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NEXT BRANCH MEETING
19th November 2013



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Events

The events programme is now slowing down although the autumn weather remains mainly good for ride outs.

November 15 - 17

The Classic Motorbike Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1NT. Running in parallel with the Classic Motor Show the NOC will have its stand there and there will also be an autojumble.

It has grown to the extent that in 2010 it was launched as a separate show. 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.

2013 is the 60th anniversary of Eric Oliver and Stan Dibben winning the world sidocar championships, the last time British riders on a British bike won a World Championship. To celebrate this achievement NOC Vice President Stan has agreed to be guest of honour on the Club stand.

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NOC Calendars

The 2014 calendars are now ready for sale. They are being sold to Branches for £7 each, providing a minimum of ten are ordered. The price includes VAT and carriage. Could members let Tony Ripley know a.s.a.p if they want one or more. If he gets requests for more than 10 then he will place an order, if not he will let you know and you can purchase via the web site.

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November meeting

All are urged to come to the **November 19th** meeting where **Peter Weait** is going to talk about the **Norton P11**. As a warm up for Peter, hopefully not stealing his thunder, the following notes may be of interest.

Although built by Norton Villiers at the former Associated Motor Cycles factory in Woolwich, Southeast London, the Norton P11 was conceived in the USA. In the late sixties, point-to-point desert racing was booming in America's far-Western states but while the AMC designed 750cc Matchless G15 and Norton N15 scramblers had ample power, they were being outpaced by lighter and more nimble machines.

Encouraged by Norton Villiers' US distributor Berliner Motor Corp, Californian Norton dealer Bob Blair built a prototype of the desert sled his customers wanted. His mechanics took an accident-damaged Matchless G85CS scrambler and replaced its single-cylinder engine with a 750cc Norton twin. After successful testing in the Californian wilderness, the hybrid was shipped to London with a request from Berliner to create a production model on the same lines. Eager for transatlantic business, Norton Villiers obliged and set to work on Project 11, able to use or adapt many parts already in stock.

The first production P11s were shipped to the USA in the spring of 1967 and the latest Norton's capability was proved by desert racing successes, notably when ZDS sponsored rider Mike Patrick won a 1968 Californian championship. By the late sixties, the rise of light yet powerful two strokes spelled the end for big four-strokes in America off-road sport. But the P11 also made an exciting street scrambler, offering lean and rugged looks for the youthful road rider. One of the Norton's strongest selling points was its ability to out-accelerate every car on the highways of America except AC's 5-litre Cobra.

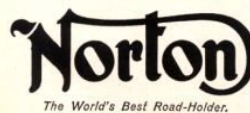
The lusty big twins sold as quickly as Norton Villiers could make them and the specification was continually updated until the final Norton Ranger version of 1968. For 1969, Norton Villiers replaced its P11 with the scrambler-style 750 S version of the Isolastic framed Commando.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
November			
19th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross featuring Peter Weait talking about the Norton P11.	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
December			
17th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed