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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

17th April 2007



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Editor's Grovel

If you were hoping for the newsletter before this evening's meeting, my apologies. I can only blame a 'senior moment' for thinking the club night was next week. I hope to resume normal service next month, including a double sided issue and maybe even have the Commando running!

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NOC Summer Party and Norton Day

The Norton Owners Club Summer Party and Norton Day 2007 is being held at the Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex House & Gardens, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent CT7 0BH. The museum is home to the Powell-Cotton family and their fascinating treasures. Major Powell-Cotton and his family collected a wealth of mammal specimens and cultural artefacts from Africa from 1885 to 1939, leaving a huge legacy for future study, understanding and simple enjoyment of the cultural and ecological diversity of Africa, the Indian sub-continent and SE Asia. Large-scale dioramas built by theatre set-dressers from Margate provide an almost perfect backdrop for the African and Asian mammals on display.



Eight large displays (as photo left) through three galleries depict more than 500 specimens mounted by Rowland Ward's taxidermy studios "The Jungle", forming one of the largest display collections of Ward's work in the world. Thanks to the skill of the taxidermists and the close supervision of the Major himself, it is safe to say that there is nothing in this country to equal the quality of these magnificent displays. Another two galleries display the widest variety of African cultural artefacts, with surgical instruments, religious and initiation objects, jewellery, costume, weapons, musical instruments, domestic utensils and much, much more. These cased displays give a wonderful insight into every aspect of tribal life on the Dark Continent.

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2007 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Contact	Status
April			
Tues 17 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
28 th / 29 th	27 th International Classic Bike Show at Stafford County Showground		
May			
Sun 6 th	Vintage Motorcycle Show at Amberley Museum		
Sat 12 th	Southern Classic Bike Show at Kempton Park		
Tues 15 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
18 th – 22 nd	Norfolk Branch camping weekend		
25 th – 27 th	Solent Branch camping weekend at <i>The Flower Pots</i> , Cheriton near Winchester		
June			
Tues 19 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
30 th - 1 st	NOC Summer Party and Norton Day organised by the Kent Branch at Birchington, Kent (camping) and Powell-Cotton Museum (event).		
July			
Tues 17 th	Thames Valley NOC clubnight – Cricketers	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
20 th – 22 nd	The 2007 NOC National Rally on the Isle of Wight		

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