

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

**FIND US AT :- THE FOX AT KELHAM, Nr NEWARK.
FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH
ALSO AT :- THE ROSE & CROWN , CRESSWELL
SECOND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
WEBSITE WWW.NOTTNOC.ORG**



**BRANCH MEMBER IAN LAWRENCE AT MALLORY PARK ON
HIS NEWLY RESTORED FEATHERBED INTERNATIONAL.**

**DECEMBER / JANUARY
2012**

COMMITTEE INFORMATION 2011-2012

CHAIRMAN RICHARD APPLEYARD
(01302)759444 , 07776 081529
info@richardappleyard.co.uk

SECRETARY GARY RACE
(01623) 470153
gary.race@ntlworld.com

TREASURER DON & MAVIS MEEK
(0115)9664646

EVENTS RICK SIMS
(01629) 580425 07791110769
ricksims@sky.com

REGALIA CHRISTINE HARWOOD
(01623) 642409 07875392676
chris.360@btinternet.com

WEBMASTER RICHARD APPLEYARD
(01302) 759444 07776 081529
info@richardappleyard.co.uk

NEWSLETTER EDITOR BRYAN HARWOOD
(01623) 642409 07976 264721
chris.360@btinternet.com

I can hardly believe that I am writing this ,the last newsletter of the year as it has come around so fast but here we are ,looking forward to the next one?

This is a two month edition as there is very little riding being done and you are all beavering away with your polish and spanners fitting and shining up the bits that you get for Christmas or reading the books and looking at the dvd's that were so lovingly bought for you by your better halves? I do hope so and let us not forget ,it is better to give than receive,eh?

I would like to take this chance to wish you all well and for to hope that you all get whatever it is that you want in your prayers. That does not just mean presents ,as health is just as important as wealth for without it you do not have happiness. I am thinking of you all at this festive time and hope to see all of you out there next riding season ,fighting fit and ready to go.

Bye for now Bryan the editor.

EVENTS LIST

December

2nd-4th Icy-ale-Rally ,Druids MCC , Dirty Duck , Woolsthorpe
Nr Belvoir Castle , Grantham

7th Monthly Meeting at the Fox ,Kelham.

13th Social Get together at the Rose and Crown (if closed and no members
are there then go to the Black Diamond same village ,ask for directions)

17th Christmas branch dinner at the Fox, Kelham 7pm for 7:30

January 2012

4th Monthly meeting at the Fox ,Kelham (be aware the Fox closes at 10pm
tonight,)

19th Social get together at the new venue ? Wherever we decide ,ask a com-
mittee member.

February

1st Monthly meeting at the Fox ,Kelham.

14th Social get together (this will be updated by this time)

March

7th Monthly meeting at the Fox ,Kelham.

13th Social get together (this will be updated by this time)

April

1st The A.G.M. of the N.O.C. will be held at the National Railway Mu-
seum ,Leeman Road , York YO264XJ.

4th Monthly meeting at the Fox , Kelham

10th Social get together (this will be updated by this time)

May

2nd Monthly meeting at the Fox , Kelham

8th Social get together (this will be updated by this time)

18th-20th Branch camping weekend ,High House Farmhouse, Tumbly
Moorside , Nr Coningsby ,Lincs.

June

6th Monthly meeting at the Fox ,Kelham

12th Social get together (this will be updated by this time.

National Rally and Norton Day , Dates tba but will be hosted by the Essex
branch , with Colchester Castle as the venue for Norton Day.

July

6th-9th Norton Owners Club International Rally ,Skipton Rugby Football
club , Sandy lands , Engine shed lane ,Skipton ,North Yorkshire, BD23 2AZ

Any info on events or runs see or phone Rick ,details on inside cover.

The Norton International Story

1957 Model 30 500cc

It all started in Sept 2006; I was looking for an engine for My MK Indy kit car, having just removed the Honda Blackbird engine that I built it with, as I would have lost my licence it was so damn quick! Anyway, a friend of mine said he had a Ford Zetec engine sitting in his dad's garage, so I went to look at it and it wasn't what I wanted (I ended up with a Vauxhall 2ltr red top, but that's by the by) but while I was there, I saw this engine languishing under the bench. I asked his dad (John) what it was and he told me it was an old Norton engine, so out of curiosity I took a picture of it and emailed it to my good friend Chris Norton and asked him what it was. A swift reply came back telling me it was a Norton International engine and "has he got the rest of it!" I said I didn't know but would find out. When I next saw John, I asked him if he had the rest of it, and he told me he had, but it had been in the shed down the garden for 40 years and he'd lost the key to the shed! Repeated asking bought about the same reply so a little subterfuge was required. When he went away on holiday his son said he knew where the key was and took me into the shed and lo and behold there was the Norton Featherbed International rolling chassis and next to it was a '57 Triumph Speed Twin. It transpired that the bike was originally acquired with a seized engine, having been run with an oil tap turned off, so he hoofed the Inter out and fitted a Triumph T110 and ran it for a couple of years, it was then dismantled and put in the shed where it remained until I saw it. He also showed me the cupboard under the bench where all the original Inter parts had been stored along with the Triton bits. Then to cap it all, in the front room was a '75 Trident that was last on the road in '79 with 12k on the clock!

I spent the next three years trying to persuade John to sell me the Inter to no avail until one evening in Sept 2009 when I rang him up and said that I'd just sold my kit car and could I come and see him about the bike. To my surprise he said yes! He said he'd seen some of my previous work and knew that if he sold it to me; I would make a good job of it and wasn't doing it for the money. Two days later, over a cup of coffee, the deal was done and I found myself the owner of a '57 Inter, a '57 Speed Twin and a '75 Trident!

As I've done enough Triumphs over the years, the speed twin was moved on, as was, and the Trident was re-commissioned, and I've been riding it for a year. The Inter restoration was started in January 2010 and I've just applied for its original registration number. It was originally registered in Nottingham and I'm the 4th owner and it has 17k on the speedo.

Ian Lawrence

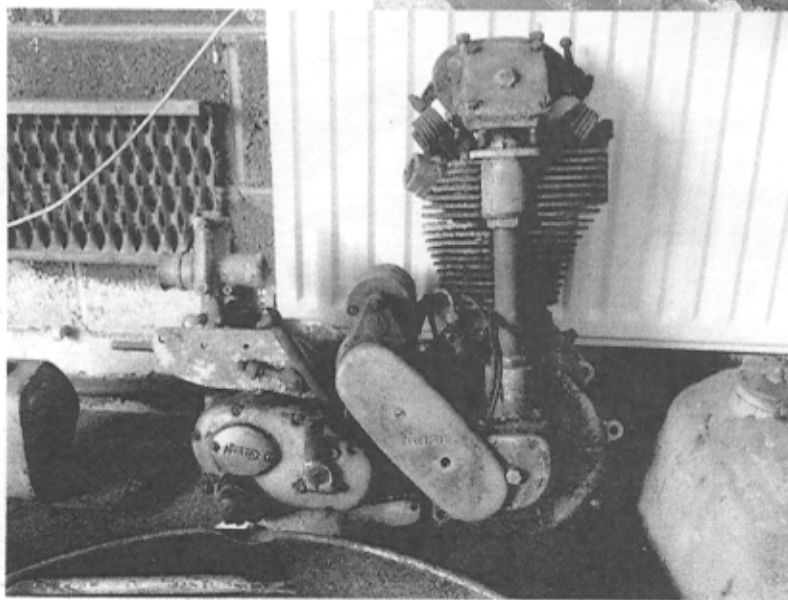
Nottingham

Update May 2011 Thanks to the help of Chris Streater of the NOC, I now have the original registration number 412 AAU which is a Nottingham reg and was supplied by Hooleys Garage of Greyfriar Gate on 7th August 1957. She now has over 200 miles on the clock and has done a couple of track parades with the club.



Ian's new
Inter project
When he first
Bought it
As can be
seen it was in
Need of lots
of love and
elbow grease

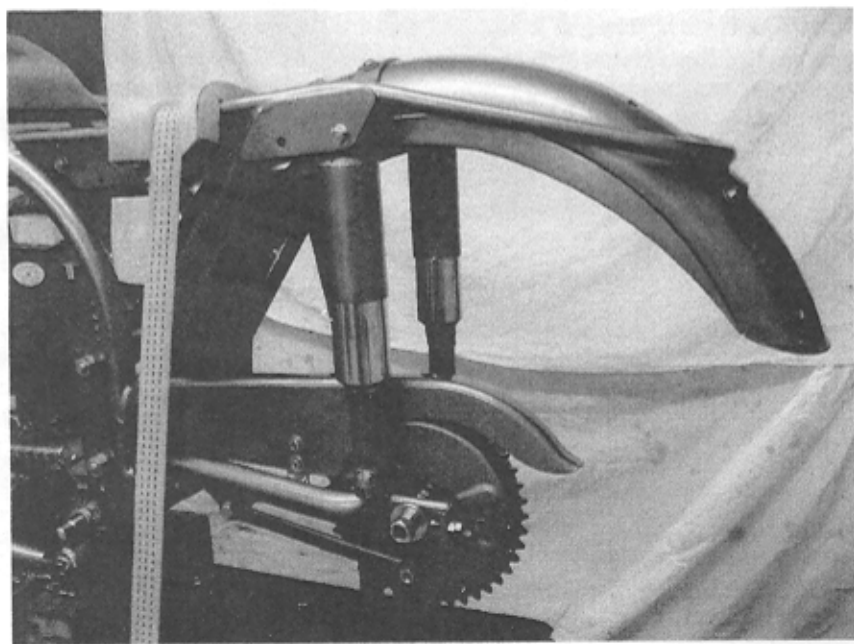
Just because it is rusty
it does not mean that it
is a problem . At least it
was all there so he had
something to work on
and not just guesswork



An Inter motor
is a thing of
beauty. We
even have
them printed
on t-shirts in
the Norton
club! Many
only aspire to
own one ,Ian
has managed it
as can be read
in his story .



Now it is starting to come together after all the hard work and not a small sum of money I'll wager ? It is always nice to see the fruits of your labour and the rebirth of another fine example of a Norton motorcycle.





Ian ,champing at the bit waiting to have that newly rebuilt cammy motor fitted into the rolling chassi that is resplender In new paint and chrome .Lovely.

Using a winch and plenty of lagging to the frame tubes is not what most of us use but if you want that final build to be just so then you do whatever it takes to achieve it. It shows how long it is since I last had a bike re-painted ,it was cheap In them days!!



What a space ? No wonder so many bikes wer separated from their motors ! I think I might get an imp engine in there Or maybe a vinnie eh' Never mind Ian has the right bit to fit and how good it looks ,eh?

NEW VENUE REQUIRED- AGAIN!

In October several of us turned up to the social meeting at Creswell to find the door firmly closed ,yet with the strains of Eastenders coming from upstairs we knew there was someone at home? Even passing locals were surprised to see it shut.

We gave it until the end of Eastenders to see if any more of us would arrive before we set off to find an alternative beer source ! Then the gathered band set off to the place that seemed to get the most nods and that was the Pebbly a few miles away near Pebbly reservoir on the road to Sheffield.

This caused a bit of a shock to the barmaid when we went in en-mass as there did not appear to be more than a couple of locals expected in a week day session?

We made enquiries as to the suitability of the venue for us to make it our regular meeting place and were told that on a normal Tuesday evening there is a pool match on and the place is full? There is another room there but it was in darkness and we did not enquire further as to it's availability We could come on another night? But as we were not sure we left it for the time being.

Before we ended the evening we had made plans in case the same thing happened in November which we took away with us.

On our arrival at the Rose and Crown in November it was open and several of us were there to hear from the barman that indeed the pub was closed as he had just started to suffer from a blood clot in his leg and he could not get downstairs to let us know! Also the landlord , Chris was away himself so the place had to stay shut.

We were also told that the pub is closing and it would be before Christmas so we would probably have to find somewhere else soon, anyway! There could be someone else opening the pub but he did not know this for certain.

Now we know and now we can plan for our future, so it is over to you the members to decide? Can you suggest a place for us to meet for our social night? Do you know of a pub in the area that would be suitable to our needs? If you do then come along to the next meeting ,ring a committee member up or e-mail one of us for to get it looked at as soon as possible so we can continue to meet some place on a Tuesday night. Thanks.

We would like to thank Chris and his team for looking after us at the Rose and Crown for the last few years that we have been meeting there, giving the branch a place in the North of the county to base ourselves that folks can find us ,who would not otherwise have come to branch meetings . Thanks from all at the branch and we wish you well in the future.

