

# **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



PULLING LIKE A STEAM ENGINE ? A 500T FROM 1949 BEING RIDDEN  
BT JOHN LEES IN THE ARBUTHNOT TRIAL IN 1990

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Hi Folks ,welcome to our July edition of the Notts Newsletter and my last as your branch Chairman. Have any of you thought about stepping into these shoes? It is really not too strenuous for anyone to do and it would help the branch to stay strong within the N.O.C. Come and have a word with me and I'll put you straight on what is required of the Job,(not much)!

Sorry to hear about Rick's mishap last month when some car driver knocked him off his bike on the way to work !! Broke his collar bone and gave him several weeks of recuperation ! Also the bike (thankfully not a Norton) get a bit of attention thanks to her insurance ? We wish him a speedy recovery and he will be back from his hols in time for our branch Concours night later this month. And that brings me on to the next thing and that is to ask/remind you all that if possible could you bring a raffle prize to help the branch and if you can get along to the Fox early to help set up it would be most appreciated by us all , thanks.

Several of you will have been to the clubs Annual rally in Devon and I am waiting pensively for all the branch reports from you to put into the next editions of the newsletter which will be my post on the committee for the next few months.

The weather has not been so good as the forecasters said so let us hope for a really good night next week for the concours ? And for any more events that we are doing soon ? Let Rick know and we'll all come along,eh?

Bye for now Bryan the Chairman.

## WEBMASTER UPDATE/ APOLOGY!

Richard ,our branch "webmaster" has made his apologies to the branch for not getting the Notts branch website up and running as yet . He has told us that there are a lot of things that are pressing in his world that are taking up time within his very busy life and that the site has remained a "to do" part of that life .

However he has promised to get it done for us soon, so I do hope you all realise that he has made time for you! So do look at the site when it is in use and please ,please do send him relevant information so that he can keep it up to date for all of us.

I can relate to the fact that time is short and things that might make money should take preference to things that might give pleasure as without one the other is not about to happen? So we hope the same can be said for all of us ?

Richard is in the time consuming process of becoming a teacher and that means long hours pouring over books and things that impart info to pass on to others and it does not always mean motorcycle manuals (take note some of you!)

Thanks for your understanding , the Committee.



RICHARD AND LIZ ON AN OUTING WITH THE BRANCH BEFORE THE URGE TO TEACH OTHER S BIT AND TOOK HIM AWAY FOR LOTS OF HOURS OF STUDY ! HOPFULLY HE WILL BE WITH US MORE IN THE FUTURE , WHEN HE HAS PASSED HIS EXAMINATIONS , GOOD LUCK FROM THE BRANCH,,MATE.

## EVENTS LIST

### July

3<sup>rd</sup> Motorcycle show Uttoxeter race course

7<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> International rally Colombres Spain.

13<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

14<sup>th</sup> Notts concours night at The Fox in Kelham. Chris Walker is going to hand out the prizes at this event.

18<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day classic and vintage show, Stanford Hall

### August

4<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

10<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Norton Day.

20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> camping weekend at Don and Mavis.

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

I did not make it to the last meeting due to being knocked off my Honda on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. A car turned right in front of me while I was filtering down the middle of the Road. I have a bust collar bone (which is still painful) a bruised ankle and cuts on my knee. The driver of the car was fine. The Honda is a right-off; luckily it was not a Norton I was riding! Honda's can be replaced!

I will be there for the concours night; I am in Holland first part of July.

Please remember to bring some raffle prizes.



Me on my Honda replacement?



A ROSE BETWEEN TWO THORNS? BRYAN HARWOODS' COMMANDO WITH A PAIR OF HESKETHS' AT A STEAM RALLY IN NORFOLK SOME YEARS AGO .



STEVE SPRAY AT DONINGTON ,EASTER 1989 , HE WON, TOO!

## MY CRETAN TRIP 2010. TO COLIN AND JENNY'S.

Colin and Jen were there waiting for me when my flight into Heraklion airport landed. A 2 1/4 hour journey from their home in Western Crete. Then poor Colin had to drive all the way back ,and not one word of complaint, bless him.

We arrived back at the house at about 9:15pm , then Jen made us all a meal and home made fruit cake ,! Bless her.

I had a lovely relaxing week , with nice lazy mornings but we always went out after lunch either sight seeing , shopping or to the beautiful beach for some sun bathing or swimming

Jen was a coward and only went in up to her knees in the sea as she said it was too cold.

Bryan and I had bought them a bottle of vintage port for their wedding anniversary ,which they opened whilst I was there and really enjoyed a glass.

Happy belated anniversary Jen and Colin from all of us in the Notts Norton Owners.

Over in Crete it is a lovely relaxing island and I can see why Colin and Jen are so happy there as it's a hard life getting up every morning to sunshine and beautiful views from one of the balconies of their home.

My holiday was over far too soon, but I will be going over again as I'm made very welcome and they are great hosts. Thanks to both of you.

Chris Harwood.





*Diana's 650SS certainly had 'M' ap,*