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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING
 16th October 2012**



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Events

There is a bit of summer (?) left so here are a few events to consider for a ride out in what remains.

October 14th

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, plus three further halls of trade stands and autojumble stalls. Plus Guest of Honour, 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. Real Classic magazine subscribers can claim a discount on the admission price (show your membership card on the gate). Private entries welcome (apply early as it fills up), and more clubs welcome to join this rapidly-growing event. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277.

October 20th and 21st

The 19th Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show at Stafford. The emphasis is firmly on motorcycles from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Graeme Crosby is guest of honour. All at Stafford County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD. Opens 9am - 6pm Saturday, 9am - 5pm Sunday. Tickets £10 advance, or £12 on the gate. See www.classicbikeshows.com or call 01507 529529.

October 27th

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.

Brooklands Museum hosts the ABC Centenary with several ABC400s in attendance, some running. The Museum's Sopwith Camel will be wheeled out and the genuine World War 1 Clerget

rotary engine will be run. Open 10am to 4pm. Every owner of an ABC or a Skootamota will be very welcome to enter the event and will qualify for special entry concessions. Contact sandsmichael1@gmail.com for details.

October 28th

The Malvern Classic Bike Show and autojumble opens 10 am till 3 pm at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern in Worcestershire. Admission £6 (Note £6.50 on classic shows website). Phone 01484 667776 or see www.classicshows.org. (See photo below of previous event.)

November 16th, 17 and 18th

The Classic Motorbike Show returns to the NEC in Birmingham alongside the Classic Motor Show. Club stands, jumble, trade stalls and bikes for sale. Combined tickets start at £18.50 or bike-show only tickets from £10 prebook (up to £25 on the door, plus parking). Sat and Sun usually cheaper than Friday. 0844 854 1354 or see classicmotorbikeshow.com.

ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL WEEKEND 2012

If you went to the IOW hotel weekend 28th-30th September how about **some notes and/ or photos of the weekend ??**

Editor's Musings

I got caught out recently by the wet-sump-false-oil-level-reading syndrome. Having (over) topped up the 'low' oil level I found on my return from a run rather more oil than usual dribbling out everywhere. To rectify this I undid the bolt at the bottom of the oil tank to remove the excess but managed to drop the bolt on the garage floor. This item must have a life of its own as I could not find it. I even loosened the ali side plate to see if was trapped but to no avail. Not being a size I have in store I ordered a replacement from RGM which arrived next day. As I had got so far with the draining I completed the job, draining the sump, changing the filter and putting in fresh lubricant. Trouble is I've only had time for a warm up run and adjustment of the pilot mixture to cure a mid range misfire – and now the weather is getting worse.



Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
October			
16 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
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