

Midland Section Calendar of Events 2005

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January 2005	
1st	<p>New Year's Day Rideout. Fed up with Turkey and rubbish TV again over Christmas? Join us and get out for the day.</p> <p>On our next year's calendar, sharp eyed readers will have seen that I have a New year's Day run for 2006. We did this because we thought that doing it for 2005 would be a bit short notice. I have however, had a few enquiries asking why it wasn't on for 2005, and could we do one at such short notice. The simple answer is yes, so we are doing just that. Our social sec has given his blessing so we're having a rideout to a preserved pumping station at Papplewick in Notts. The engines were used to pump water from reservoirs, to serve the local area, and this is all explained in the pumphouse. This site has two of the largest steam operated beam pumping engines in existence, and the whole site has been undergoing major redevelopment and renovation, but is now open to the public again. I am informed that at least one of these magnificent Victorian engines will be in steam on New Year's Day (which is a Saturday), but even if it's not, the pump house itself is a joy to behold with some wonderfully ornate brickwork and architecture. There is much to see here and the site has toilets and a cafe, both of which will be open on NYD.</p> <p>There is a website http://www.papplewickpumpingstation.co.uk/ if you want to check it out first. Start point will be the Donnington Park services M1 J24 at 10:00, and we will have an amble along some of Nottinghamshire's roads before arriving at the site around mid-day, allowing ample time for a good look around and a snack, and a journey home in daylight. Please keep an eye on the Late News page for possible changes in plan, or contact me.</p> <p>martink100lt@ntlworld.com (01623) 401405n If you're interested, an e-mail or a call to let Martin know would be appreciated.</p>
2nd	<p>Rangers Cycle Clubhouse, Towcester, Northants. Sunday Meet with hot snacks. 12pm-3pm. 20 question quiz - paper and pens provided - you bring the thinking helmets. Contact Dinah Kingston. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).</p>
4th	<p>The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.</p>
8th	<p>Post Xmas Dinner at The Fox at Ropsley. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).</p>
9th	<p>Greetham Community Centre, Rutland. Sunday Meet with hot snacks at 1.00pm. Contact Gilbert Thomas. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).</p>
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February 2005	
1st	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
6th	Rangers Cycle Clubhouse, Towcester, Northants. Sunday Meet 12pm to 3pm with hot snacks. Contact Dinah Kingston. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal). Presentation by PC John Spencer, Senior Casualty Reduction Officer for the Northamptonshire Constabulary. Limited seating so please pre-book.
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17th	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
18th - 20th	Rhino Rally, Bedgellert, Wales. The best winter rally around. Camping and B&B. Contact Garth Forbes for any further information.
March 2005	
1st	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
6th	Rangers Cycle Clubhouse, Towcester, Northants. Sunday Meet 12pm to 3pm with hot snacks. Contact Dinah Kingston. Presentation by Northamptonshire Advanced Motorcycle Group. Limited seating so please pre-book. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
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April 2005	
3rd	Ride out to Tecstar electronics, St.Ives, Cambs. Tecstar are the manufacturers of the Starcom 1 intercom system, and are putting on another open day exclusively for the BMW club this year, with demos of some exciting new products. Refreshments will be provided, and

	discounts will be offered. Main start point will be Donington services (M1 J24) at 9.00am, with a second pick-up point at the Little Chef, junction of the A14 and A605 (Thrapston) at 11.00. Secondary start point from services at the junction of the A1 and A14 (Brampton). See the Journal nearer the date or contact Rob Harvey for more info. Martin Ellis (01623) 401405 martink100lt@ntlworld.com
5th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
8th - 10th	National AGM. Organised by the Midland Section at the Renaissance Hotel, Junction 28 of the M1, 12 miles North of Nottingham. Book direct with Hotel on 01773 812000 and mention The BMW Club AGM for discounted rates of £102 per couple for two nights bed & breakfast or £66 for single occupancy. Further details will appear in the Journal or contact Rob Harvey.
14th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
17th	Brunch Run Mystery Tour. Meet 9.30am at Donnington Services, Junction 24, M1 OR Services at A1 / A605 junction West of Peterborough.
19th	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
19th	The Park Hall Tavern, Park Hall Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. Just off the A60. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
21st	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
23rd	Stafford Classic Show, Stafford. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
24th	Blenheim Palace. Meet at 9.30am Donnington Services, Junction 24 M1 OR Services at A1 / A605 junction West of Peterborough. Pick up at 10am at Services A1 / A14 Brampton. More details will appear in the Journal nearer to the time. Contact Richard. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
May 2005	
1st	Louth Lions run, Lincolnshire Wolds. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
3rd	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
12th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
12th - 15th	Edinburgh Hotel Weekend. Please book early. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
17th	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
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19th	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
21st - 22nd	BMF Show, Peterborough. National Club Stand - do your own thing.
21st - 22nd	Belvoir Vintage & Classic Show. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).

27th - 30th	Camping Weekend at Dolgellau, Wales. Pitch your tent or book Bunkhouse accommodation. Contact George Gibson. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
June 2005	
3rd - 5th	Joint Midland Section and Sporting Register Dirty Social Camping Weekend, Finedon, Northamptonshire. Off/On road Adventure - contact David Watson at dawatso47@hotmail.com for further details.
7th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
9th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
12th	RAF Museum, Hendon. Start 9am Donnington Services, Junction 24 M1 OR start 10am Services A1/A605 West of Peterborough. Pick up at 10.20am Services A1/A14 Brampton Hut. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
16th	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
16th - 19th	Fort William Hotel Weekend. Limited Accommodation - contact Sam Soutar. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
21st	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
21st	The Park Hall Tavern, Park Hall Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. Just off the A60. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
26th	Ladies Run. The ladies have decided where we go today. Venue, meet points and times will be published in the Journal.
July 2005	
1st - 3rd	Camping Weekend, Ancaster, Lincolnshire. Contact George Gibson. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
5th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
14th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
17th	Bletchley Park Run. Start 9am Donnington Services, Junction 24 M1 OR start 10am Services A1/A605 West of Peterborough. Pick up at 10.20am Services A1/A14 Brampton Hut. Contact Richard. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
19th	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
19th	The Park Hall Tavern, Park Hall Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. Just off the A60. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
21st	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
24th	Founders Day at Stanford Hall. Classic Bikes in action. No pre-planned ride - just do your own thing and meet at the Club Stand.
29th - 31st	Camping weekend with the option to be exhibitors in Long Eaton (Erewash) Steam and Vintage rally, West Park leisure centre, Long Eaton, Notts. – 2 miles from J25 M1. (Please read our run reports page for a review of 2004's rally) Owners pre-booking as exhibitors will get FREE CAMPING Fri Sat Sun

	<p>if required and FREE ENTRY to both days of the show. Rally days are Sat and Sun. BMW bikes ONLY, any age/model. This is NOT a concours display – everyday bikes in everyday condition is the order of the day. Limited camping places. Day exhibitors welcome but MUST still be booked in through me to gain free entry. NO PASS = NO FREE ENTRY. Please book early, it makes my life a lot easier! Owners who do not wish to be part of the display can still attend as either day visitors, or as campers, but would be subject to normal camping and daily site entry charges. Showers and toilets are on site, and there is a general store opposite the site gates. Long Eaton town centre and Pidcock's are about 10 minutes walk. There is a parade of vintage vehicles into Long Eaton town centre on the Saturday evening, but in 2004 we were all so busy with our communal barbecue that we didn't have time. Midland section's own tent will be on site for shelter and refreshments, presenting a club presence, and the area will be roped off to regulate public access to the bikes. Exhibitors will be able to take part in arena parades with other bikes, or not, as the fancy takes them, or just walk around the show. Although bikes will be on display, leaving the site for a ride will be possible provided we don't get a mass exodus! 2004's event was a great success, and for 2005 we have invited other sections so early booking is advised as FREE CAMPING SPACE is limited. We need to have completed entry forms returned by the end of June at the latest. Phone Martin Ellis for booking form and more information. (01623) 401405 martink100lt@ntlworld.com</p>
August 2005	
2nd	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
6th - 14th	Week in Ireland. Contact Gilbert Thomas. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
11th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
16th	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
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18th	The Kings Head, Tealby, Lincs. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
21st	Raptor Centre, Huntingdon. Start 9am Donnington Services, Junction 24 M1 OR start 10am Services A1/A605 West of Peterborough. Pick up at 10.20am Services A1/A14 Brampton Hut. Contact Richard. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
26th - 29th	National Rally, Kelso, Scotland. Further details will appear in the Journal.
September 2005	
3rd	Sleaford Show. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
6th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
8th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxtou, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
9th - 11th	Camping Weekend, Greetham, Rutland. Contact Gilbert Thomas.

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18th	Brunch Run. Mystery Tour. Meet 9.30am at Donnington Services, Junction 24, M1 OR Services at A1 / A605 junction West of Peterborough.
18th	Classic Show, Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
20th	The Queens Arms, Orlingbury, Northants. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm.
20th	The Park Hall Tavern, Park Hall Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. Just off the A60. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30 pm.
22nd - 25th	French Hotel Weekend, Contact Gilbert Thomas for details. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
October 2005	
2nd	Rangers Cycle Clubhouse, Towcester, Northants. Sunday Meet 12pm to 3pm with hot snacks. New contact details - check Journal for further information nearer the time.
4th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
9th	Section AGM at Greetham Community Centre. Coffee and biscuits at 10am. Hot snacks at 1pm. Contact Gilbert Thomas. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
13th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxton, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
14th - 16th	North Yorks Moors Hotel Weekend. Go back in time to the WW11 era. Early booking is essential as there are a limited number of Hotel vacancies. Contact Bill Rodgers. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
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December 2005	
4th	Greetham Community Centre. Xmas Lunch at 1pm - three course meal and a glass of wine. Cost to be notified. Bar opens at midday. Pre-book only. Contact Sally Cluley. (Contact details in the appropriate Journal).
6th	The Fox at Ropsley, Lincs. Located just off the A52 East of Grantham. Evening Pub meet at 7.30 pm.
8th	The Green Dragon, Blind Lane, Oxton, Southwell, NOTTS. Evening Pub Meet at 7.30pm. Replaces Thurgaton meet that appears on your Calendar of Events.
11th	Rangers Cycle Clubhouse, Towcester, Northants. Sunday Meet. Xmas party and Xmas hamper raffle. Full details to be notified.
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25th	Happy Christmas
January 2006	
1st	<p>Fed up of turkey and rubbish TV? Come with us on a ride to Papplewick Pumping station and see a real Victorian beam engine. http://www.papplewickpumpingstation.co.uk/admit.htm</p> <p>The whole site has been undergoing essential maintenance, but everything should definitely be finished, and the engine back in steam by this date. There are many things vintage here to see and the architecture of the pump house just has to be seen to be believed. This can be a short or long run, depending upon what the majority want on the day. Start point will be Donington services (M1 J24) at 9.30am. and invitations are welcome for another start point somewhere near Peterborough. Martin Ellis (01623) 401405 martink100ft@ntlworld.com</p>