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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

15th December 2009



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Branch Meetings

The Branch AGM is to be held at the January meeting and the evening Social Event will be held in February. The venue for the Social is not yet known but is not expected to be at The Cricketers. The AGM Agenda will be included in the January Newsletter.

How to get your Motorcycle to earn you some pocket money

Martin Penman writes:

'I was recently contacted by a TV and film and set prop hire company called "Car is the star" They wanted to use my 43 WD 16H as a static prop in an event with a 1940's theme.

Caristhestar.com specialise in supplying, privately owned, action and prop vehicles to the TV and film industry.

Registration of your motorcycle is easy using the internet and once they have the details of your bike, production companies with shopping lists peruse the site looking for vehicles. If they need a bike like yours, car is the star will contact you with further details and a price.

My WD 16H was hired for an event involving a street scene recreating the era of the 1940's by using period props, vehicles and actors. The venue was a small street beside Trafalgar Square, London and was part of the unveiling of a statue of Air Chief Marshal, Sir Keith Park, on the 'fourth plinth' in Trafalgar Square. (The locomotive named 'Sir Keith Park', a Southern Bulleid Pacific number 34053 is currently being restored at Swanage by Southern Locomotives hopefully in time for the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain next September. More information at the web site <http://www.southern-locomotives.co.uk/> - Ed)



I'm sure some of you who have considered hiring out their machine's to prop companies have heard the horror stories of explosions and mechanical dismemberment. I found that so long as you stick to a static set, i.e. one that people walk

through and admire, rather than watch and ride, there is no risk to the bike that you have entrusted to them.

To sum up the experience, my son Alex and I spent a very enjoyable and interesting day out in London, show cased the Norton WD 16H for a while and were paid very well for the pleasure of it.



For more information on Car Is The Star, search on caristhestar.com. If anyone has any questions relating to the above, please email me.'



Surprise in Patagonia



I've recently returned from a very different foreign holiday. This was to travel on the Old Patagonian Express across part of the Patagonian desert in Argentina. As well as two days travelling over 200 miles on the steam hauled vintage train our group of forty-two also enjoyed four other steam trips in Buenos Aires and Chile plus a vintage tram ride round Buenos Aires and a vintage railbus (1926 General Motors) trip up into the Andes. At the lunch stop on the first day on the OPE a fantastic barbecue had been prepared served with

lashings of a red Argentinian wine labelled 'Norton' (see photos)! It is a very drinkable wine and I have sampled it in the U.K. Perhaps we should insist this wine is available at the Social!

Forthcoming events

It's a quiet time of year for events but I have managed to dig out a few for your information.

January 3rd

The Bits N Pieces Jumble returns to the Three Counties Showground at Malvern. Includes car and bike jumble plus the British Restoration Motorcycle Show. Admission £6 adults, children £2, under 7s free. Free parking. Refreshments on site; jumble under cover. 01484 452002 or see www.classicshows.org

There's an Enfield Autojumble from 10am to 2pm. Admission £4. Phone 0208 367 1898.

January 30th

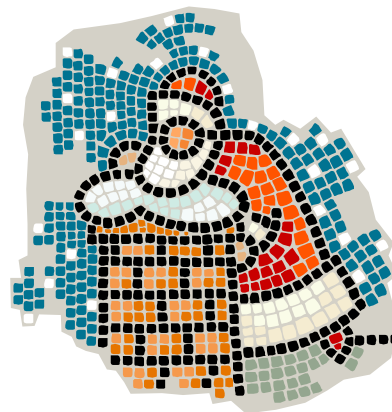
The EGP Autojumble opens 10am at Kempton Park racecourse near Sunbury. Huge bikejumble with around 250 outdoor and indoor stalls, five minutes from J1 off the M3. Admission £5. See www.egp-enterprises.co.uk or phone 01344 883961.

January 31st

The Whitewebbs Bike Jumble in Enfield opens 9am to 2pm at Whitewebbs Museum. Admission £4. Phone 0208 367 1898 for details.

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the Committee may I convey very the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Branch members and their families. May 2010 be free of breakdowns and full of fine, safe riding.



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Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
December			
15 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
2010			
January			
19 th	Thames Valley Club Night and Annual General Meeting at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
February			
16 th	Thames Valley Club Night and Social evening – venue to be determined	Tony Ripley	Confirmed