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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 15th October 2013



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Museum

The London Motorcycle Museum opens Saturday, Sunday and Monday each week at Oldfield Lane South, Greenford. Hundreds of interesting Brit bikes on display including rare prototypes and factory specials. Opens 10am. Phone 0208 575 6644, or see www.london-motorcycle-museum.org

Events

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

October 13th

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. Displays of British, European, Japanese and American classics: indoor space for the club displays, trade stands and autojumble stalls. 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. See www.elk-promotions.co.uk or call 01797 344277

October 19th and 20th

The Classic Mechanics Show returns to Stafford County Showground and spotlights motorcycles from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. This is now spread across half a dozen halls and heated marquees plus outdoor displays and acres of club stands, trade and jumble stalls. Special racer Christian Sarron will be there. Top tip: attend on Sunday if you can because it's far less frantic so you'll see more and avoid being trampled. Opens 9am both days. Prebook tickets to save on admission price and avoid queues: single day ticket costs £12 on the gate. See www.classicbikeshows.com or phone 01507 529529.

There's a Bonhams Auction as part of the Stafford Show. Hundreds of lots including spares, projects and complete classics; competition and collectors' motorcycles as well as road-going machines. Entries welcome. View lots on the Saturday; sale starts Sunday morning. Bid in person at the Show or in advance. 08700 273 647 or see www.bonhams.com

October 26th

The EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 of the M3. Admission £5. See egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

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 sidecar 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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Mallory Park to be put into Administration

Mallory Park Motorsport Limited has announced that the company has been put into Administration. The company has been in discussions with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council over residents' objections to disruptive noise levels from the circuit. Mallory Park issued a statement, which reads: *Mallory Park has been operating as a motorcycle and car race circuit for many years and has much history attaching to the circuit. In 1985 a highly restrictive Noise Notice was attached to Mallory Park Motorsport Limited ('MPML') embracing all circuit activities but, significantly, a number of the provisions within the Notice were very much open to interpretation.*

MPML has enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council over the years and a level of understanding had been established to work within the 1985 Notice. Regrettably, however, this arrangement was placed under scrutiny by local residents some of whom were new to the village, who made representations to HBBC to apply the rigid interpretation of the 1985 Notice.

The outcome was a court case brought by the council which ruled that MPML was guilty of breach of the Notice. MPML consider that adherence to the strict terms of the Notice makes the business unsustainable.

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July Visit to Norton Motorcycles

Awaiting reports and photos.

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Editor's piece

With the Commando mid range misfire problem resolved with a replacement Pazon ignition module I had hoped to ride out more while the weather was still agreeable. Domestic trivia and 'work' commitments - I'm not being paid but they are still commitments to be fulfilled - have reduced the opportunities. The Navigator rebuild has now started and most parts sourced though with a couple of bushes not available these will have to be made.

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

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