

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH NORTON OWNERS CLUB

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FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH**

**ALSO AT :- THE ROSE & CROWN , CRESSWELL
SECOND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH**

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THE OLD ONES ARE THE BEST AS PHIL IS ABOUT TO GIVE PAUL A CLASSIC PICTURE POSE AT THE MATLOCK CAMP IN SEPTEMBER, MEANWHILE GARRY AVERTS HIS EYES AS HE CAN SEE WHAT IS COMING AND PAUL IS OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND HIM BUT THAT MAY BE THE BEERS HE HAD AT LUNCHTIME?

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Hello there and welcome to the last of the newsletters for this year and I hope you are all well and looking forward to our Christmas meal and then the real thing only a few days later? .If the weather is unseasonable you may even get the bike out for a cobweb blowing session in your holidays/retirement? John!

This will be a two month newsletter as we have very little to report at this time and you can always look at the website for any up to date info as Richard will be only too pleased to put it on for you. And if there is any startling news we can all see it without waiting for the hard copy to come out and that's progress .

It only remains for me to say thanks to all who have helped the branch over the past year and for to wish you all a very merry time and for to hope to see you all fit and well next year.

Bye for now Bryan the Editor

A FEW OF THE VISITORS
TO OUR BRANCH CAMP IN
SEPTEMBER
ADMIRING GEOFFS ATLA
WITH MUGGO'S POORLY
TIGER IN THE FORE-
GROUND



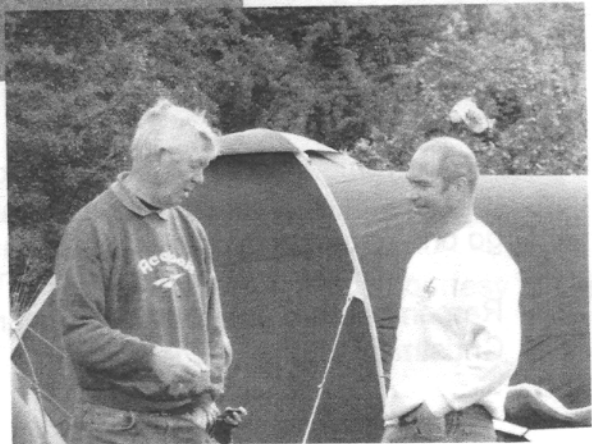
ESSEX MEMBER ALAN
THROSSALL'S 750 COM-
MANDO VERY NICE
SOUND TO THIS ONE



A REAL ESSEX GIRL!
AMY, ALAN MEREDITHS'
DAUGHTER, AT REST
FOR A WHILE.



GEOFF AND ALAN
CHEWING THE FAT
OVER SOME POINT OR
OTHER. ALAN WEARS
OUR RALLY SWEAT
PROUDLY!



EVENTS LIST

December

1st Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

14th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

18th Christmas Meal at the Fox Kelham. 7pm for 7.30pm

Yes the end of the year and another one ready to start

January 2011

5th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

11th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

February 11

2nd Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

8th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

12th 13th Classic off Road & race show at the international centre
Telford.

March 11

2nd Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

8th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

April 11

3rd AGM to be held at National Railway Museum York.

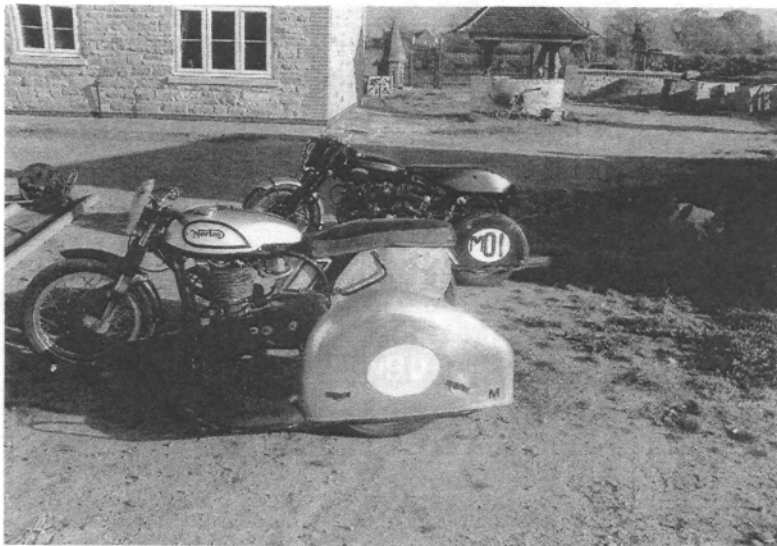
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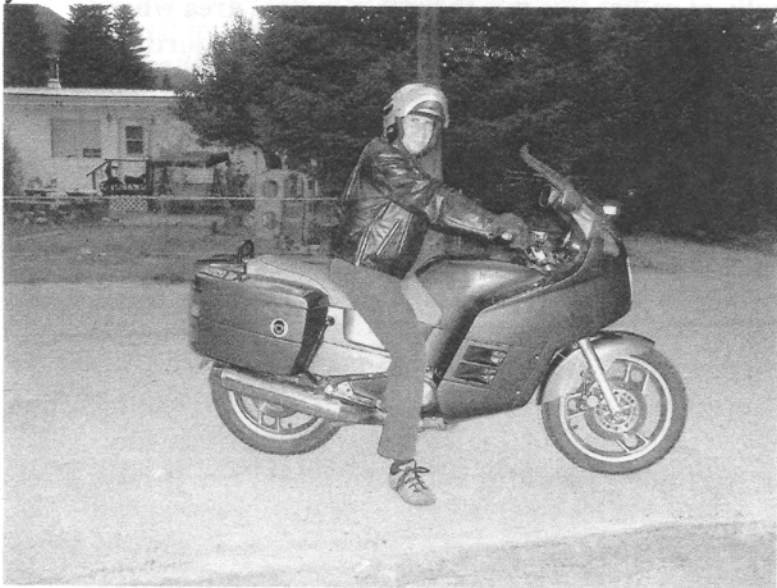
As it is the winter there is not much to put into the events list.

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
go on. To contact me look on the inside page.

Remember to order your 2011 calendar's for collection at
Christmas



A nice set of racing side-cars from the Donington weekend last year.



Me riding the only Commander in Canada courtesy of Garnet Minogue.

Norton Owners Club National Rally 2010

Remember the 80's when the rally field was full mostly of Commandos next to a small tent, with a few cars driven by the wife-bringing child and dog? There would be a few older models and there has always been that special, which looks like it should be on the racetrack.

This year's rally was something different. There was no rally field; instead the rally goers were perched on a terraced mountainside. At the bottom were rows of chalets then rows of caravans next came a narrow flat strip which was occupied by NOC and at the top of the hill a very large sloping field with a lovely sea view.

There was a fair mix of models, not just Commandos, but it was difficult to look round them as some were parked outside chalets and caravans and others, trying to find a flat pitch, were scattered around the top field.

Usually at rallies like this there is a central area where people congregate, however at this one the majority of people dispersed, either riding on the poker run, around the very lovely scenery or taking a walk down the (very steep!) hill to Shaldon and, across the river, Teignmouth.

The weather was perfect all weekend and we spent Friday night riding our 19S around the local area of Shaldon, Teignmouth and by the river Teign. At Shaldon, as we were taking a photo break, a local chap came up to us, and told us that he had never seen a Norton single around there before, except for his that was, he had a featherbed ES2, but didn't seem to know anything about it, or to have any interest in doing anything with it. We told him to have a walk up the hill and he would see plenty of them!

Saturday we rode to Paignton and Torquay, then back along the Torbay coast where some very steep hills proved a challenge to the little brakes on our 19S.

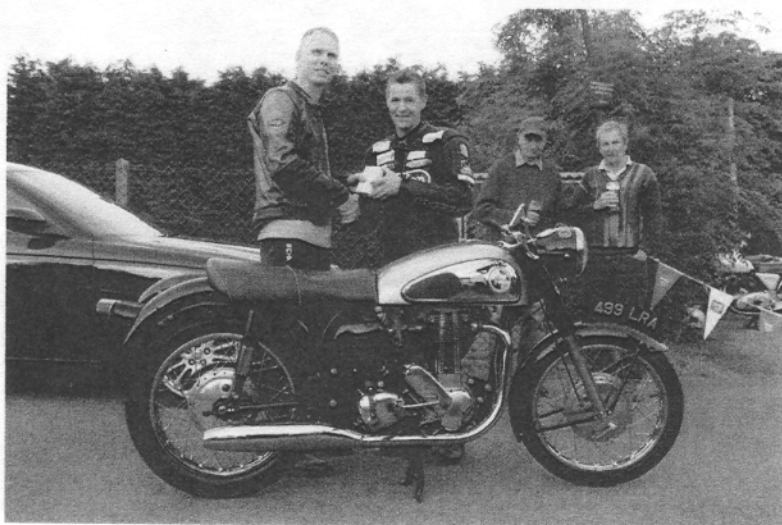
Later in the afternoon we spent an hour or two in a pub in Shaldon with some faces we knew from previous rallies, then staggered back up the hill to the site, ready for the evening in the clubhouse.

After the prizegivings, we settled down with some beers, not expecting too much after the previous evening's 'entertainment' we found that- yes it was the same holiday camp 'Hi Di Hi' karaoke sing- along that we had been served up with the previous night. We left the clubhouse after a bit, and so did most of the people at the rally, disappointed at the lack of atmosphere we normally get at NOC events.

Despite this, we enjoyed being there, mostly due to the beautiful area we were in and the weather, which had been specially ordered for the rally weekend

We left the rally on Sunday and made our way to Glastonbury pulling in to a lay-by with the Tor in the distance. We started to eat lunch when several old motorcycles passed by, then as more passed we saw they all had numbers on and some with M, obviously marshals. Over 200 British motorcycles passed on a very well organised run. Some waved as they passed us. We stayed in Glastonbury for 2 nights there are some good riding roads near there especially Cheddar gorge.

Denise and Phil.



BARRY IS PRESENTED WITH HIS TROPHY BY CHRIS WALKER

The front runners

first the
sprinter...

and now a
long distance
strider

