

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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**NEXT BRANCH MEETING**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April 2006**



<http://www.thamesvalley.nortonownersclub.org/>

### New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to two new members, Nick Williams and John Scott. John I understand has an Easy 2 of 1963 vintage but I have no information on whether Nick has any machinery. Details or photographs from either gentleman for inclusion in a future edition of this newsletter would be very welcome.

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### Events

The INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE SHOW is being held on 22nd./23rd. April 2006 at Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford. This year's theme on the NOC stand is the Model 50. Drop by and meet some of the Club Officers, feel free to ask questions, or just look at the Nortons.

### AMBERLEY WORKING MUSEUM VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The Amberley Working Museum in West Sussex is holding its annual Vintage Motorcycle Show on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May which hopefully those of you electronically connected will have received the flyer and application form sent out before Easter as the closing date was the 17<sup>th</sup> April. I guess not having applied for entry doesn't preclude anyone from turning up just to see the exhibits.

NORTON MOTORS LTD. Are holding an Open Day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Unit 3, Arcadia Park, Towers Business Park, Rugeley, Staffordshire.

This will be similar to the one in 2005 but later in the year in the hope that the weather might be a little warmer. If last year's open day is anything to go by, there will be something of interest on display for all rotary Norton owners

Unfortunately this conflicts with the proposed skittles evening with Southampton Branch at Alton. I guess the brave with reliable steeds might try to do both.

A flyer for the Amberley Working Museum Vintage Motorcycle Show. At the top, the text 'AMBERLEY working museum' is in a red-bordered box. Below this, the location 'Amberley, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9JT' and phone number 'T: 01798 831370' are listed. The main title 'Vintage Motorcycle Show' is in a large, stylized, pink font, with 'Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May' below it. A circular inset image shows a vintage motorcycle parked next to a red telephone booth. To the right of the image, the text 'Over 300 gleaming veteran & vintage motorcycles expected, from the 1900s to the 1950s!' is written in a pink font. At the bottom, the website 'www.amberleymuseum.co.uk' is displayed in a pink font.

## BRISTOL.BRANCH CAMPING WEEKEND

Just to remind you in case you have not already heard by now, the Bristol Branch of the Norton Owners club is organizing a camping weekend near Sammy Millers on the weekend of **2nd/3rd/4th June 2006**, with a trip to Sammy Millers for a Norton open day on Sunday 4th (*cost £4 per person*)

Bristol Branch has booked a camp site (*cost £5 per person per night*).

The site is having a beer festival on that weekend and a live band, also a BBQ if the weather is nice. Please inform our Secretary, Tony Ripley [t.j.ripley@gmail.com] if you are coming and he will pass on the numbers to Bristol (so they can keep an eye on numbers) who will then advise the details, or just turn up at Sammy millers on the Sunday.

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## 2005/ 2006 Events

<b>Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>April</b>			
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
22 <sup>nd</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup>	International Classic Motorcycle Show, Stafford		
<b>May</b>			
6/ 7 <sup>th</sup>	Norfolk Branch 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camping Weekend	Norfolk Branch	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Solent/TV Skittles bash at the French Horn Alton.	Barry Stickland	Provisional
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Norton Motors Open Day at Rugeley, Staffs		
<b>June</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joint visit with Bristol Branch to Sammy Miller's Museum	Tony Ripley	Proposed
23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford Reunion Rally	Oxford Branch	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
<b>September</b>			
23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup>	Norton Day and camping weekend	Shropshire Branch	

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## Tailpiece

Our friends across 'La Manche' seem well versed in objects Norton and produce some good looking specials too as witness the photos and text on the French Branch web site.



“**Starting** with an incomplete Mk 3 "junk-heap", one year later I finally realized my dreams... a " Fastback" looking Commando incorporating all the "good mods" which I had been thinking about for a long time and which I was prevented from doing because of lack of time, know-how and money . It's very quick, very light (147 kg dry), kinda pushbike! For the moment (2000 km since 2nd birth), it has only good qualities! Let's wait and see if 100 000 km later I won't have changed my mind... Meanwhile, this Commando gives me a pleasure I never felt until now. So what? Elle est pas belle la vie? Best regards!!! “