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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING
 18th September 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.

September 16th

It's Classic Vehicle Day at the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, with classic cars, motorcycles and commercials on free display at this authentically restored railway operating with 1950s diesel railcars and preserved main-line steam locomotives. See www.gwsr.com or 01242 621405

September 22nd and 23rd

The Kop Hill Climb near Princes Risborough celebrates the first historic run up this hill back in 1910. More pre-war and road-legal entrants very welcome to join last year's 400 entrants in this untimed and relaxed event. Extremely popular with spectators; club groups welcome to gather in the paddock. For details see www.kophillclimb.info.

September 22nd

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. www.egp-enterprises.co.uk / 01344 883961.

September 30th

The Sand & Motorcycles is Leighton Buzzard Railways annual bike show and takes place at Pages Park, Billington Road, L/Buzzard, LU7 4TN. Free entry, half-price train ride if you bring an old bike, contact n.cairns650@btinternet.com.

October 6th

The giant VMCC Bikejumble returns to the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Excellent value event with several halls packed with genuine old bike jumble plus trade stalls selling new spares and accessories. Outdoor stalls often have plenty of interesting 'barn fresh' bits plus occasional complete bikes, too. Normally opens 9.30 to 4pm, with an associated auction of old bikes. Free parking, good refreshments and licensed bar. Admission £2. Contact Dave on 01934 820657

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.

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ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL WEEKEND 2012

Don't forget this year's IOW hotel weekend 28th-30th September at the Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel 4-6 Queens Road Shanklin PO37 6AN, phone 01983 862596. **(If you are going some notes and/ or photos of the weekend would be appreciated by the Editor!!)** Anything you need to know regarding the hotel please ring them direct. Anything else you would like to know about the weekend you can contact Graeme or Lesley Mudge on 01983 400481 or email g.mudge5863@googlemail.com

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Editor's Musings

The 'flying dunhill devil', was a bespoke machine made for Dunhill, London. A 1920 BSA 1,000 cc V-Twin engine on a Norton rolling chassis.



Reconnecting with their past, Dunhill in 2008 commissioned a motorcycle for the opening of their Tokyo store from George Cohen. The "Flying Dunhill Devil" made its debut at the Goodwood Festival of Speed and took a year to build. It is one of seven limited edition replicas built. The chassis is a modified mid-30's Norton 16H fitted with a 1,000cc J.A.P. engine from 1920. It definitely captures the "attitude".

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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
September			
18 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
28 th - 30 th	Isle of Wight hotel weekend at Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel, Shanklin	Lesley & Graeme Mudge	
October			
16 th	Thames Valley Branch Club Night – Location The Swan, Three Mile Cross	Tony Ripley	Confirmed