



Northumbria Branch Newsletter : March. 2014

WE ARE MOVING HOUSE!!!

The gathering at the AGM has decided to move us to a new location. But the next (March) club night will be at the "Shoes", as before – and that will be the last to be held at the "Shoes"

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

We are moving to the Melton Constable at Seaton Sluice. If you do not know the place, it is hard to miss. Just go though Seaton Sluice on the main road. Going North it is on your left and going South it is on your right – an isolated building with its back to the water (at high tide), or mud (at low).

Why the move? - we get the use of a conservatory – we can park the bikes outside the window – the place itself is attractive – and because space was getting more and more cramped at the "Shoes". And it is likely to get even more cramped at the pub moves more and more to an eatery and less and less to a pub.

So, on 24th April (and every last Thursday of the month), come and join the gang!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW: 1: WE NEED YOUR MONEY!!

Subs are due. £6.50 each, please. Send to the secretary, that's me, John Powell, 9 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. Cheques to Norton Owners' Club Northumbria please.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW: 2: BORDERS WEEKEND, 12-14 SEPT.

Space is limited and we need to jump the queue. Book now, or repent at leisure. See the event in the following list:

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO FAIRLY SOON: REGISTER FOR CORBIDGE SHOW 6TH JULY. READ ON FOR INFO.

AND NOW: - - - - THE PROGRAMME!!

It looks something like this -

April 13th : Main Club AGM at the new palace of the Norton factory at Donnington Hall. Incl factory tour (see Roadholder). John Powell and Bob Tym will be there definitely. Anyone else?

11th May (Sunday). Clive Taylor memorial run: Start 9.30 a.m., as per last year, not 10 as suggested at the meeting. Start is Morpeth rugby club. Ending for a meal at the Bay Horse, Stamfordham. PLEASE LET SEC/SCRIBE KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE MEAL.

6-8th. June – camping weekend at Wooler Camp site booked. BBQ as before. Simon will organize BBQ, even though he has asked if it is worth it given the low turn-out last time. So: Members who cannot manage the whole weekend are encouraged to come for the day – or even just the BBQ.

NB there is a "Do" at the Aln Valley railway that weekend and Tony Sargent says that we are enthusiastically invited. On the Sunday morning? There is a café!

June 20-22. National Rally in Norfolk. Bob's going, and so is Sec.. – to reciprocate as they supported us – and we even could have FUN! Anyone else?

6th July , Sunday. We decided to go for Corbridge classics show. We are welcome and can put up our gazebo. Resitration needed for bikes, but they would like us to try to do it on-line if possible (if not possible, there is another way). See back page - - -. While I have not been given a deadline it would help the organisers to know who was coming well before the rally date. (Please let sec. know if you coming too!)

NB there is nothing to stop members also visiting Druridge bay. Sunday 3rd Aug. Bikes from the National rally last year went on to Druridge bay. Tony has been told we would be made welcome. Talk to Tony Sargent!

13-18th August: International/Euro. rally at Bremen. A day's run from the "Amsterdam" (Ijmuiden) ferry. Bob and Ginetta are going and will spend more time, touring. Alan will be there: he already will be in Germany. Sec. will also go, just for the event, but is desperate to find someone to share a cabin to keep the costs down.

12th - 14th September Borders weekend, confirmed at Kirk Yetholm. Joint with Scots. Just after their referendum. (Personally I would think Mr Putin has made it crystal clear that if we do not hang together we will surely hang separately, but I am supposed to stay out of politics). David Templeton (Tayside) has reserved 15 places. Following this, camping places are limited, any more places will be pot luck. The small site is at the end of the Pennine Way and good weather could bring in a major influx of hikers. So: David says to e-mail him to book a spot. DO IT NOW! 7 places are already booked, and space is LIMITED! David is at: smokeyjoe750@gmail.com.

If you prefer something more luxurious, there is accommodation in the two pubs near by. Their details and more about the area can be found at www.yetholmonline.org.uk.

28 Sept. Kamtrek - Scatter event, a bit like a treasure hunt. Looks good with the amazingly advanced motorcyclists. Hopefully some vintage people too. The more come, the less chance there is of winning! (Winner gets to organise next year's) Details later. . *Usual appeal by Sec for members to participate, to keep the event alive. (PLEEEASE!!! BEG!! BEG!!! PLEAD!!! PLEAD!!!)*

Also of interest:

TVNOC Applecross Weekend
Jun 28, 2014 to Jun 29, 2014
Applecross camp site

The Netherlands Nortoneers are running a rally 20 –22nd June and all are invited. Info on their web site: www.nortonclubnederland.nl (click on top for English – then "events" then "40th Anniversary Treffen Kampen" – Kampen – an attractive town.)

Then there is the Begonia as ever, from Aug 22nd - lots going on just over the North Sea! – you could do the International and then the Begonia on the same trip, if time, cash, and liver held out!

Invitations by Dave Wardle, , who has rejoined:

. He and friends will be at their traditional camps again this year, and any members are very welcome to join. They are:

- *Ugthorpe Hall, near Whitby, w-e 20-22 Jun. Big BSA gathering. Could be useful alternative for those not going to the National Rally.*
- *Coniston, Coniston old Hall camp site, w-e 25-27 July. Steam rally at Flooknburgh.*

If interested contact Dave on 01670 820424 or davidwardle@hotmail.co.uk

Also: Dave is buying a "961". M&S on Westgate Road are also going to become agents. M&S keen on a line-up of classic Nortons, with the "961" for publicity stunt (maybe they'll give us coffee too????). Sounds like fun. Date not known as Dave has not a clue when the bike will arrive.

BRANCH RIDE-OUTS (RIDES-OUT?):

Monthly ride-outs from April to October . Start after Apr club night.

We will keep the format for evening ride-outs, but the date of the Wed following the club night will not be rigid. Review at club night with particular regard to the weather forecast!

Rides at weekends also proposed. Also to be decided at club nights – or anyone wanting to initiate a ride to contact others via e-mail or text. (Footnote and afterthought: do members want everyone’s contact details?)

Bob’s idea of a visit to the excellent Hartlepool maritime museum could fit this format.

CHRISTMAS CLUB NIGHT.: more info. later.

BY THE WAY THE WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING – branch programme, and newsletters posted. See the NOC site and click on “Branches”

WHAT ELSE AT THE AGM? ONLY REALLY THAT FINANCES ARE FINE. £826 in funds. Operating at as near as dammit break-even.

OTHER NEWS:

Simon Murray has bought a Jubilee, complete with Fanny-Barnett front end and Fanny-Barnett brakes. Well – they do not go very fast - - -

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!!



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INSTRUCTIONS RE REGISTRATION FOR CORBRIDGE - 6th JULY

From:

Peter Hyde hyde-p@sky.com

To jnoandlizpowell@yahoo.co.uk

Today at 10:01 AM

Hi John,

Tim has forwarded your e-mail to me as I am (trying!) to co-ordinate the show registrations

It would be great to have you there and yes of course we can provide space for a club stand

This year we are trying out a registration site called eventbrite for the first time and it is making our lives a lot easier, not to mention much much cheaper for postal rates so more money for the charities

We ask that wherever possible individual members register on the site and then generate their own pass to bring along to the show. As part of the registration they should have to identify that they are coming as part of the Norton Club and I will then monitor the entries online and co-ordinate with you nearer the date to organise final numbers and club space.

This is working very well so far and is very easy for your members to do.

Can you pass on the following information to those that want to register: -

Eventbrite is very easy to use and a link can be found on our website at <http://www.mgnorthumbria.org>

If your members go to the Classics in Corbridge 2014 page there are several links to the **Eventbrite** site. Once you click on it, it will take you to another page with details of the show and simply click on the big green "register button" and follow the instructions.

If it helps, here is a copy of the direct link but it is good for your members to go in via our site as there will be more information to follow on the show page from time to time

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/register?orderid=268823041955&client_token=422fe25e3b1e4aebb7e90fba806a4725&eid=10494560513

If you can point out to your members they should complete the part of the form that asks for whether or not they are attending as part of a club so that we can be sure to get you all together on the day

Alternatively, having said all this, if you do have members who have difficulty with internet access, let me know and I will try to get you postal entry forms for them. They will have to complete these and send them to me at the address provided on the form together with a stamped addressed envelope and I will print out their passes and send them back.

Obviously with well over 600 entries last year we are trying to discourage this wherever possible

Hope this all makes sense, let me know if you have any problems