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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2001**

**EDITORIAL**

Well the year's events have started with the usual British mixture of bad luck and weather!

The season's opener – the Pioneer Run – was cancelled by the Sunbeam Club under the ACUs advice due to foot and mouth risk at Epsom racecourse.

The first extra club night run out was one of those typical washouts. We've seen this so many times – the day dawns bright and hopes are raised that a decent run could be on. As the morning drifts into the afternoon it starts to cloud over and the doubts start to creep in. By early evening the skies have darkened and a difficult choice has to be made.

So a few nutters rode out to the plough in the rain for 8 o'clock but decided to stay put for a few pints and then go home.

Of course the next day dawns bright and stays bright, clear and dry throughout the evening!

The weather men tell us that last year was the wettest since records began in 1776 – why am I not surprised. They also tell us

that this year is going to be a scorcher – don't hold your breath.

**BRANCH MEAL**

Will be imminent by the time you read this – look out for reports of drunkenness, plate smashing and table dancing in the next newsletter.

**AGM REPORT**

*Ian – drop your text in yer!*

## EVENTS 2001

I put a number of suggestions into the last newsletter to get minds thinking for the gaps later in the year but no response so far – we will end up doing what we normally do and make it up as we go along.

Some interesting up and coming events:-

Extra Club Night to the VMCC at the Cricketer's Inn, Pirbright – as long as we leave as soon after 8 o'clock as possible we should get there in good time. This is usually well attended and the beers good so see you at the Plough or at go direct and we will see you there. (Location and Map on the website).

Fleet Lions Charity Run, this is another good do and – believe it or not – we have been blessed with excellent weather on May Day Bank Holiday for the past two years. I handed out some entry forms at the club meet but there is no problem with turning up on the day.

Lots of bikes on display and a nice run out – go on, earn some brownie points for the bank holiday.

Some notable future events:-

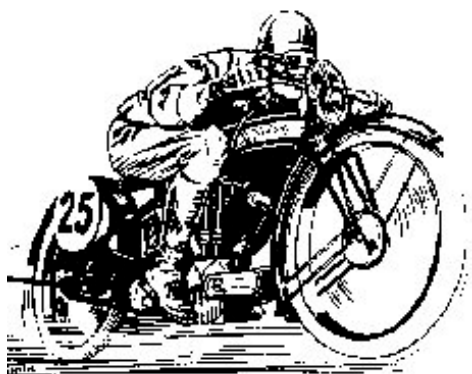
There is definitely going to be some interest in at least a Saturday afternoon/evening trip to the Solent Branch camping weekend at the Flower Pots in Cheriton.

International Rally – Phil and I are going and tickets are booked. If you are thinking about it don't forget to mention the MCN discount when booking the ferry – you will get a fairly decent discount.

Begonia – The most recent Roadholder confirms this as 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August. More details to follow....

## TRACK DAY 2001

The date for this years track day has already been set – reserve the 22<sup>nd</sup> September for an experience of a lifetime!



Last year was excellent but we were short of marshals and we feel as though we took advantage of those who volunteered as they had very long stints out on the track.

To address this we are starting to register volunteers as from now – please contact Ken Aylett, Chief Marshall, on 01344 882685 or collar him at any club night.

## NOC THAMES VALLEY WEBSITE

[www.noc-tv.co.uk](http://www.noc-tv.co.uk)

The site is now good enough and is now referenced off the main NOC site from the branched section.

I have made some progress with the site over the past couple of months and am now looking for contributions from individuals on the following topics:-

Your machines – get me a digital image of the bike and some interesting history and I will put it on the site for posterity.

Riders wives – if you dare!

Event reports – if you have been on one.



## EVENTS/DIARY/ NOTABLE DATES

28<sup>th</sup>

Branch meal - The Bell and Bottle, School Green, Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Nr. Reading  
1930 for 2000

### May

1st

Extra Clubnight, run out to the VMCC meet at Pirbright. Leave the Plough & Harrow at 2000 Hrs

7th

Fleet Lions Charity Run, Fleet. Meet at the main venue in Fleet. You will need to preregister for this event - contact me for details if required.

15th

Clubnight

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

'Ampshire 'Ogs camping weekend, Flower Pots, Cheriton if anyone fancies a Saturday trip?

### June

11th

Extra Clubnight, run out to BSA OC meet at Lord Derby nr. J5 M3. Leave the Plough & Harrow at 2000 Hrs.

16<sup>th</sup>

Solent Branch track day  
Chertsey

19th

Clubnight

22nd to 24th

International Rally. St. Pompon, Dordogne

### July

2nd

Extra Clubnight, AJS/Matchless OC bash at Maidenhead Rugby Club. Leave the Plough & Harrow at 2000 Hrs.

8th

Gales Classic Run, Horndean.

15th

Norton Day. Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

17th

Clubnight

20th to 22nd

National Rally. Midsomer Norton Rugby Club, Norton Down, Midsomer Norton. Bristol

### August

7th

Extra Clubnight

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

Second Solent Camping weekend at the Golden Pot Near Odiham/Lasham. Anyone interested for a day trip?

21st

Clubnight

24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

Begonia Rally

25th to 3rd

Manx GP IOM

28th

Manx GP Re-union, Shore Hotel, Laxey.IOM

### September

4th

Extra Clubnight

18th

Clubnight

22nd

Track Day. DERA Long Cross, Chertsey

### October

16th

Clubnight

### November

20th

Clubnight

### December

18th

Clubnight