

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

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ALBERT ,FROM SHEFFIELD AT OUR CANCELLED CONCOURS  
NIGHT IN JULY . STILL SOME NICE MACHINES ON DISPLAY .

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Well hello there folks , you see I have not dropped off my perch and am still writing a column for the newsletter ,although I am now doing it as the Editor of said newsletter and not as your Chairman!!

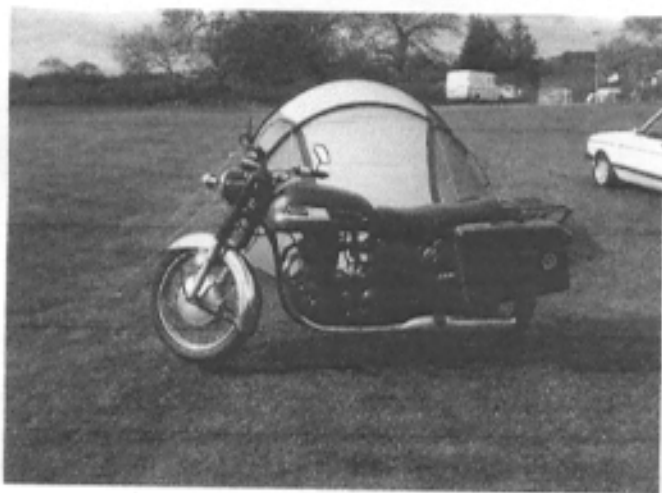
We have a new Chairman in the form of Richard Appleyard who is also our branch Webmaster (have you checked out the new site on the N.O.C. website?) but he is only doing the job PRO-TEM as he did not really want to do it as he could not make all of the meetings due to his busy schedule but would help us out until the branch AGM in October as we do have to have a Chairman to keep the branch all legal and above board!! Please do think about putting your hand up and giving it a go when the AGM comes around as we know there are several of you out there who could do the job without any trouble at all ,thanks. Richard will probably be at more of the Rose&Crown meetings as it is nearer to his home ,and he will only write a page or two if there is something that really needs to be put to print , otherwise he has asked me to carry on with this page as before ta daa.!! An apology from me to Gill ad Barrie as I did not print their letter and pictures from Bishop Monkton before now as my copy was buried for a month before I found it,thanks Christine?

See you all soon , Bryan the Editor . (that looks strange?)

## Bishop Monkton Camping.

It was 5 years since the Nottingham Norton Owners last invaded Bishop Monkton. (time is a great healer!!) The camp site moved the main entrance but we weren't fooled!. We weren't disappointed either, the village is still as pretty . Cherry blossom, spring flowers, and ducklings shuffling down the main street.

15 of us had ignored the weather forecast and made the journey North. Although only 2 bikes and only 1 of them a Norton-well done Geoff and Brenda.



As is traditional, even compulsory, we all ended up in the pub, sampling food and real ales.

Saturday saw most of us walking into Ripon to sample the real ales, while Bryan, Chris, Graham and Kath went to see the making of the real Ales. Barrie's Birthday had to be celebrated somehow.

**The walk along the canal is lovely and well worth it.**



Sunday found us all doing different things. Mind you The Royal Oak pub was left very confused.

Picture the scene:- 3 ladies come in, order and eat Sunday lunch. Just as they are getting ready to pay and leave 3 men appear, talk to the ladies, sit at a larger table and invite the ladies to join them. Men order food, ladies order coffee. Ladies finish coffee and leave men to pay the bill for everyone!! Wonder what the locals made of it all. Speed dating gone wrong?!!



### Ladies who lunch!!

Monday morning brought rain showers and the usual trying to decide when the tents are dry enough to take down. One very heavy shower brought shouts in a Norfolk accent "That's b.....ed it!!" Couldn't have summed it up better ourselves. We had to put our tent away damp and dry it the next night at home.

We called into Squires Café (just off A1 nr Selby) It's a biker's café and always popular at holiday times and weekends. More preferable to Service stations and cheaper.

Thanks to all who came and made it a memorable time.

Cheers

Gill and Barrie



ALBERT'S DOMMIE AND CHRIS WALKERS 961 AT THE FOX IN JULY



## CANCELLED CONCOURS NIGHT! JULY 2010.

Due to the nature of British weather we had to cancel our branch concours night at short notice a downpour of epic proportions hit areas of Notts where some of our members live and we thought it best to cut our losses as there would not be the volume of bikes and riders to recoup the money outlaid by the branch .

In the end though, the weather cleared and by Seven P.M. there seemed to be wall to wall sunshine at the Fox. This made us smile as Kim ,Bill and Martin had all got thoroughly soaked as they made their way to the pub early to help out.

Folks who had not heard that we had cancelled started to turn up and by Eight P.M. we had some Forty bikes and fifty plus folks turn up ! Most were O.K. with being told that it had been called off and at least had a pint in the pub but some did not stop and after a ride around the car park went off without finding out if it had been re scheduled for next month.

On a good note we had a visit by Chris "Stalker" Walker with a new Commando from Nortons at Donington. He and a colleague turned up as arranged with Rick and stayed for Two Hours and answered many questions put to them by the bikers who were un aware of their presence until we had pointed them out ,tucked away near the pub. The bike was a high mileage "hack" bike that is used for development of parts for bikes that are sold to the public. It still looked good even though he had come in the rain and was plastered in dirt!

The rain came again at Nine P.M. and signalled a mass exodus ,started by Chris Walker and then singles and groups until the last bike left at Ten P.M. (by van as it had broken it's pawl spring and was stuck in fourth gear) then I left for home.

My thanks to all members of the branch who came along to help in setting up only to find it had been cancelled and thanks to all who rang to find out if it was still on and special thanks to the few who still came along, knowing that it had been cancelled and helped to explain to the punters what had occurred earlier in the evening.

We have re-booked with the Fox for the Wednesday evening 11<sup>th</sup> of August at 7 for 7:30pm start. Rick will try to get it entered in the Roadholder and Old bike mart and we should have it on our website thanks to Richard .

See you all there ? Bryan Harwood .

## EVENTS LIST

### August

- 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 9<sup>th</sup> BMPS bike show at the Travellers Inn Chapelton Sheffield M1 J35. Contact Norman on 07767767590 for further info.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Notts concours night at The Fox in Kelham. Chris Walker is going to hand out the prizes at this event. This is due to it being rained off last month.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Norton Day.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> camping weekend at Don and Mavis.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Run to the Lord Nelson at Ambergate. Ring Steve 0115 8770504 for more info
- 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Begonia Rally.

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vintage and classic bike display at Butterley Railway Station Swanwick
- 14<sup>th</sup> Social get together
- 17<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Camping weekend at the Knockerdown, Carsington Water
- 26<sup>th</sup> Historic motorcycle racing Cadwell Park

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Social get together.

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Social get together.

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Social get together.



## EVENTS LIST

The camping weekend at the Knockerdown is £3 pppn if I remember correctly. They do evening meals AND breakfast. There will be a walk on Saturday and we can have a run to Matlock Bath on the Sunday when we leave.

The Concours night was a 'wash-out' so it has been moved to 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Chris Walker did come over on the 14<sup>th</sup> July on the new 961 Commando. This bike is used more as a test bike but everybody who where there did like looking at it. I had a good talk with Chris and he enjoyed the evening and he will be there next time.

I am doing much better but still have some pain when I move my arm. The physio has given me some exercises to do which will help me.

Richard at the Fox has had a knee operation so we might not see him much when we are there.

I would like to thank Bryan very much from all of the Notts members for his sterling work as Chairman and would like to say to the new Chairman that all the members will help you however they can.

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.

## Motorcycle Ergonomics

Riding motorcycles is a relatively complex and risky activity as they are unique in the way they operate as the rider sits on the motorcycle and controls it through their body position and physical activity, putting force onto the handlebars, balancing their weight on their legs and controlling the engine through



the throttle, gears and brakes. Many motorcycles offer a compact, agile and fuel efficient means of transport but they are open to the weather and wind, both of which can affect the stability of the motorcycle, the safety and enjoyment of the motorcyclist, and the effort it take to control the motorcycle. In addition, a rider will also be looking around for potential hazards that can cause a motorcycle to lose its grip on the road or make the task of riding it more physically and mentally demanding.

The motorcycle and rider can be understood in terms of an interactive system operating within a very demanding safety critical environment. This interplay of the rider, motorcycle and environment means that research should focus on many aspects such as how the rider processes the vast array of information around them (directly or indirectly from the motorcycle and environment), what impact experience and training has on the rider's ability to control the motorcycle and interact with the ever-changing environment, what factors affect a rider's ability to ride safely or push their limits (and what happens when things go wrong). Ergonomic takes a user-centred approach to understand the needs, requirements and limitations of riders. Understanding the complexities within this interactive system and developing a human factors research agenda is crucial to understanding capturing user needs and requirements with any degree of accuracy.



### MotorcycleSim

A motorcycle simulator ('MotorcycleSim') has been designed and built as a research tool. It is an innovative project (development is ongoing) for which there was little prior

knowledge or expertise to draw from. This has been a major challenge but the result is a simulator which is the first of its kind in the world. MotorcycleSim uses modified computer software that allows motorcyclists to ride a full size motorcycle and interact with a virtual environment. The riding scenarios are projected on a large screen in front of the rider and the riding experience is further enhanced by 'STISIM-Drive' simulation software providing enhanced perceptions of acceleration and braking effects.

Using MotorcycleSim it is possible to put riders through identical scenarios which are not possible on the road (where even lighting, traffic, weather conditions can vary on the same route between different rides). In front of the rider and motorcycle is a large projection screen which presents the riding scenario ahead. The standard motorcycle controls are linked to a control interface in the simulation software. Most of the controls work in a realistic manner and the riding scenario speeds up or slows down depending on the speed calculated from the throttle position or braking effort. The brakes work on distributed ratios between the front and rear brakes (75:25 for dry conditions or 50:50 for wet road surfaces). Engine noise is presented through surround sound speakers in the simulation room. The 'STISIM-Drive' simulation software can be used to build interactive riding scenarios with different weather conditions, traffic, pedestrians (adults and children) as well as typical hazards such as vehicles pulling out at junctions, braking suddenly, etc.

**THE ABOVE LETTER WAS SUPPLIED BY GILL AND BARRIE AND IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST WE COULD HAVE A BRANCH VISIT TO WHERE THIS WORK IS CARRIED OUT . LET THEM KNOW IF YOU ARE , THANKS . IT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.**

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## CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB

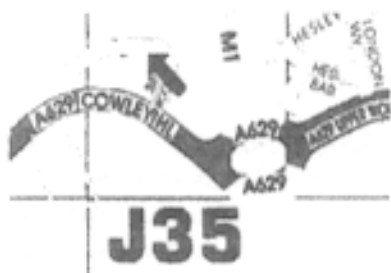
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## National Rally 2010

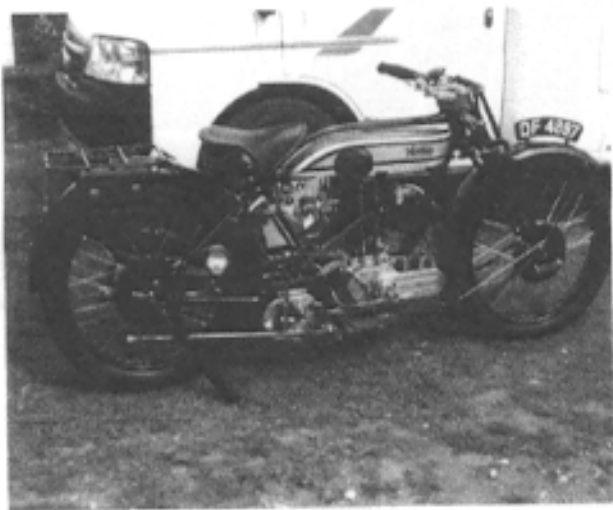
Only 4 Nottingham members made it to South Devon. We had great views from the camp site and the weather was amazing. As usual the Essex branch seemed well organised and we met some lovely people and had a really lovely time. There was 1 big draw back-the steep hill with gravel as you turned the corner to the booking in tent. Quite a few bikes went down and although no one was hurt, a few bikes needed attention.



Phil's Norton looked good in the sunshine.



Camp- site with a stunning view.



An older single bought on a trailer.

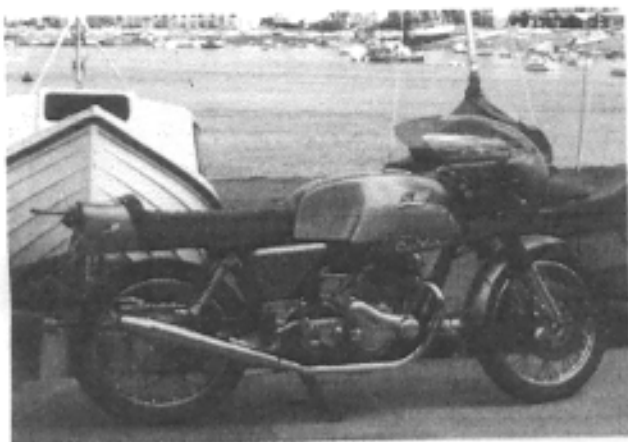


Bike and home-made trailer all the way from Scotland



These bears had ridden from Leeds!!

Furthest travelled was 747 miles from Aberdeen (bikers not bears!!)



A Gus Kuhn.(very pretty colour!!)



As we'd not got the bike with us, Barrie found other excitement!!