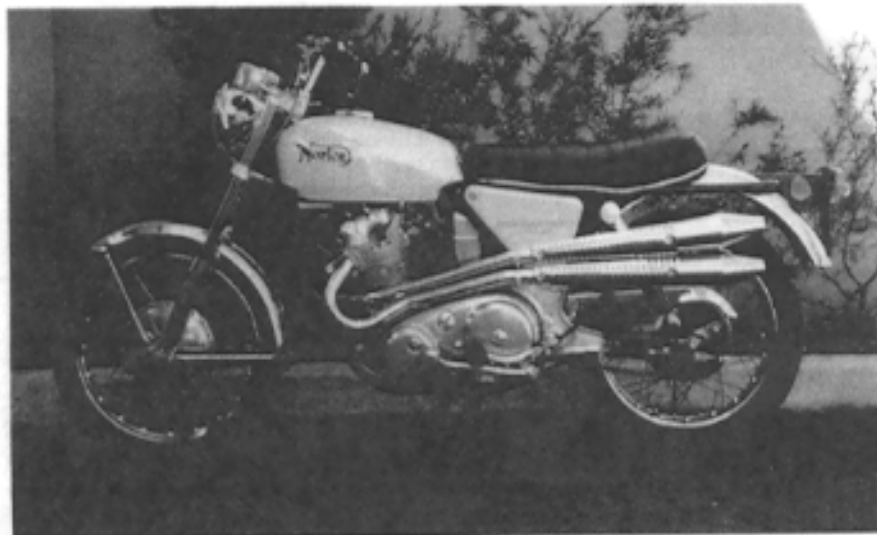


**THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE NOTTINGHAM  
BRANCH  
NORTON OWNERS CLUB**

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OTHER THAN GARNETT MINOGUE. A FINE MACHINE IN THE  
BEST COLOUR. WOULD BE NICE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

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Well here we are again folks ,another year nearly over and A.G.M.night ,tonight.

Many of you have been out and about at the events of the club and our branch and taken advantage of the better weather this year? Stories of Camping weekends at Bishop Monkton and Matlock, Norton Days and Annual Rallies from runs to track days and B.B.Q's ,too but where are they ,eh ? Let me have them for print and it will help me in the winter ahead to give all the members something to read about.

Richard is making a splendid job of the website, (have you seen it?) and it can only get better with your input, so why not send him some pictures and stories .

The Committee has changed this year and although Rich has taken the Chairs' job ,remember it was only a temporary fix and we do need one of you fine and upstanding members to take it on . Thanks.

I hope you all enjoy the night tonight and look forward to the next year with your input for the committee to do the best for you for another year ahead.  
Bryan the editor.

# uncomplicated sophistication

the successful formula of the  
Norton Commando Superbike.

Just compare the Norton Commando with the other large capacity bikes, it looks so much less complicated.

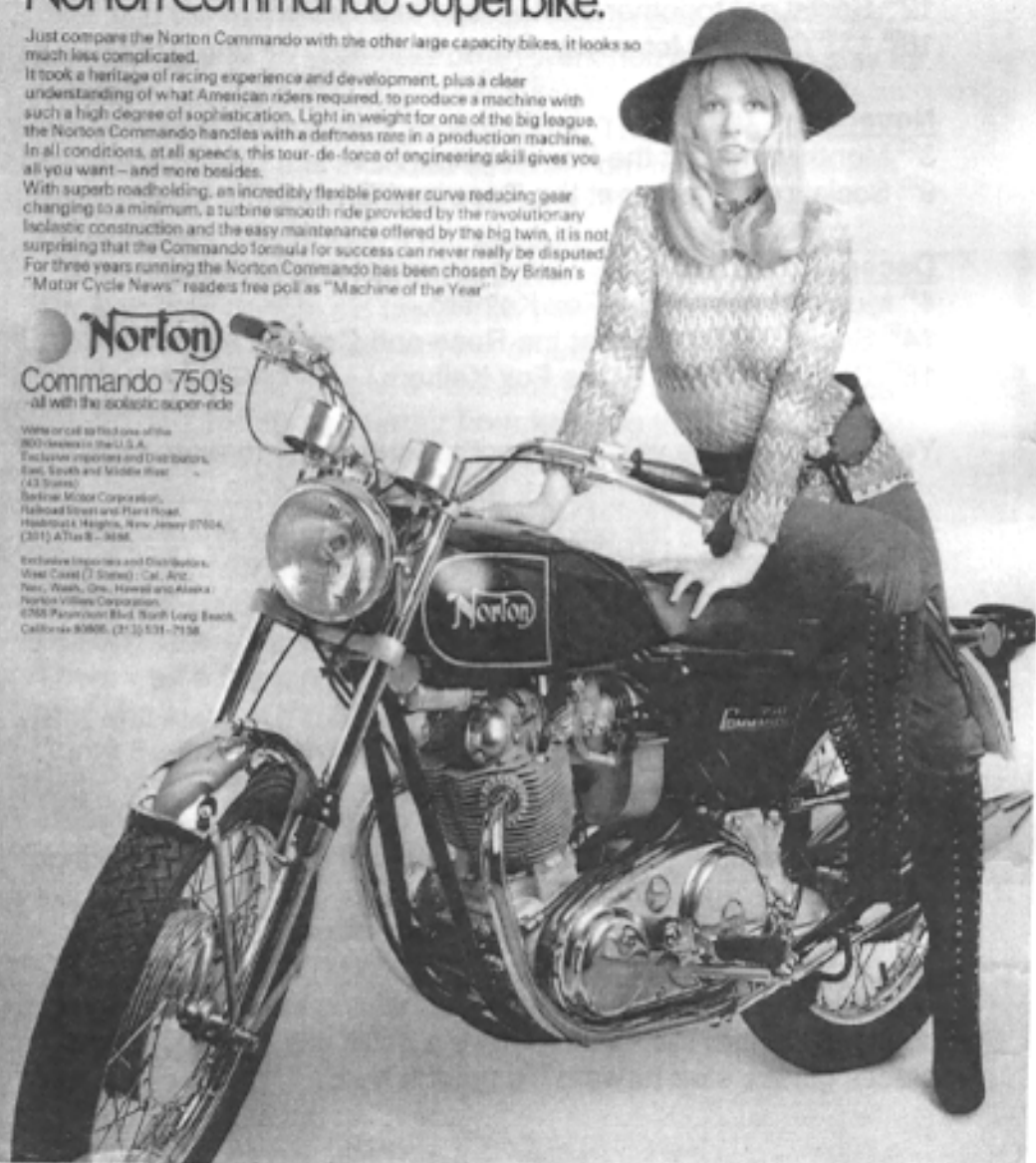
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## EVENTS LIST

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham including the AGM.
- 10<sup>th</sup> NOC Track Parade Cadwell Park
- 12<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Classic Motorcycle Show Stafford.

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Meal at the Fox Kelham.

Yes the end of the year and another one ready to start

### January 2011

- 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

### February 11

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

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.

I would think that you already know that it is the AGM this evening so if you want to step up and have a go at any of the Committee places please step forward it's not the hard.

## Branch camping Weekend at Matlock

On the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September we had our late camping weekend. This was held in Matlock at The Duke William. It was moved from the Carsington pub due to people saying that there was not much to do there during the Day.

On Friday night I did go back to my brick tent, which was about 20 minutes walk away! On Saturday night all of us went over and we had a very good meal. Sue and the boys (if you can call 19 and 16 year olds boys) went home but I did stay for the night.

The weekend was a very good turnout. There were a total of 20 people there; this included several from further South and East of Nottingham, thanks for coming. There were no caravans and the Norton's outnumbered the other marques.

There was a total of 3 Norton's, 2 Triumph's and a BMW.

On Saturday people did there own thing, walking to Matlock Bath, going on the steam engine or just going into Matlock.

Talking to several people on Saturday they said that the local Church chimed every quarter hour keeping them awake. I

must admit that I thought that I would be able to sleep through it, remember Sterndale Moor and the Church there, but come about 6am the Church GOT me and I did not sleep much after that. I waited for all those bloody bells every quarter hour!

At the pub on Saturday night we took over one of the rooms by booking tables for 18 people to eat and then not moving.

There was a live singer on Saturday who was better than the one who sang at the Square and Compass a few years ago!

Come Sunday morning it was raining but it got better and better and by the time people were packing up and leaving it was at least dry.

Report by Rick S

### One man goes to Hunstanton

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> dawned and continued wet and miserable, so decision time do i go to Norton Day / summer party, or not, forecast looked iffy as far as weather concerned, so with all these favourable omens i decide to pack the bike and set off Saturday morning. Lynne decided the omens were not favourable and she would stay at home.

Saturday morning wheeled the bike out of the garage and readied myself for the off, started to rain, so took instant action, and went inside for bacon butty. Rain stopped so off i set, past Newark and onto the wonderful A17. Weather still dry and sun now appearing, the world was beginning to look like a wonderful place, then tractors, caravans, (yes i know i have one but it is different when i am not being a rolling traffic calming measure with it), other various tourists taking in the view rather than watching the road, all served to bring me out of my utopia, and back to reality. Still arrived at Hunstanton, still dry, and sun still shinning.

The site was the local community centre, with a large enclosed field for camping. The camp field was quite full when i arrived.



So first job erect home and then off to book in (luckily booking in was next to the bar, so some refreshments were taken) The decision was then made to do the whole tourist bit and head off to the seafront for fish chips and of course an ice cream. We returned to the site and prepared for the evening entertainment (preparation was basically having a beer). The evening entertainment was a blues/rock band from Norwich, and very good they were too, the room was full of people enjoying the band and having a good natter about things Norton. Quite a few braved the dance floor.

Sunday morning broke with clear skies and sunshine, bikes from the campsite were moved into position for the Norton Day event and many more started arriving, including a very nice Vincent engine cafe racer that attracted some attention.



Having looked around the bikes and talked to various people until lunchtime, i retired for lunch, packed the home and headed off about 2:30pm. Back into the reality of holiday traffic,

but even this could not prevent it being a nice ride home. All in all, a very nice and relaxing weekend.



### NOTTS BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER 2010

As time is getting on in the year we were beginning to ask if the branch has made plans for a Christmas dinner for 2010? Well we can confirm that a booking has been made after a little research among the attendees to the last meeting at the Fox.

We are having Dinner at the Fox on the Saturday 18th of December 2010. And this is all we have at the present as the Landlady has yet to announce the menus for the xmas fayre or indeed the prices .

This hopefully will be resolved soon, perhaps even tonight at the A.G.M. along with a time to be there for the meal, discounts to members and if we are having a raffle ,etc.

I do hope you will all try to be there as we had a good time last year and with no complaints from anyone it makes sense to return to a place we call home, eh.?

The committee thank Gill Weatherall for starting the ball rolling for us on this one as no one else seemed to remember that Christmas is coming ,and fast, too!



Kath Walker  
In a hat ,pic  
by Lena.  
600 Dommie  
Pic by Ernest  
Scott

