



Newsletter

October 2018

Autumn colours.

Safe to say the summer is past, at least it is here in the west. Other parts of the country may have been enjoying an extension to the pleasant weather but Argyll is back to normal (by that I mean one dry day in the last four weeks).

There have been days which just a series of heavy showers and I have been trying to get out to make the best of those. I love the autumn colours and as the tourist season slows down, the roads get quieter and you can relax more when riding. Of course the roads would be busier if our government had the wit to keep major roads open. The A83 Rest and be Thankful is still closed following a landslip as is the "relief" road which was supposedly going to keep traffic flowing. The current alternative is a 60 mile detour round the A82, a route which is not fit to carry the normal traffic, despite the millions spent. How can we not be embarrassed by such ineptitude?

Anyway, I was working in Aberdeen last week, and thought I would take the opportunity to visit a bike shop or two. Although not in the market for a new bike, I do like to see what's on offer "in the flesh". The current crop of new retro style bikes are quite interesting - the Triumph twin range, the BMW R nine T and the Kawasaki z900rs. I like these bikes because they are deliberately unfocused in their purpose, making them truly general purpose devices like bikes used to be. Something that will cope with being ridden across muddy fields with camping gear strapped to the seat,

handle single track roads to motorways, visits to the city and cut through the A road traffic. In fact, just like a Norton Commando!

NOC Calendars

2019 Norton Classic calendars are available now in both the normal A3 wall format and the freestanding desktop type. I'll be placing a bulk order which keeps the price down, just let me know how many you would like.

Events

Our last ride-in meeting of the season unfortunately clashes with the SCMC Arbroath Smokey meeting. How could one get to both, I wonder? Looking further ahead, is there any interest in a Christmas get together this year, and if so, any thoughts on venue?

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October 21st
TVNOC Tattie Howkers lunch meeting
Tullybanocher café, Comrie

SCMCC 15th Arbroath Smokey
The Meadowbank Inn,
Montrose Road, Arbroath,
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