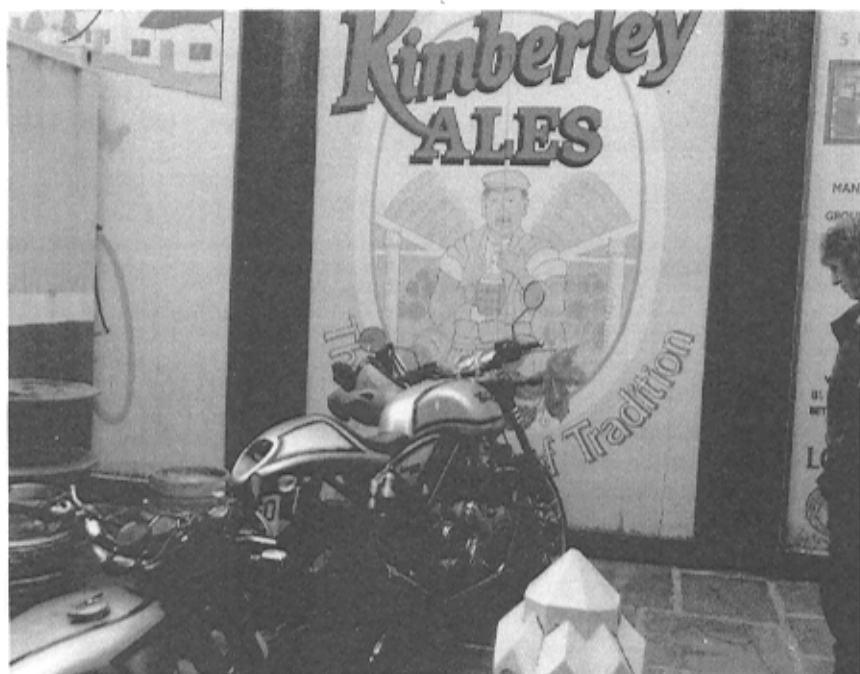


# **THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH NORTON OWNERS CLUB**

**FIND US AT :- THE FOX AT KELHAM, N<sup>r</sup> NEWARK.  
FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH  
ALSO AT :- THE ROSE & CROWN , CRESSWELL  
SECOND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH  
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**FOUND THIS COUPLE OF NORTONS HIDING BEHIND A PUB  
IN DERBYSHIRE . THE COMMANDO OWNED BY IAN LORAM IS  
THE FRONT COVER BIKE ON THE CLUBS CALENDAR FOR 2012.**

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Hello all , the list above is the new one for next year and as you can see it has not changed! No takers at the A.G.M. Never mind you must all be happy with what we are doing on your behalf ? Too late now !!

We had a slight glitch last month when we turned up to the Rose and Crown to find it firmly closed !! We waited a while to see who would come then we went to the Pebley . Just a few miles from Clowne for the evening. We have seen our pub open since but have not found out if this will happen again ? We have plans in place if it does so keep a few of the above numbers handy should you turn up to find it closed and we are not there?

Not many letters to print and not much in the line of events so the next newsletter will be for Two months as we have done in the past but if there is anything that wants putting in then we can still try to get it published for you.

See as many of you as I can next month at the Christmas dinner?

Bye for now Bryan the Editor.

# Santa's Super Saver Christmas Menu

3 COURSES - £13.99 per person

## Tomato Soup(v)

*served with a warm crusty buttered roll*

## Garlic Mushrooms(v)

*in a natural crumb served with a salad garnish & mayonnaise dip*

## Creel Prawns

*premium prawns in a hot n' spicy flavoured crumb served on a bed of leaves with a sweet chilli dip*

## Garlic Bread(v)

*crusty bread slices topped with garlic butter*

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## Roast Breast of Turkey

*locally sourced turkey breast in a rich gravy with seasonal vegetables, bacon & chipolata rolls, stuffing & Yorkshire pudding*

## Breaded Haddock

*fillet of haddock in a natural crumb served with peas, french fries or new potatoes*

## Gammon & Pineapple

*succulent grilled gammon steak with peas & french fries or new potatoes*

## Vegetable Lasagne(v)

*roasted vegetables in a herby tomato sauce interleaved with lasagne, topped with a creamy mascarpone cheese & grated cheddar served with peas & french fries or salad & new potatoes*

## Steak Guinness & Mushroom Pie

*shortcrust pastry pie served with a rich gravy peas & chips or vegetables & new potatoes*

## Scampi

*wholetail scampi in a golden breadcrumb with peas french fries & a salad garnish*

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## Traditional Christmas Pudding

*with vanilla custard, fresh cream or ice cream*

## Strawberry Eton Mess

*crunchy biscuit base topped with creamy cheesecake rippled with strawberries & topped with crumbled meringue pieces & strawberry coulis*

## Mega Chocolate Fudge Cake

*served warm with fresh cream or vanilla ice cream*

## Mango & Coconut

*crunchy coconut biscuit base topped with a mango & coconut mousse finished with a mango glaze sprinkled with toasted coconut*

## Traditional Apple Pie

*bramble apples encased by shortcrust pastry served hot or cold with cream ice cream or vanilla custard*

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## Mince Pie & Cracker

Here is the menu for the branch xmas dinner . Please choose your three courses and let the committee know by the 7th of December . Also we would like to get the moneys in by that date so we can pay up and not have to deal with money on the night. Thank you. We would like to be there for 7pm for 7:30pm on the 17th December .should you have forgotten.

## EVENTS LIST

### November

- 2nd Monthly meeting at the Fox , Kelham.
- 8th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 11th-13th Classic Motorbike show NEC.
- 11th-13th Icy knee Camping weekend ,Tibenham Norfolk.

### December

- 2nd-4th Icy-ale Rally ,Druids MCC , Dirty duck ,Woolsthorpe  
Nr Belvoir castle.
- 7th Monthly Meeting at the Fox , Kelham.
- 13th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 17th Christmas Dinner at the Fox ,Kelham 7pm for 7:30.

### January 1012

- 4th Monthly meeting at the Fox , Kelham (be aware the Fox closes at  
10pm tonight!)
- 19th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

### April

- 1st The A.G.M. of the N.O.C. will be held at the National Railway museum ,Leeman Road ,York, YO26 4XJ

### June

- National Rally and Norton Day ,Dates tba but will be hosted by the Essex Branch, With Colchester Castle the venue for Norton Day.

### July

- 6th-9th Norton Owners Club International Rally Skipton Rugby football club, Sandylands ,Engine shed lane , Skipton ,North Yorkshire, BD23 2AZ.

If you have any info on events for inclusion in this list ,please contact Rick ,using the details inside the front cover, thanks.

## NOTTS BRANCH A.G.M. 2011 , AT THE FOX ,KELHAM .

The 18th AG.M. of the Nottinghamshire branch ,Norton Owners Club .Was duly held on our normal club night in October and attracted a total of Seventeen members and while not a large number it was enough to hold a constitutional and proper A.G.M. within the rules as set by the N.O.C.

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs P Holden and Mr M Bettison.

Reports from the committee members were read and accepted by the members present.

Sec , We have 55 paid up members at this time We do not run a list of associate members but we do have some and we currently do not have a levy from them but we do have our fundraiser which brings in some moneys for the branch .I have attended some branch runs this year and have attended the A,G,M, of the main club in York and attended the Secretaries meeting last year and I do intend to be present this year in Warwick.

Treasurer , We have £ \*\*\*\*\* funds in Two accounts held by the branch and we are still healthy as a branch of the N.O.C. ( this figure is not for everyones eyes but can be seen by any Notts member should they wish to speak to the treasurer.)

Events , We Have had a successful years events with Two camping weekends Two B.B.Q.s A very well attended Concours event at the Fox and several runs which although not massively well attended ,were thoroughly enjoyed by those who did go.

We are looking to purchase a new tent/marquee for a series of events that we want to hold next year and we will try to get some help from the main club to pay towards its purchase.

Regalia . We have very little regalia in stock and have sold none this year to speak of . Most of what we have is slow moving old stock eg badges and stickers that are many years old. We need ideas once again for items that members want to see the branch hold as stock and can sell to promote the club.

At this point the committee resigned en-block and Mr Kim Wiltshire took over the meeting for us while a new committee was elected.

This took very little time as there were no new faces that wanted to take a position within the committee so the old members were asked if they would stand for another year and to a man/woman they all agreed to be re-elected for the coming year.

The vote was taken and the new committee was accepted and duly elected,thank you all.

Chairman	Richard Appleyard
Secretary	Garry Race.
Treasurer	Don& Mavis Meek
Events	Rick Sims.
Regalia	Christine Harwood
Editor	Bryan Harwood.

A.O.B. Several things were tabled in this section ,each was taken in turn Besides the Concours event do we have another raffle planned to raise funds for the branch ,Eg. Christmas dinner , B.B.Q. normal branch clubnight?

After some debate we decided to hold one at our club B.B.Q. in the summer at Don and Mavis' house when we have a fair number of members present.

Do we subsidise the Xmas meal and by how much this year? After talking to the landlady we found the cost of this years meal to be £18 so the vote was taken to reduce the cost to ALL to £15 giving a £3 discount to each attendee.  
(since the meeting we have seen the menus and there were Two different ones and the most members opted for the super saver one ! Which has more choices on it but is cheaper at £13.99 per head so it will be £11 to each attendee )

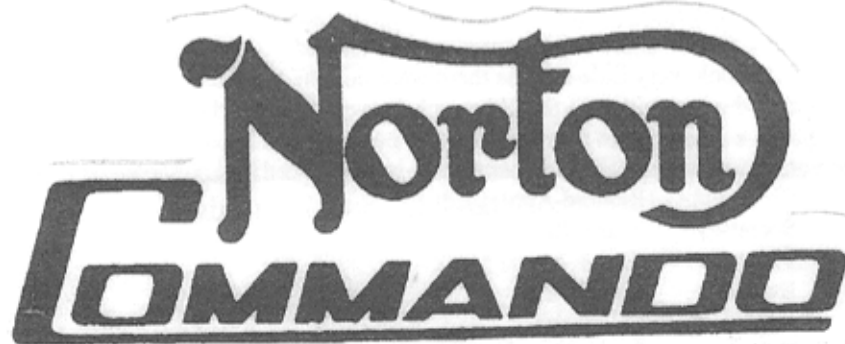
The members want the regalia officer to look into the purchase of a new t-shirt with a small logo on the front of it and in a choice of colours . This will be done.

The purchase of a new display marquee/tent for a series of events next year that will be a recruitment drive as well is to be looked into by the regalia officer and a programme of events to use it is to be built up by the events officer. Also the secretary is to ask if this purchase can be partially paid for by the main club when he attends the branch secretaries meeting where he will see the branches man ,Kev Feltoe.  
The branch voted to buy the tent anyway as we can use it for our own events.

A suggestion was made to invite the current club Chairman to our Christmas meal along with a guest , at our expense. He lives close to us and we can get to know him and he can get to know his local branch. This was accepted by the branch members ,Garry to make the initial contact with Tim Harrison and we will wait his reply.

With that being the last of the A.O.B. the meeting was closed and all members thanked for their attendance and input to the A.G.M.

The committee hope that all members and their families have a healthy and happy year ahead and look forward to seeing you all out and about in the next twelve months.



The logo features the word "Norton" in a large, stylized, blackletter-style font. Below it, the word "COMMANDO" is written in a bold, blocky, sans-serif font, all in uppercase. The "COMMANDO" text is contained within a thick, black, stylized border that resembles a gun barrel or a mechanical component.

## THE SECRETARIES MEETING ,OCTOBER 2011 ,WARWICK.

Garry Race , our secretary ,recently attended the Norton owners club "Secretaries meeting" on our behalf at a hotel in Warwick and before he went away on his jollies he imparted to me a few of the things that were talked about . However there will be a full set of minutes printed after the meeting and he will no doubt bring them along for you all to see when he gets them .

The International rally 2012 ,will take place at Skipton Rugby ground but the costs are yet to be ironed out so we should not talk about then just yet!

There will be a combined Norton Day and Annual rally in June 2012 which will be run by the Essex branch. The Day will be at Colchester Castle and the Camping / Summer party side will be at a member of the Essex branches farm ,somewhere near to the Day site! This will keep the costs down as there will be no real campsite fees to pay.

The club is tasking Mr Peter Scatchard to look to get our logos re registered as we only have a few months left on them (ten year lease) as Mr Stuart Garner is thinking about not letting us have the Norton Logo anymore as some of our people seem to be writing nasty things about his shiny new bikes and he does not like it? The big cheeses in the club have been to try to calm the waters with him and they hope it has worked! It always seems to attract a small minority of folks who want to try to spoil a good thing before it gets off the ground . They probably cannot afford one so write nasty things to try to hurt others .

We will probably be asked to co-run Norton Day /summer party for the year 2013 alongside Leics/Northants branch . The club want it to be at Donington? Garry will have to wait until we are officially asked before we get any fuller details of what the club wants us to do, also it will be up to you the members before we say yea/no to their asking!

Yes we can apply for some money for to help pay for our new tent for events but we have to buy it first and use it for an event that promotes the club before we see what percentage we get back .

The club is looking to store all of their stand stuff in the central part of the country . This had arguments for and against as whoever borrows it must take it back and that could be a b\*\*\*s ache to some folks?

The Northumbria branch are asking to run the National rally in 2013 as a memorial to Clive Taylor who died this year.

The club wants to make it easier to renew and not forget your memberships by getting more of it's members to use direct debit, as they think it is more of an effort to go to or phone your bank to stop it once it is set up?

Some branches are asking to be told when they have new members put into their branches as at this time anyone joining the N.O.C. can elect to be in a branch but the first the branch knows is when they get a list from the club and that can be a long time from when the member is joined!!

These as I said are just a few bits of information that Garry brought back with him and they will be expanded upon later.

Bryan H.

## WOLF PFEIFFER R.I.P.

News reached me late last month of the Death of an old friend of mine ,Wolf Pfeiffer who lived in Austria and a long time Norton owner.

He was on his way to a motorcycle meeting when he died, so I can only say he died the way he probably would have wanted.

Many of the members of this branch would have met him at some rally or other and he would usually wear one of our Robin Hood T-Shirts as it was a favourite of his and he would tell me so every time I met him ,too. This would be topped off with the same pair of black one piece leathers that he had owned since he was a boy and they still fitted him though he was almost Seventy!! This would be the sum total of clothes he brought with him to a rally as his Commando fastback would not be encumbered with any luggage at all, no sir not for this hard riding character.

His sight was restricted as he only had one eye and towards the end of his life he used to get a pal to lead him to wherever they were going and he would be right there behind the lead bike as the sight in the other eye was fading ! This did cause him a problem when in Stirling the other year as his friends bike broke down and he had to follow a recovery truck instead! And when he got back to Austria he bade farewell to another lead bike only for him to get lost about half a mile from his home!

Nothing would keep him off bikes as you may have read in Roadholder earlier this year when he snapped both his Achilles tendons and still he got back onto his bike later in the year.

It will be a poorer place to be at any Norton Rally in the future as there will be a Wolf sized space that will be hard to fill.

My condolences go to Elfie, Wolf's Wife and all of their Children and I'm sure the branch will feel the same as the loss of a member of the club is like losing a member of the family.

Bryan Harwood.



Scelte  
Heilgrachten  
und viel Glück  
im  
Neuen Jahr

THIS WAS A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM WOLF ,TO CHRISTINE AND BRYAN IN 1998? HIS FACE IS IN THE TOP CENTRE . OTHER YEARS CARDS ARE RATHER TOO RUDE FOR PUBLICATION?