

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH NORTON OWNERS CLUB

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**A LINEUP OF NORTONS OUTSIDE THE RED LION PUB IN CRICH
TAKEN IN MAY AT THE RIDE OUT FROM NORTON DAY.**

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Wow , hasn't time flown this year? With most of the clubs events already past and the list beginning to show next years itinerary it only remains to say ,pencil in the branch A.G.M. as it falls in October on the 5th at 8:30 pm start ,at the Fox in Kelham. Do please try to be there as the more of us the merrier and we do need your input. No one will be forced into jobs that they do not wish to take ! None of them are onerous to the point of despair? Trust me I have been doing one job or another for years and I still have all my hair,(well the bit on the sides is still around).

Another thing we need to sort out soon is the branch xmas dinner and we are looking to book the 17th of December at the fox ,date and timings to be confirmed as soon as we can so look on the website or contact the committee in October but put it in your diaries and try to get along to this one . We will aim for the main room this year ,not the chill box as we had last xmas.

Still plenty of time to get out and about on the bikes before the winter sets in so do let me know where you have been and I'll print it up for the rest of the members to read. Ta Ta for now Bryan the Editor.

GETTING LOST IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE?

After a chat with John and Gary, I planned a run to Byard's leap Café, by the A1 then on to the Limes café on the A614.

On the Saturday morning we left John's house at about 11:30, with both John and I on 500 Norton's and Gary on his Pan European.

We got to the White post roundabout without getting lost, then Farnsfield and Edingley and on to Southwell and then we took a wrong turn and the first of many detours!

Back on track— over the Gunthorpe bridge and then left to East Bridgeford, then roadworks on the A46— another detour, and luckily Gary had brought his map, and we were away again.

Then we took another wrong turn and we were on to the A1? We turned off this towards Dry Doddington and checked the map again. Back on the A1 near Grantham— May then I recognised some village names— back on route!, Byard's leap here we come!

This had took us some 75 miles to get here so we stopped and had a coffee.

I only made one wrong turn on the return trip and that was on the way through Eakring but we made it to the Limes for a Bacon sandwich and some coffee.

Report from Phil Geeves.

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Bowled over with top pub award

YOU MAY RECOGNISE THE GUY ON THE EXTREME LEFT OF THIS PHOTO AS OUR BRANCHES OWN BEER HUNTER, PAUL MUGGLESTON. SPOTTED IN THE WITHERSPOONS MAGAZINE BY OUR LAGER, PORT, WHISKEY, WINE HUNTER MARTIN BETTISON WHIST OUT FOR A DRINK WITH HIS FIANCE, BEV.

EVENTS LIST

September

7th Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

13th Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

10th 11th Border & Classic bike show Cleobury Mortimer South Shropshire

16th 18th camping weekend at Duke William pub Matlock. £5 pppn.

16th 18th Goodwood revival at you can guess.....

Goodwood

23rd 25th BSA OC Wight lighting rally on the Isle of Wight, nice long ride for somebody!

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

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.

Gary got this from one of his friends.

Don't know if you've seen Classic Bike Guide recently or not but we're running The CBG Big Breakfast, at Markham Moor Truckstop, on Sunday 18 September. The Truckstop is opening especially, so there'll be no HGVs to get in anyone's way. They're opening from around 8am until everyone's gone home in the afternoon. The breakfast (including a big brew) itself is awesome for a fiver, there's a mobile dyno on site which will be free for as many runs as you want, there's a rock 'n' roll trio 'Slickshift '56' on for two three quarter hour sets, Royal Enfield are bring along their range of Bullets, Carrot Cycles will be there with their wares, ex racer Lloyd Dickinson will be bring along a handful of his immaculate race bikes to display in the foyer etc. It's a free for all, just turn up when you feel like it, enjoy the breakfast and leave when you feel like it. It would be great to see a few Nortons there. Hope you can make it.

It would be good if we can have a ride out to clear the cobwebs on Sunday morning, might be a bit far.



The INOA/International Norton rally in America.



Since we saw U2 in New Jersey on the Wednesday of rally week we did not get to the rally until Thursday. When we got there we found out that there was about 450 people who booked in, coming from all over America, lots came from Canada and some from England, we took over 6 bikes in the end, but also from Australia and New Zealand. On the Thursday night was the main meal (so we got there just in time!!) with all the prizes being given out as well as the raffle prizes. We did very well on the raffle prizes! I won a baseball cap with 'Norton Motorcycles' on it, a book on how to maintain British twin motorbikes and Sue won a set of Carb air screw adjusters.

During the meal we got talking to several people on our table and we had a very similar position about bikes, they are for riding not for leaving in garages.

The thing that got me was that the raffle went on for far too long, it was as if everybody was getting something! There were lots of prizes for first and second places of different categories' i.e. pre 1960 post 1970 best special, best non Norton British, Best single, best win etc . there was also oldest person and furthest ridden. Lots of the bikes were trailed to the rally, I can see why when it is over a long distance, but there were several people who had ridden there from Texas or Colorado which is quite a

distance. Frank who is 74 and came on his Guzzi was from Colorado and was taking a 5 week camping/meeting family tour before going home to his wife, I hope that I can do that when I am his age!!

Most of the bikes there were Commando's and Dommies, but we did see some singles. I did see some other types of British bikes

It was great sitting in the shade (104°F) and drinking beer talking about British bikes with people from different continents.



As you can see different types of twin cylinder bikes

Report from Rick & Sue



NOTTS BRANCH ANNUAL B.B.Q. AT GUNTHORPE.

This years branch barbie saw Fifteen of us enjoying the peace and relaxation of ^{our} hosts Don and Mavis in their home at Gunthorpe and thanks once again to them for allow^{ing} ing us to come and share their home.

Both evenings were spent in eating and drinking as usual with arrivals being made welcome and the party getting bigger as the nights went on.

Saturday had the usual ritual few miles walk to the various hostelrys that supply wonderful "BEER" to the thirsty and with food taken on the way by some of us and for ^{oth}ers it was a bit of a wait until the b.b.q.

Some had taken the entire weekend off (Gill and Barrie) but others like me ^{Mavis} and Chris went to work on the Saturday ,such is life! Trevor had come up from Norfolk ^{and} with Paul Muggo coming from Wales meant a few had certainly travelled to come to our do.

The Saturday evening stayed dry for a change and only a bit of a breeze instead of gale meant that we all had a pleasant time . All had their fill as we had bought plenty of food and as each had brought their own drinks no one complained about what they were consuming throughout the night.?

Sunday morning dawned very sunny and warm so nearly all managed to get their tents down dry with only Martin and Bev leaving early before the dew had been burned ^{off} But rhe rest stayed until the afternoon before leaving for home.

I left at eleven with Mavis to go battle in the bingo hall in town as she had invited me to be her guest in a very big competition as she knew I liked to play? Yes I do , in case you were thinking "no not Bryan?",play Bingo? Well we did not win the big games but Mavis is very lucky and we did have a great time out for the day !! Thanks for the day ^{out} Mave I thoroughly enjoyed it.

By the time we got back all the branch had left for home and it left me to thank ^{both} Don and Mavis for the great weekend on behalf of the members who came and partied.

Report by Bryan Harwood.

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