

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

19<sup>th</sup> October 2010



### [www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org](http://www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org)

has been rescheduled from a previously publicised date so make sure you've got the correct Sunday written in your calendar!

#### November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Footman James Classic Motorbike Show at the NEC, Birmingham. The Club will have a stand at the show.

Also appearing will be Freddie Spencer, former motorcycle racer and world champion. 'Fast Freddie' will be appearing on the Footman James - Vintage Motorcycle Cycle Club stand, where two of his competition bikes will be on display. The former 500cc and 250cc racer, who was born in 1961, won the 1978 250cc US National Road Racing Championship, from where he signed to Honda. In 1982 he scored his first GP win at the 500cc Belgian Grand Prix, and in 1983 he won his first 500cc World Championship, battling with Kenny Roberts throughout the year to achieve points supremacy. Two years later he won both the 500cc and 250cc Grand Prix World Championships – the only rider to do so. In 1985 Fast Freddie also took his last win, at the 500cc Swedish Grand Prix. His 'double' will be celebrated with the appearance of 250cc and 500cc Works Honda machines in the exact livery to mark the 25th anniversary this year.

The show opening times are:

Friday 12th November 10.00am – 7.00pm

Saturday 13th November 9.30am – 7.00pm

Sunday 14th November 9.30am – 5.30pm

More details at <http://www.classicbikesatclassicismotor.com>.

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#### Editor's musings

The day before the last club night I took the Commando out for a spin and reached White Waltham on the way back to find no gear change operation. The bike was in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear which proved just low enough to get moving with lots of clutch slip but was enough to get me home. I'm glad I didn't have to do any hill starts! At the club night next evening, reached on four wheels, Barry (Sykes) offered his help to resolve the problem and with Ron's assistance we trailered the bike over to Barry on the Friday evening. Fortified by numerous cups of tea the problem was quickly identified as the gearchange return spring in the outer cover. Resolution was by fitting the spare that Barry carries on his bike. Barry also helpfully suggested several areas of the bike that would benefit from some attention and these are already in hand thanks to speedy delivery of parts from Mick Hemmings and RGM. A camping trip to France has intervened but I am hopeful of a return to the saddle next week. My grateful thanks to Barry and Ron for their help and I have a replacement spring for Barry when I see him.

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#### Norton Day 2011

##### Your Branch still needs YOU!

Following last month's appeal for feedback on the idea of joining Surrey Branch in the organisation of the 2011 Norton Day the response so far has been muted. Tony has suggested that direct involvement with the organisation before the event would be difficult for most members and has proposed we aim to provide as many bodies as possible to help on the day – as no doubt you will be going anyway! More details when we have them.

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#### Forthcoming events

##### October 16th

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 for details.

##### October 24th

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. Surrey Branch will have a stand at the show. Big displays of British, European, Japanese and American classics: extra indoor space for the club displays, trade stands and autojumble stalls. Guest of Honour world record holder Eric Patterson and his record-breaking **JAP-Norton** will be there, free parking on firm ground, bring your bike to sell and garage clear-outs welcome. Real Classic subscribers can claim a discount on the gate admission price. 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](http://www.elk-promotions.co.uk) or call 01797 344277

##### October 31st

The Malvern RealClassic motorcycle show opens 10am at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern in Worcester. Indoor show (safe from the weather!) with several halls of autojumble plus private entries, concours competition, club stands, commentator, refreshments etc. Discounted admission for anyone who'd like to display a classic bike and take part in the concours competition, with a wide range of awards plus special RealClassic Commendations for interesting old bikes. For admission pass, please enter in advance by calling 01484 667776 or download form at:

[www.classicshows.org/BookingForms/Bike%20Booking%20form%202010.pdf](http://www.classicshows.org/BookingForms/Bike%20Booking%20form%202010.pdf), or see [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org). Please note: this event

### Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
<b>October</b>			
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Classic Motorcycle Show at Stafford County Showground		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
24 <sup>th</sup>	Surrey Branch stand at the South of England RealClassic motorcycle show and bikejumble South of England Showground near Ardingly RH17 6TL, close to Gatwick.		
<b>November</b>			
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	NOC stand at the FJ Classic Motorbike Show in the NEC, Birmingham		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley Club Night – at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed