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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2011**



**New monthly meeting location**

A temporary new monthly meeting place has been confirmed. It is at The Swan located at Three Mile Cross just south of Reading (M4 Junction 11). Address is The Swan at Three Mile Cross Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, Reading, Berks, RG7 1AT, telephone 0118 988 3674.

**Events**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Classic Motorbike Show returns to the NEC in Birmingham alongside the Classic Motor Show and Top Gear Live. It features club stands and private displays, special guests, jumble and bikes for sale. Combined tickets start at £17.50 or bike-show only tickets from £10 prebooked (up to £25 on the door, plus parking). Saturday and Sunday are usually cheaper than Friday. For details phone 0844 854 1354.

The NOC will have its stand there and there will also be an autojumble. Visitors can purchase tickets for just The Classic Motorbike Show or can buy a combined ticket that will give entry to the Classic Motor Show as well.

The opening times have been extended this year and the show stays open until 19.00 on Friday and Saturday. NOC Members can obtain discounted tickets for entry to either the Classic Motorbike Show or to both this and the Classic Motor Show.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

There's an autojumble at the NRA Bisley, organised by the Brooklands section of the VMCC. Phone 01483 424121 for details.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

It's Classic Night at the Ace Café on London's North Circular Road, rockers and café racers. From 9pm to 11pm. Phone 0208 961 1000, or see [ace-cafe-london.com](http://ace-cafe-london.com).

**December 3rd**

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

**December 11th**

The Christmas Toy Run meets at the Ace Café from 7am to depart at 10.30am, visiting the children's wards of London hospitals, all are welcome to bring gifts of games and toys, wrapped and labelled for age groups and gender. Please note that sweets cannot be given to children in hospital, but can be given to the nursing staff! Prizes awarded for the Best Dressed Bike and Best Dressed Rider. Phone 0208 961 1000 or see [www.acecafeevents.com](http://www.acecafeevents.com).

**December 18th**

The Ace Café's Paws N' Claws Run meets at the cafe from 7am to depart at 10.30am, to attend the Mayhew Animal Home in Kensal Rise, NW10, which this year celebrates its 125th anniversary. Entirely funded by and dependent upon public support, the Mayhew welcomes all to bring gifts, to include towels,

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blankets (used as bedding) as well as pet food and treats for cats and dogs. Phone 0208 961 1000 or see [www.acecafeevents.com](http://www.acecafeevents.com).

**December 26th**

The Oxford Section Vintage Motor Cycle Club hosts their Ron Amey Trial from 29m, for pre-65 and pre-84 twin-shock machines. Day membership is available. Takes place at Rockley Copse, Besselsleigh, Oxford (Signposted off A420). Contact Celia, on 01865 372324.

**Calendars**

Tony has next year's calendars for those that ordered them. There should be a few spare but these will be on a first come first served basis. (£6.50 each).

**AGM**

Tony is considering having the AGM on the 17th January 2012 and also having our annual dinner at the same time (as the AGM seems only to take about 20 minutes), Does this sound like a good idea to you? Let him know if you agree with this. Location to be advised.

**Editorial Musings**

Not much to muse on this month due to daily trips to Mount Vernon Hospital for partner's treatment. The broadband in the house has been playing up and I've had to replace the cable to the extension socket for the router having established it wasn't Talktalk's problem.

**Tailpiece**

Just for a change here is a new build of an old design. Not a bike but a 100+ ton steam locomotive. The original LNER A1 Class were built in 1948-9 but were all scrapped by 1966. The design is older than many of our machines but this new build of no. 60163 *Tornado*, which took 18 years, makes a fine sight on the RAT (Real Ale Train) at the recent Mid Hants Gala. (Photo by Tony Storey).



**Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar**

Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>November</b>			
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>December</b>			
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – at The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>January 2012</b>			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Branch Club Night AGM and Annual Dinner – event and location to be confirmed	Tony Ripley	