

# **THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH NORTON OWNERS CLUB**

**FIND US AT :- THE FOX AT KELHAM, N<sup>r</sup> NEWARK.  
FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH  
ALSO AT :- THE ROSE & CROWN , CRESSWELL  
SECOND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH  
WEBSITE WWW.NOTTNOC.ORG**



**IAN LAWRENCE ,FROM SELSTON RECEIVING HIS WELL DESERVED  
TROPHY FOR HIS IMMACULATE ,NORTON INTER ,FROM CHRIS  
WALKER,OUR GUEST OF HONOUR ,AT OUR CONCOURS EVENING.**

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Hello Notts Noccers, by the time you are reading this newsletter I will be somewhere on holiday and so I hope you are all having plenty of biking events to write about and let me know ? Rick in the Americas at the Norton International to say the least is worth a story as is the ride to the Japanese water gardens and I'm still waiting on that write up, anyone? The concours event went well and the committee thanks all members who helped to make it a good one . We now have plenty of spare charcoal from that event so we are stocked up for the branch B.B.Q. at Don and Mavis' later this month and remember all of you are welcome to come and have a Barbie just let someone know you are coming so that we can get the food order right ,thanks.

If you read the last Roadholder you may have seen Pete Scatchards letter giving links to the advert that used Ricks commando when filmed in Rome a couple of years back . Well you have to look hard and I could not really say that I recognised the bike as his but all the same it can be a good selling point should the day ever come around!! See you next month guys and girls.

Bryan the editor.

1st T.T. NUMBER

# MOTOR CYCLING

with **SCOOTER**  
**WEEKLY**

**Norton**

have won more admiration . . .

and T.T. Races . . .



than any other machine

## EVENTS LIST

### August

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> camping weekend at Don and Mavis house.
- 26<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Begonia rally Staden-Vijfwegen.

### September

- 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> camping weekend at Duke William pub Matlock.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Goodwood revival at you can guess.....  
Goodwood

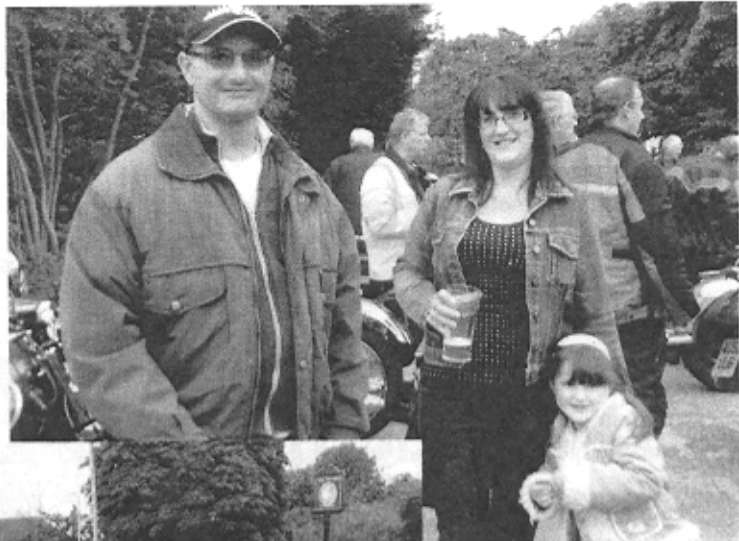
Don and Mavis has got an 850 Commando with sidecar for sale, also a F1 for sale. Talk to Don about the bikes and how much they will be.

Please remember to tell me if you know of any runs or meetings that you here about that other members of our branch might like to go on. To contact me look on the inside page.

The meets I have put into this list is for anybody, what you do is to ride there on any bike (a Norton would be better!) have a natter and ride home. If you meet up with friends before that is up to you, there might be a run after if you so feel like one.

We have had a plea for some help at race meetings from Mr Ken Platt who races Two Manx Nortons and as he is getting on a bit (mid seventies) he would like to know if any Norton owners in our area could give some assistance at Cadwell park ,Darley moor and Snetterton race tracks . No major spannering will be done on race days and he will be able to tell you more himself so why not get in touch if you have some time to spare a Norton owner.  
His phone number is 01159 262437 He thanks anyone who may be able to help him out.

NICE TO SEE MARK  
AND FAMILY OUT AT  
OUR CONCOURS  
NIGHT



ONE OF FOUR  
LINES OF  
BIKES THE  
REST WERE  
IN A BIT OF A  
JUMBLE AT  
THE END .SO  
MANY CAME  
THIS YEAR.!



WINNER OF  
THE BEST POST  
69 NORTON  
PROUDLY  
SHOWING OFF  
HIS TROPHY .  
WITH A FEW OF  
THE BRANCH  
MEMBERS  
LOOKING ON .

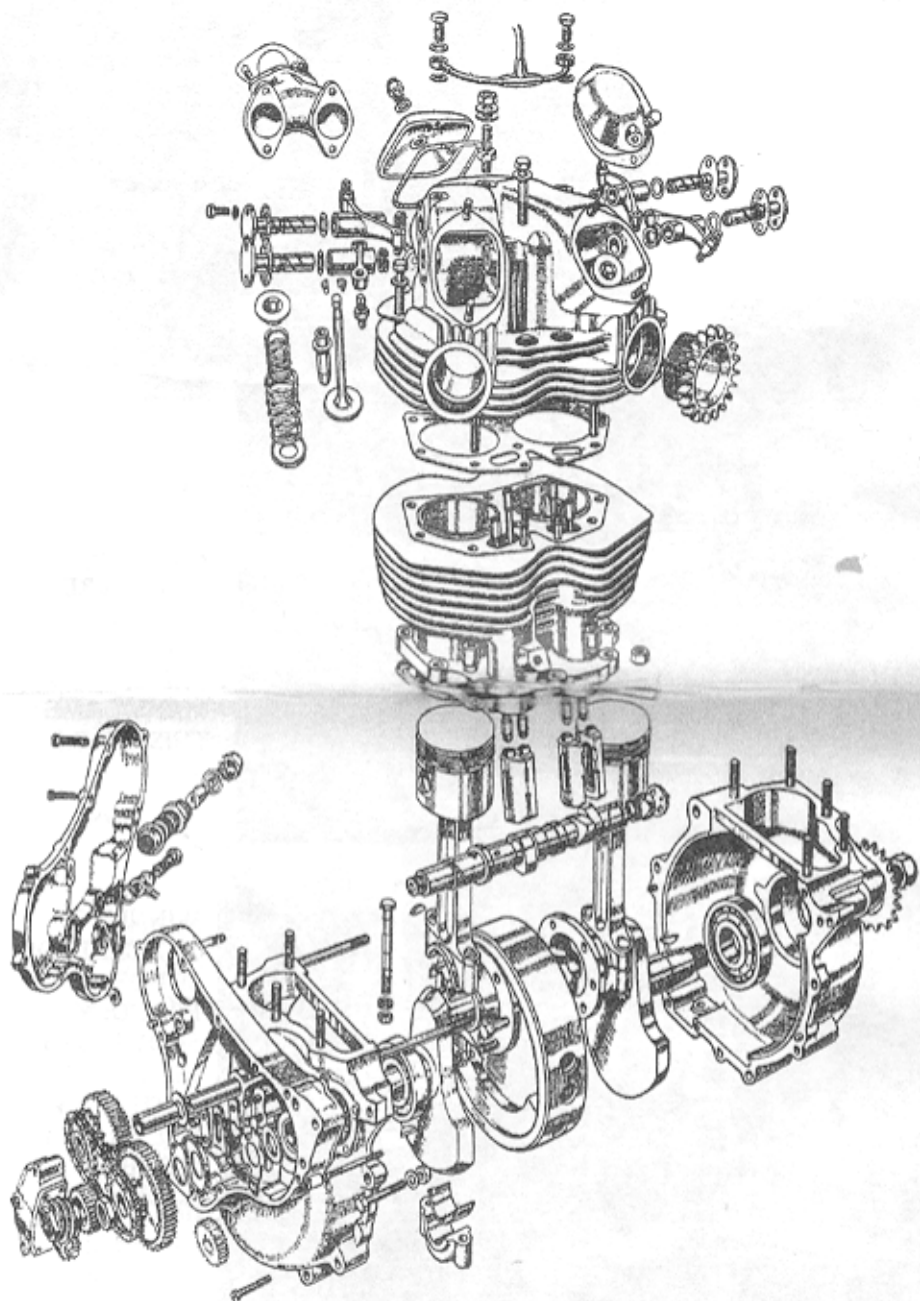


FIG. 28.—EXPLODED VIEW OF THE DOMINATOR VERTICAL TWIN ENGINE.

## NOTTS BRANCH CONOURS EVENT JULY 13TH 2011 AT THE FOX

What a splendid turnout of bikes we had this year ,eh? I could not remember when we have had such quality of bikes ridden into the event there at the Fox in all of the years that we have held it.

From the start when Rick and Don set up the area and B.B.Q there were folks arriving on splendid machines and from quite a distance too so the advertising paid off and the weather had something to contribute too..

I saw several of our members beavering away in tasks that they volunteered themselves to do , all to the same end and that was to make it a success for us and the visitors . Thanks to all and you know who you are.

The staff at the Fox were kept busy with a steady stream of folks wanting drinks and some had meals rather than our simple burger and bangers menu but they seemed to enjoy the evening to and still found time to come out to see the bikes and help us out of a sticky situation or two ( thanks for the megga onions Richard!)

The guest of honour ,one Chris Walker came and gave up his free evening time to present our awards to the winners and brought along a factory Commando for us to look at , although with three in the car park they are getting a bit common? Our thanks to Chris for being there comes from all of us on the committee and thanks to Rick for getting the invitation sorted out our behalf.

Christine took some photos for the newsletter and you ca see them on other pages but the range of machines and indeed the quality this year must have made the judges job so hard I can only feel sorry that we gave them such an onerous task. The folks who own them should all be proud of their work and I think everyone should have a trophy to take home ,but the branch could not afford it ,so it must remain a struggle to get the winners sorted from the rest to make so few finalists in the end.

Having said that ,I know after speaking to some of the winners that they thank us the branch for putting on our event and they never expected to win against such competition as many of the bikes were so good?

The evening went in a blur as by Ten p.m. there was only one bike left in the car-park? And as there were no problems this year ,save a reluctant to start Vinnie I went home and had a beer .

This years raffle raised £88 for the branch ,thanks to all of you who donated the prizes and we must give special thanks to our hosts at the Fox for once again making our B.B.Q a full profit making affair for the branch by donating all the food for it . Thank you all.

The winners of the awards were as follows

Best overall	Mr A Kettle ,Old Bilsthorpe , B.S.A Rocket Gold Star.
Best Pre 69 Norton	Mr I Lawrence Selston , Featherbed Inter
Best Post 69 Norton	Mr I Mc Mullan , Matlock Commander
Best Special	Mr P Rice , Mansfield Spondon Triumph T150
Best Other	Mr J Phillips , Chesterfield Honda 450 Black Bomber.

Report by Bryan Harwood.



ANOTHER LINE OF NORTONS AT THE CONCOURS, ABOVE A FABULOUS MOTO GUZZI, RIGHT



EX NORTON 88 OWNER MICHAEL WHITHEAD FROM CLIPSTONE TRYING OUT BARRY WEATHERALL'S BIKE, "DETERMINED" AT THE CONCOURS EVENT IN JULY.

