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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING AND AGM 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007



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### Thames Valley Branch AGM

The Thames Valley Branch AGM will be held next **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – our usual ClubNight – at the usual venue – The Cricketers at Hayley Green starting at 8pm** (or 20:00 if you prefer). Do make sure you attend and put across your ideas for the business of the Branch. The proposed agenda is on the reverse of this newsletter.

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### Apologies – and some news

My apologies for missing out on the October newsletter but I only got back from China and Tibet on the Sunday before the last meeting and apart from the shortage of time had very little content to offer. I managed to make some observations on the state of motor-cycling over there and collect a few photos which follow. Since my last visit to China some 14 years ago there has been a significant if not astronomic increase in personal transport.

There are still plenty of bicycles and tricycles to be seen in everyday use for a huge variety of functions. Ignoring the vast number of cars including many 4x4s, the preferred form of powered transport in the lowland areas (Beijing, Xian) are electric bicycles. A small cylindrical motor forms the rear hub as seen in the photo.



The battery is mounted on the front down tube.

In Lhasa (Tibet) the electric 2 wheelers are principally of scooter format with the battery mounted under the floor, rear seat or below the headstock.



There are plenty of petrol powered machines here too although the motorcycles seem mainly to comprise 125 and 150 cc machines. Presumably they're jetted to run at high altitude although I found my lungs weren't! Some have been personalised often in slightly bizarre ways.



Occasionally a larger machine could be seen such as the Chinese registered Beemer. Unfortunately there were no classics in evidence so no likelihood of a barn find here.



The health and safety mafia don't seem to have spread their tentacles this far yet as witness this unusual travelling arrangement!



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## **2007 Events**

<b><u>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>November</b>			
Tues 20th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight and Branch AGM– Cricketers, Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>December</b>			
Tues 18th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight– Cricketers, Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed

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# **THAMES VALLEY NOC**

## **AGENDA OF THE 2007 AGM**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 2006 AGM**
3. **REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR**
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
5. **ACCEPT ACCOUNTS FOR 2006/2007**
6. **RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS**
7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
8. **EVENTS AND EXTRA-CLUBNIGHTS FOR 2008**
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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