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BRANCH
NORTON OWNERS CLUB**

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PAUL "MUGGO" WITH HIS IMPROVISED PERCUSSION SECTION
AT THE BRANCH CAMP IN MAY AT TUMBY MOORSIDE. THE
WYTCHWOOD BOTTLETOP DRUM TAMBOURINE BOX ???

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Hello there "Noccers", nice to see we had a bit of warm weather for a change Last month, just a pity it had not been just a little bit earlier when we had our own branch camping weekend!

Never mind, by the time you read this the club should have had the Annual rally and Norton day in Colchester and we should have had a successful trip out to the Autokarna at Wollaton Park? Reports please and photos if possible as well

Next month does see our annual concours event and we have booked it with the staff at the Fox at Kelham for the 11th of July so please try to be there and help us to make it as successful as ever (all donated raffle prizes are gratefully received ,thanks) Also if folks can get there early to help set up it would be really appreciated,too.

Another thing is to keep your eyes on the events page as things are happening that you may well want to attend and it is no good saying that "I did not hear about it" as that is why we put things in for you to see ?

See you out and about , Bryan the editor.



PHIL IN SONG
WITH HIS
ACOUSTIC GUI
TAR
GIVING MANY
OF THE FOLKS
A GREAT DEAL
OF PLEASURE

THANKS PHIL

BARRIE IN CHAT
MODE WITH TWO
OF OUR REGU-
LAR GUESTS
GEOFF AND
BRENDA FROM
LINCOLNSHIRE



MARION,
JOHN AND
PHIL MAKING
THEIR FIRST
CAMPING
WEEKEND
WITH US
THANKS TO
THE ON SITE
B&B. NICE TO
SEE THEM
OUT WITH US



EVENTS LIST

June

- 1st 4th National rally and Norton Day at Weeley, between Colchester
- 2nd 4th Autokana Wollerton Halland Clacton-n-Sea
- 6th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 9th Belper steam rally Street Lane Denby £6 entry
- 10th Lincoln bike fest Brayford Wharf
- 12th Social get together at the Black Diamond, Cresswell-
- 16th 17th Coppice steam rally
- 30th 1940's Day Erewash Museum Lkeston

July

- 4th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 6th 8th VMCC 1,000 bikes Mallory Park
- 6th 9th NOC International rally Skipton Rugby Football club
- 10th Social get together at the Black Diamond, Cresswell
- 17th 20th IONA end of the world rally
- 22nd VMCC founder Day

August

- 1st Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 12th Track parade Donnington
- 14th Social get together at the Black Diamond, Cresswell
- 24th Begonia Rally Staden

September

- 5th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 11th Social get together at the Black Diamond, Cresswell
- 16th Track parade Snetterton
- 23rd CBG big breakfast Markham Moor truckstop

NOTTS BRANCH MAY CAMPING WEEKEND
HIGH HOUSE FARM, TUMBY MOORSIDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

With the weather having been cold wet and windy for several weeks before the camping weekend, I thought it must change for us but no it stayed much the same for the entire weekend!!

The numbers were down but the quality was there is all I can say about the compar as all who went seemed to enjoy themselves? Even though waterproof coats and woolly hats and gloves were the order of the day.

This year the idea was to move a little further East and to find a place that did B&B as well as camping and Caravanning, so this found us at High House Farm at Tumby Moor side which is just off the road to Skegness near Conningsby. It had Three double rooms which were snapped up in no time by members who do not camp and all Five electric hook up pitches were equally quick in being taken, too.

The rest of us made do with the Grass and torches? But with a level field no-one had any complaints. The noise from the road as traffic passed was another matter as the seemingly quiet strip of tarmac became a drag strip to most who went by no matter what time of day or night it was?

Our Hosts Paul and Kath were fine with all of our requests apart from there being no café to feed us teas or the lack of breakfasts to campers who had not booked prior to attending the event (my bad here, sorry to all who wanted one)

We even had them supply us with a huge army marquee as our new event shelter did not come up to our needs due to the cold wind and rain and we had not purchased any sides or doors for it as yet. It took Eight of us over an hour to help erect the heavy tent and as the owner had never put it up himself before we were all in the dark, so to speak!! It did eventually get there and it kept us all warm whilst we were doing it, too.

All during the afternoon folks were arriving and getting themselves sorted and several were making cups of tea for others so it made a nice social gathering and with plenty flyovers by the Typhoons and Battle of Britain flight we were well entertained until it was time to go to the pub for dinner.

By taking a few cars we got all of us to the Lea gate pub, some mile away for a splendid meal where we ate on one long table for Sixteen folks. The service could not be better and the beer was good too (not for the drivers, mind!) and we made sure we booked for the next night as well as it looked to be a busy place.

As the drivers did want a drink we returned to the cold and wet campsite for some refreshments and after some cajoling, Phil Holden gave us all some Three hours of guitar accompanied songs to the cheers of the members who really did appreciate his talents.

The rest of us made do with mouthing known lyrics (quietly) or joining in with home brewed instruments like Muggos cardboard box drums and Marks bottle and stones percussion thingy! I think "Ernie, the fastest milkman in the West" went down a storm, once we all knew the words! With coloured lights for ambiance and Lynn's DAB radio for Phil's breaks we had a pleasant nights entertainment before folks made their way to bed wherever it was, in the early hours of the Saturday morning.

The sounds of Ten Euro fighters taking off, one after another brought me out of my slumbers in the mid morning as the air in my li-lo started to vibrate with the roar that the planes made!! By the time I unzipped the tent they had all gone into the murky sky so I found myself looking at several other members of the club who had been up and were

Snapping away with their cameras. Again no-one complained about them , only the cars and vans as they drove past on the road!

The B&Bers came out after their hearty breakfasts as did Muggo who was the only pre booker from the tent section and to a man and woman they all said it was very good.

The day was spent visiting things in the local area and we saw several others from the site on our trip out to Woodhall Spa and Boston . Many paid a visit to the Petwood Hotel which was the Officers mess for the Dambusters Squadron during the war and others went to the Bubblecar museum which has relocated to New York ,which is just down the road from the site? Some went to Cadwell park for the Classic racing and others went for supplies in Conningsby or Boston (aka little poland).

By tea time most had arrived back to the site where Paul our host had opened his private World war 2 Museum for us to have a look around. His collection of Vehicles and artefacts from that period is huge and has taken him many years to piece together .If only I had the space to have even a Quarter of it I would be a rich man!

We had booked our tables in the Lea gate for Seven p.m. so we then got ready in our finest and again took as few vehicles as was possible to get everyone there to have a meal and a drink ,where 21 of the club and guests had a fine meal once again . The menu was large and there was something for all tastes and pockets, too.

This time the evening was dry but still cold so when we returned to the site we all toggged up for the cold evening ahead where we had a good few hours chatting and drinking to the DAB radio kindly brought along by Lynn . Phil's guitar had been taken home by his Daughter (cunning plan) so he did not have to repeat his previous evenings renditions of songs that we tried to get him to play for us ??

Anyway we all seemed to enjoy the company as it took several hours to empty the Marquee ,which had kept the weather from us and was a real godsend to the branch .

The Sunday morning came along dry and a little bit windy so we got the tents down fairly dry and packed away by lunchtime . The B& B folks all came out to help us to pack away the Marquee but Paul had decided to keep it up and use it for another group that he as expecting in a week or two and he would keep his cars in it as an impromptu garage until then. So it saved us from another hour or twos work and allowed many of us to leave at a reasonable time to make our way home or as is the case on to another part of their holidays.

For me we set off at lunchtime to beat all the traffic as it comes away from the coast and made it home in a little over an hour. Folks on bikes were probably quicker but with cameras to trap you on the roads(thanks Lincolnshire Police) it was better to be a little bit slower and keep the licence intact.

Those who came all seemed to enjoy themselves and it only remains for me to thank all of you for your company and to thank the hosts for the weekend Paul and Kath who said we were more than welcome any time in the future.

Report from Bryan Harwood.

We have had a suggestion for our branch camping weekend in September from Paul Muggleston who thinks that he has found a site that ticks many of the boxes we need for our sort of event. It is a pub with a campsite ,situated about three miles from Darley Moor race circuit in Derbyshire and it is called the Ostrich . We have said it is well worth checking out and seeing if it is available when we need it for our event .We will keep you all informed On the progress with our findings on your behalf.

The Committee.



LILLY,
GRAHAM
AND
KATH'S
VERY
QUIET DOG
ENJOYED
HER WINE?
WITH US.

THE REMAINS OF A BOUNCING BOMB
OF DAMBUSTERS FAME . WHICH CAN
BE FORUND IN THE GARDENS OF THE
PETWOOD HOUSE HOTEL IN WOOD-
HALL SPA.



THIS IS THE
FAMOUS KINEMA
IN THE WOODS!
AT WOODHALL
SPA WHICH WE
TREKKED TO ON
THE SATURDAY
AS WE WALKED
AROUND THE
TOWN. VERY
QUAINT PLACE.



A PICTURE OF THE WOODEN MANX NORTON IN THE FOYER OF THE N.M.M IN BIRMINGHAM WITH COLIN ROBINSON (BARRY'S SON) STANDING NEXT TO IT. TAKEN IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.



ON THE LEFT WE HAVE MARK AND WENDY ,A COUPLE OF GUESTS WHO COME ALONG TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH THE BRANCH AND ON THE RIGHT ,ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS A BIT GLOOMY IS A GENERAL PICTURE OF THE GATHERED MEMBERS ALL ENJOYING THEIR EVENING UNDER HEAVY ARMY CANVAS CURTESY OF OUR HOSTS AT TUMBY.