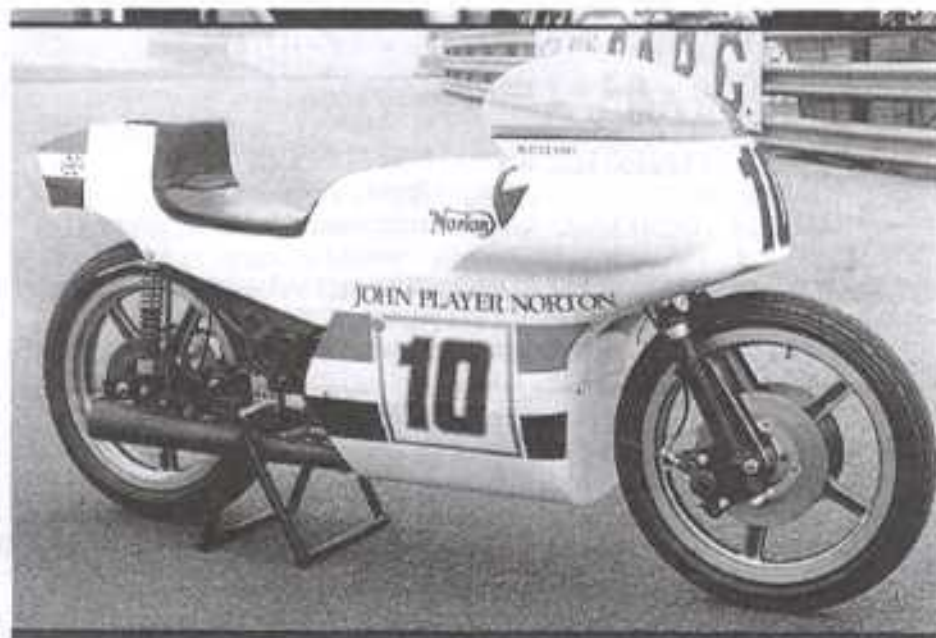


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Hello all ,I hope you are planning to come to the camping weekend this month? At least for a ride around the area and drop in to see us or join in whatever were doing? There is plenty to do around there and the roads are not too bad to ride on either.

It will also soon be time to ask you to prepare for the concours night in July and to humbly ask for donations towards the branch raffle on the night ,which helps us no end for the rest of the year. Another thing is for to ask for folks who can get there early for to help in setting up the area before our guests to arrive. Thanks . The club is still getting members joining and also wishing to join the Notts branch so please do look out for any unfamiliar faces turning up at our club nights and ask them if they are looking for us! It goes a long way to keeping members if they are welcomed into our fold by a friendly face or two. I have been told of at least one member who may be coming to us and he has took out a five year membership of the club so a good impression may keep him for that long in Notts. Thanks.

See you all out and about soon ,let's hope the rain has stopped before we all get webbed feet ,eh? Bryan H.



NOW COME ON BARRY I KNOW YOU HAVE MOVED HOMES BUT IT IS NO EXCUSE FOR YOU NOT TO GET THE COMMANDO FINISHED !! AFTER ALL IT IS ONLY MONEY AND TIME. THESE ARE A COUPLE OF PHOTOS WHEN I OWNED THE BIKE BACK IN 1987 WHEN CHRISTINE AND I WERE READY FOR AN EXTRA MEMBER OF THE HARWOOD FAMILY TO ARRIVE AND WE STILL MANAGED TO GET THE BIKE ON THE ROAD FROM A PILE OF BITS!



EVENTS LIST

May

- 2nd Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 8th Social get together at the black diamond, Cresswell
- 11th 13th Norfolk camping weekend Fleggburgh
- 18th 20 branch camping at High Huse farmhouse Tumbly Moorside
Nr Coningsby

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 Derby £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 Lokeston

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

EVENTS LIST

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



Winner from a previous years concours night event
Barry W,being awarded his trophy from Chris Walker.

Our 2012 concours event is yet to be finalised but will
Hopefully take place at the fox and be in July. We will
Let you all know as soon as we can.

For anyone willing to help on the night(and we do!)
You should contact the committee so we know how
Many we can count upon to help, thanks.

NOTTS BRANCH CAMPING WEEKEND ,MAY 2012

For those who are going to this years branch camping weekend at Tumby moorside ,High House Farm ,here are a few things to know.

To get there I WILL ASUME THAT YOU ALL HAVE MAPS? Please go to Coningsby in Lincolnshire this will be on the A153 and proceed in the signed direction of Horncastle /Skegness.

Shortly after leaving the town you should turn right onto the B1192 signed to Boston. You may notice a pedal cycle chained to a lamp post with a sign on it saying Museum (unless the scrapmen have taken it away?)

Stay on this road for a while ,passing a pub on your right? Then shortly after you will see a left turn onto a smaller road and again there may be a cycle chained to a lamp post with a museum sign on it , and you should turn left onto this road and keep on for almost half a mile and then look for the signs to the farm house on your left.

As the building fronts onto the road you should have no problem finding this. A suggestion for those on bikes is for to pass the first entrance as it has loose pea gravel on the drive and take the second (smaller entrance just after the building and it is tarmac onto grass where the caravans are.

Once there please make yourselves known at the back door to the farm especially if you are taking use of either the rooms or the caravan spaces, thanks.

If anyone wants to book breakfasts in the farm ,ie those without means to cook one themselves the landlady has offered to do a full english at a very reasonable rate , provided she knows in advance how many as she needs to get the supplies in ! So speak up as soon as you can (preferably before the event) but not on the morning!!

Do take your own beers to the event as there is no bar there and the pub is some way back towards Coningsby .We will have some for sale and we will try to do a beer run to get supplies for the evenings .

If you want to tour the area there are plenty of things to do and see within a few miles of the farm and there may be a chance to view the farms own museum, should there be enough takers (recommended viewing for a small sum)

We cannot guarantee the weather but hopefully we should have our branches own new event tent erected for the first time to try out. Those in cars ? Can you bring any spare chairs if you have room for those on bikes who cannot carry them . There is a café on site that we can use and it sells some nice cakes and snacks to keep us going during the day for anyone who is stopping on site to chill out!

We may try to get folks out to the pub by car if there is enough offers but it may be a case of shank's pony so take a torch in case you stay after dark as the road is quiet but is used by some fast folks at night.

There should be only us on site this weekend as we have booked all the pitches and the rooms ,too! So the landlord says we can make as much noise as we like?

I know you will respect each and every one's peace so this should not mean noise until the early hours, remember tent walls are thin !!

Hope to see many of you out there later this month

Bryan H.

National AGM summary

Three from our branch attended the AGM at The Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham. Compared to some previous AGM's this one was quite sedate with no major disagreements being aired. Below is a brief summary of the day.

There was a brief and interesting talk from 2 of our vice presidents, Ken Sprayson, and Stan Dibben, recollecting events from their former careers.

The chairman gave a review of the past year from his perspective (Copy available if anyone wishes to read it)

Our treasurer took us through the years accounts; they showed a £9000 profit over the year, mainly held up by the spares scheme. (Copy available if anyone wishes to read it)

There was a brief discussion over the 2012 international rally from the Yorkshire branch who are hosting the event. Discussion also of the cost to the club of the container for bikes going to America, for last year's international rally, not much more to say than a lesson learnt, hopefully not to be repeated.

Formal elections for this year's committee were held, the only change being to the magazine editor now Mark Woodward.

A brief discussion over the clubs constitution and a proposed amendment to the disciplinary procedure that see's the final appeal being held by 3 Branch Secretaries.

Spares section made a request for members to inform them of any unobtainable parts, which the club may wish to have made.

Various awards were handed out (details will be in Roadholder)

The club is to purchase a number of gazebo's logoed up with the club name, for use by branches.

Decision was taken to re affiliate with MAG due to their active campaigning to block anti bike legislation in Europe.

Evidently the club owns 12 paintings (the ones the calendar was based on a couple of years back) that are stored at a member's house the Exec Committee will look at the possibility of displaying the paintings in say the Motorcycle Museum.

Evidently we now have an Isle of Wight branch.

If you need any more info on the above give me a shout. Garry.

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