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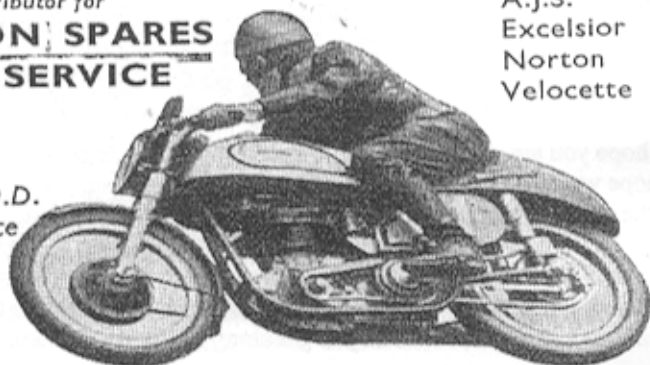
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Hi all , hope you are reading this while waiting for the A,G,M, to start? If not then I hope you have enjoyed the riding season this year and if you have been to any of the many Norton events throughout the year ,enjoyed them, too.

The next thing is the Xmas dinner for the branch ,before santa comes and brings you all the Norton gifts again? Then we have next years things to interest us , including the International rally which is being held close to us this time in Yorkshire ,so I do hope you will try to get along to that one in some form or another ?

However before that happens we are having our branch camp in May and some of you who are not campers will be interested in the plans we have to accommodate you in this event ,see me for details soon, as places are limited here but you should not be disappointed with the location that is planned.

The winter months will be here soon enough so get any stories and photos to me for the quiet editions of this newsletter ,to keep the pages filled, thanks.

Bryan the editor.

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EVENTS LIST

October

5th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

5th 9th moto club piston rally. Santander Spain if anybody is up for it!

11th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

15th 16th classic motorcycle mechanics show Stafford county show ground.

November

2nd Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

8th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

11th 13th Classic motorbike show NEC

December

7th Monthly meet at the Fox, Kelham

13th Social get together at the Rose and Crown

17th Christmas Dinner at the Fox, Kelham 7pm for 7:30.

Don and Mavis has got an 850 Commando with sidecar for sale, also a F1 for sale. Talk to Don about the bikes and how much they will be.

Please remember to tell me if you know of any runs or meetings that you here about that other members of our branch might like to go on. To contact me look on the inside page.

Three men go Riding

Well last week in August off work, to enable me to catch up on all those interesting jobs you put off throughout the year, decorating, car repairs, etc. So when on the Wednesday Phil Geeves phoned to say he and John were going on one of his magical mystery tours, the next day i had to consider long and hard if i should abandon my interesting work to tag along, so one second later i told Phil i would meet him at John's the following day.

Unfortunately my Norton is suffering from the Joseph Lucas escaping smoke syndrome, so again i turned up on the Honda. Phil as always had planned the route to the finest detail and was using the latest technology to aid our navigation (he wrote the route on a piece of paper which he put in his tank bags clear top pocket), slight floor, route was on 2 sides of the paper, so at least one stop would be required to update (turn over page) the navigation system.

We set off confidently heading for our first destination Ollerton, having achieved this the plan was to go through Laxton, and then on to Newark, well Ollerton and Laxton came and went then a few miles further we were looking not at Newark but at the A1 (Phil seems to be drawn to the A1), so stop to read map, soon solved and off we set into the wilds of rural Nottinghamshire / Lincolnshire, we came to a junction and Phil turned right towards the signposted village (not one of us at this point noticed the brightly painted dead end sign), well 5 minutes later having navigated some sharp bends we came to the farm entrance at the end of the road, here i found turning round a Pan European on a narrow sloped road is far more fun than turning round a Norton. Turning around completed we were once again heading for our midpoint destination, a small cafe just outside Gainsborough with a few tentative moments and a stop to update the navigation system we arrived at the cafe, and partook of tea and bacon sandwiches.

Suitably refreshed Phil suggested we should do his route in reverse so we could cover the ground missed in the revised route we took to the cafe. Phil did get the route back right (almost) and we see Dunham Bridge, Newark etc missed out on the way there. All in all an enjoyable afternoon ride, my thanks to Phil for the navigation you are always guaranteed to see places you have never seen before.

Garry.

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NOTTS BRANCH CAMP ,MATLOCK GREEN ,SEPT 2011

Our thanks to Rick for the organising of our branch camp ,last month ,which was once again held at the Duke William pub at Matlock Green, in Derbyshire.

I had to go in the car this time as I had tried to ride the Commando a day or two earlier but found the vibrations hurt the left hand that I had injured a week or so earlier at work! Never mind it meant that I could take more things to make the camping more comfortable and cosy for Chris?

When I arrived around teatime I found Garry and Lynne and Alan Meredith there and busy erecting their homes, at the top part of the field as there were several caravans already ensconced in the better, flat part of the site which left the bit that mountain goats and bikers had to use for to pitch upon.

Within minutes I had my tent out and sorted ,which was good as the rain had started to make it's appearance albeit as a light shower and not much else.

The sound of a brit bike could be heard ,over the sound of our beers being poured and within seconds Geoff and Brenda came into the field ,swiftly followed by Tim and Trevor in a car. Then Alan Throssal from Essex arrived ,too as did the rain just as they all had got their tents laid out to erect!!

A mad scramble by the above mentioned folks had their homes up but they were looking a bit bedraggled by the time they were satisfied that the tents would not let rain in. Even Garry looked drowned as he had offered to help the less fortunate ,throng ! I had been on the phone to Chris at the time and she said that she could not hear me talking as the sound of the rain on the tent was so great that it had drowned out the sound of my voice. However by the time the rain shower had stopped I had made all the beds up ,sorted all the interior of the home and had a cup of tea in my hand before venturing out to see how the others had fared?

Rick arrived shortly after and as he only lives a mile or so away he had wisely waited for the rain to stop before setting off from his house to the site. He therefore managed to get his tent up in the dry before the rain came along again to spur us on to moving into the pub for some beers and a meal.

The welcome in the pub could not have been warmer as the landlord remembers us from last year and I wish his beer had remembered us too as it was not so welcoming for no matter what was tried it had a odd chemically taste to send us all off to the bottled variety of beers that were kept in the cold shelf. The food was splendid however and all of the group partook in some part of the menu or other. We had been joined by the time we were eating by Christine and a guy called Simon from Wolverhampton making the table order bigger and they even made Lena a sandwich even though it was well past the finishing time for food in the pub.

This was the sum total of folks there for the evening and a merry old time was had by all catching up on old times and what was planned for the coming future. A late leaving from the pub was had by all and a quiet night by many as the sound of the church bells did not seem to intrude on my sleep ,right through the night.?

With the dawn came the inevitable trip to the loos and a shower to revive the head and body before breakfast ,and a thought about what to do for the day ahead One or Two went off for their brekky to a café that they found last year, others went for a walk and found something to sustain themselves with on the way around.

By around ten we were all up and ready for action so we all went our ways with Chris off shopping ,Rick went home and others went into Matlock for a look around The local Antiques centre had a small café so in we traipsed and had a small snack and a cuppa , here we picked up Alan Throssall who was returning from his walk and he joined us as we had decided to take in a little bit of history and visit the Awkwright Mills in Cromford so when everyone was fed and watered we set off back to the site to get a car or two to make the journey rather than all use their own transport . Awise decision as there were several sharp showers as we made our way back to the camp.

The mills is a place that I have passed many times in my biking years but a place that I have never been to, so I am now wiser as the place is well worth a stop if ever you get time and a place that you can get a bite to eat and a drink when you are waiting for the tours to start also they have interactive live entertainment by groups that try to get you involved in ,rather like our club,eh?

After we had our culture session we went to the supermarket in Matlock to get some beer supplies for the evening and returned to the site to find more folks had arrived there on the strength of the advert that had been put into roadholder . A Dommie café race special and a Ducati from Manchester and a car full of Norton Owners who had come along expecting to find a day like Norton day where there was a concourse event??

Rick had gone home on his Commando but this time he had returned with sue on his newly bought classic Kawasaki Z1000 ,a bike that he had always wanted to buy when he was young . The bike was a fine example of the type and he will lavish as much love on that as he will with the Norton's I'm sure.

We were also joined by Barrie and Gill Wetherall and Kath and Graham Walker who stayed an Hour or Two while we drunk beer and sheltered from the showers in Tim and Lena's tent awning.

As the temperature dropped and our stomachs emptied we decided to leave the site and venture to the pub where we had a table booked . Although we were slightly bigger in number than we said it did not take too much to find seats for us all and we were all fed and watered handsomely by the staff at the Duke William. What they made of us as we all ordered bottled beers I don't know as Alan Meredith had made the sacrifice and ordered a pint from the pump and declared it to be as bad as the night before? So the rest of the group partook in Hobgoblin, old empire and Newky brown.Splendid.

After we had eaten the turn came on and forced many of us to leave by the back door and walked to the Witherspoons in Matlock to try their beers and so giving Sue an escort at least half way home, as she was not camping with Rick (sensible)

I could not be sure but the beers there tasted exactly the same as the Duke William so maybe it was the water they wash the glasses in .eh?

We returned to find a party going on in Tim&Lena`s ,which kept most of the folks around them up till the early hours ,thin walls ,loud voices and beer ,enough said!!

Sunday dawned dry and by the time we packed up and left it made for a nice day and most got their tents packed dry . I believe all got away without bother and I hope all who went enjoyed themselves as I know I did.

Eight bikes on site ,6 Nortons, 1 bmw,1 ducati ,1 Kawasaki. 23 folks visited or stayed over for the weekend.

Report by Bryan Harwood.