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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

21st July 2009



www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org

A weekend in Applecross

Following on from a good time at the Donnington bash I arrived home mid day Sunday after a great ride down the Fosse Way with Jem and Ann Nicholls, takes me a bit out of my way but is a lot better than the M40. Took the gear off the bike and hung the tent to dry, checked the oil and added about 1/2 pint to bring it up to the full mark again. Checked the tyres (2) and the chain (1). Considered washing it but decided to leave that for another day. Thursday night packed the bike again ready for the early start to Applecross on Friday morning. The alarm woke me at 5:00 and after the last minute packing I headed north at 5:45. The aim was to meet Kev Feltoe from Norfolk at the services just north of Penrith around 11:00 this being just short of my half way mark. I actually arrived at 10:45 and Kev arrived less than 2 minutes behind! We had a leisurely lunch and then got under way again. We were making good time on the motorway until it runs out just north of Glasgow, average speeds dropped but it was a more interesting ride. The final section when you leave the 'main' road and head over the pass to Applecross is 11.3 miles and it consists of single track road with some passing places and a fair number of hairpin bends. From

<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/applecross/peninsula/index.html>

The Bealach na Ba (*Pass of the Cattle*) rises to 2053ft in height from sea level in about five miles, and is the most spectacular pass in Scotland. It also provides some of the most challenging driving in the country. It is single track throughout and the warning signs at its foot, including one (which we think is unique in Scotland) deterring learner drivers, should be taken seriously.



We finally rolled into the Applecross camp site at a little before 20:00. That is 622 miles in 15 hours elapsed and 10:47 'on the bike'. After putting the tents up we headed down the hill to the sea front and the local pub where sustenance was consumed. We met up with Gino Rondelli and many others of the Tay valley branch along with a few from further afield and chatted until late. Normally when sat outside a pub in the evening you are reminded to go home when you cannot see the pint in front of you but when it is still daylight at 23:00 you need something else and eventually the long day got to me and we headed up the hill to our beds. On the Saturday morning we headed for breakfast at the campsite cafe and also to pay for the campsite for the Friday and Saturday nights. We were asked if we had booked, when we said no they replied that they were already over capacity and could not take any more, our response was that we were already pitched and had stayed one night; they then

decided it was easier to just take the money rather than try to evict us! We all gathered at the pub at 10:30 for a group photo.



Gino told us he was thinking of going for a ride around the peninsula (I know it is not really a peninsular but look at the map, what would you call it) and if anybody else happened to be going the same way then they were welcome to join him



Strangely 22 bikes all went the same way. We had a great ride around some wonderful roads, lots of single track roads and hairpin bends. Stopped for the obligatory photo opportunities and ended up at the Lochcarron Hotel for a spot of lunch then continued on round back to the campsite and spent the rest of the day walking around the area and generally socialising.

In the evening the Tay Valley branch had laid on a band which set up just over the road from the pub, by late evening (and still daylight) just about the whole village / pub / post office / campsite staff / confused tourists plus the odd NOC member were in the road and getting on down to some very good music. After the third encore the band finally called it quits and we all headed to bed. Sunday morning was yet another blue sky day, after a hearty full Scottish breakfast we slowly packed up and heading back south.

We both wanted to go 'over the road to Skye' so we headed west after Auchtertyre, over the bridge on to Skye, we then headed south through



Skye to the southern tip and took the ferry across to Mallaig. From there it was simply head south through Fort William, past Loch Lomond, down through the centre of Glasgow (slight navigation error) and back onto the Motorway. The aim was to stop somewhere south of Glasgow and we ended up at a place called Abington for the night. In the morning we had the first bit of weather that was anything other than excellent, this being fog. The ground was now damp and the midges were out in force, the first we had seen. Luckily we had stopped at Fort William on the way up and bought midge nets which we quickly donned before leaving the tents. Now it was just a push for home. Kev left the motorway at Penrith and we parted company. I finally arrived home sometime Monday afternoon, I really do not remember when. Total distance traveled 1317, MPG just over 60, dipstick still long enough to reach the oil. A wonderful long weekend with some of the best weather you could hope for, great roads, excellent company and a 100% reliable bike to ride. What more could you ask. The following weekend was the National at Bristol, but that story can wait until another day.

Tony Ripley

Thames Valley Branch at the Swallowfield Show

There was an error in the Passport for the NOC Jubilee Celebrations regarding Swallowfield Show on the Sunday and Monday (30th – 31st) of the August Bank Holiday weekend.

There is **no charge** for entrants providing you register that you are coming. See attached registration form.

This is to satisfy the show's insurance company who insist that they have knowledge of insurance held by you. Beryl Skinner is the vehicle co-ordinator for the show and our Treasurer has agreement with the show organisers, that if you have registered to attend, then you can also have two complimentary tickets for your family to attend, but they will have to park in the FREE Car Park. Your motorcycle will be exhibited on the show ground in an area reserved for classic vehicles. TV BRANCH will have their own area within that. Join us for a really fun weekend.

Once you have sent your entry form to Beryl, your passes etc will be sent to you in early August. Beryl will keep me informed of those who are coming. You should be on the showground at the latest by 10am and be prepared to stay until at least 4pm.

There are lots of things to see and do within the Show for all the family!

Forthcoming events

Some more events to consider riding out to if you are happy to risk the occasional downpour!

July 25th

The Calne Motorcycle Meet starts 10am in the town centre at Calne in Wilts with clubs, veteran, vintage, classic, and special interest bikes. Groups welcome to ride-in. Helmet bar, trade stalls, bike jumble, music and entertainment all day plus food and refreshments. 07816 758741 or www.calnemotorcyclemeet.co.uk

The TOMCC Berkshire hold their annual Classic & Custom Motorcycle Show at Reading Abbey Rugby Club from midday, celebrating 50 years of the Bonneville and featuring rockers ride-in at 1pm, trophies, autojumble, trade stalls, raffle plus camping on Friday and Sat nights, BBQ, real ale etc. Show admission £3, camping £5. 0118 978 8113

August 8th

The annual Classic Ride In, Autojumble and Open Day at Bill Little Motorcycles food includes a barbecue and pork/beef roast plus real ale and live music throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Admission is FREE for British bike riders; clubs are very welcome to ride in together. Jumble stalls / car boot spaces are available for anyone looking to empty their garage of gubbins, too. Always an excellent event, situated in the middle of great riding country not far from Swindon. See www.classicbikesuk.com or call 01666 860577

August 9th

The White Dove Collectors Transport Show is at the Kingsley Sports Club, one mile from the A325 Farnham-Bordon road. It's a gathering of veteran, vintage and classic cars, motorcycles and commercials, with a ride-out for the bikes. Entry forms from whitedoveevents@hotmail.co.uk or 01420 473062. Suggested entry fee is £3.50.

August 14th and 15th

The TR3OC's Beezumph Rally returns to Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire. pre-83 British-only track day on the Saturday. Numerous special guests will be around. Day tickets which cover entrance and camping for both days are only £10 in advance (£15 on the gate). Many more interesting machines on display plus prizes, presentations, hog roast, band, bar etc. See www.tr3oc.co.uk for all the ticket options.

August 15th & 16th

The Bluebell Railway in Sussex hosts its annual Vintage Transport Weekend combining steam trains with traction engines, classic cars and motorcycles. Entries very welcome. Forms from 01737 634983 or www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/events/vintage/vintage09.html

Editor's Note: if you attend any of these or similar events how about sending in a few words and/ or photos for the newsletter? I still need your inputs.

2009 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
July			
21 st	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
25 th	Calne Motorcycle Meet, Calne Wiltshire		
25 th	Classic & Custom Motorcycle Show, Reading Abbey Rugby Club from 12:00	0118 978 8113	
August			
8 th	Classic Ride In, Autojumble and Open Day at Bill Little Motorcycles	01666 860577	
9 th	White Dove Collectors Transport Show	01420 473062	
14 th - 15 th	Beezumph Rally at Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire		
15 th - 16 th	Vintage Transport Weekend at the Bluebell Railway, Sussex	01737 634983	
18 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
30 th - 31 st	Thames Valley Branch at the Swallowfield Show	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
September			
15 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed



Swallowfield Show 2009

August 30th and 31st 2009

<http://www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk>

Classic Vehicles

Final closing date 13th August - NO Late Entries on day NO PASS NO ENTRY

Please tick appropriate box- Sunday and/or Monday You may attend on either or both days.

Please Print all sections			
Contact Name			
Address Including Club Name if appropriate			
Postcode			
Contact Telephone No		Email Address	
<u>Description of Vehicles – Cars/Motorcycles/Other</u>			
<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reg. No</u>
Please complete and return with 2 SAE (No larger than 229 x162 mm) to: Swallowfield Show, 110 Reading Road, Finchampstead, Berks RG 40 4RA Telephone No 0118 9730589 Email: noc@waitrose.com (quote Swallowfield in subject)			

Society Rules and Regulations - Declaration

Attention is drawn to the Society's Shortform Manual printed on the reverse of this application form or on page two if downloaded via the internet which, in turn, refers to the Swallowfield Show's Safety, Health and Environment Management (SHE) System. This documentation, in conjunction with the Society's Manual fully describes the rules and regulations that apply during the show, its build up and break down. It is expected that all traders/sub contractors will have adequate third party insurance and will have their own standards and approach to Health Safety and the Environment. The society asks traders/ subcontractors to supply the Society with copies of their HS&E standards, policies and risk assessments etc.

Other Rules

No noisy generators are allowed – No subletting of pitches is allowed – No selling of animals or livestock – No hawking of raffle tickets.

Please remove your own rubbish from the site.

The Swallowfield Horticultural Society accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to persons or property whilst on the show ground.

Please sign and complete this declaration:- I confirm that I/we will abide by the Swallowfield Horticultural Society's rules and regulations. I confirm that there will be suitable third party insurance in place for the period of the Swallowfield Show and provide the information requested below.		
Signed	Please Print Name	Date
Name of Insurance Company	Policy Number	Amount of Cover

Noc Jubilee. This show will mark your card for attendance.

NOTE – THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION TO NOC MEMBERS OR FAMILY

Contact me Beryl Skinner for passes for non-riders at above telephone no or email for details of Car Parking etc.

Shortform Manual

Swallowfield Horticultural Society's Policy

The Swallowfield Horticultural Society's (hereinafter referred to as SHS) SHE Management System provides a full statement of its policy for Health Safety and the Environment. Please read this shortform précis in conjunction with the full system which is readily available on request and published on the Society's web site.

Everyone on the show site is expected to act responsibly and to support the objective of ensuring that SHS's activities are conducted in accordance with the Law, SHS's Policy and the requirements of the SHE Management System.

Insurance and HS&E Policies

The Society expects that all Traders and Sub Contractors will have adequate third party insurance and anticipates that all Traders and Sub-contractors will have carried out their own risk assessments leading to their own Health Safety and Environment Policy. Prior to the event, Traders and Sub Contractors will confirm that they have adequate insurance and are asked to provide details of their standards and approach to Health, Safety and the Environment.

How to Report an Incident

The Society has implemented procedures that cover major and minor incidents. Both procedures will be initiated by the Society's Safety Officer at the Showground Headquarters.

If you discover anything that you consider to be a danger to the Health, Safety or the Environment, please contact the Showground Headquarters immediately.

Fire

If you discover a fire, evacuate the local area and contact the Showground Headquarters immediately.

The Showground Headquarters is located in the caravan adjacent to the horticultural entrance in the main marquee.

First Aid

If you require medical assistance, contact either St John Ambulance or the Showground Headquarters.

St John Ambulance are located in the field hospital at the end of the entertainments marquee.

The Showground Headquarters is located in the caravan adjacent to the horticultural entrance in the main marquee.

Speed Limit

All vehicles must not exceed 10 mph whilst on the Showground or in the Car Park.

Vehicle Access and Parking

Please park your vehicle in the main Car Park or according to the instructions printed on your vehicle pass.

The emergency clearway between the main marquee and the entertainment areas must be kept clear except for designated vehicles.

Traders and Sub-contractors are asked to maintain the separation areas "adjacent to" or behind their pitches. This is required for emergency vehicle access.

Waste

Please remove all waste from the site before you leave.