
May 2011			
17 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
21 st	Surrey Branch Norton Open Day at Brooklands		Confirmed
20 th to 22 nd	Summer Party and Norton Day at Abbots Bromley near Lichfield	nortonday@nortonownersclub.org	Confirmed
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