



## October 2026

Welcome,

... to the newsletter of the Oxford Branch of the Honda Owners Club. It will be published every month with news of branch and national matters, a list of our runs, local and national events, and anything else that may be of interest to the branch members.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**General Get Together** - from 8pm onwards at The Jolly Boatman - with chip and sarnie supper 9pm (£2.50 per person)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Main HOC AGM – Northampton.** The HOC AGM will be on SATURDAY October 10th 2026 and the 65th Birthday Celebration will be that evening. This gives notice that the HONDA OWNERS CLUB (GB) will be holding its AGM on Saturday 10th October 2026. Start time 11am Venue: Sedgebrook Hall Hotel, Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton, Northampton, NN6 8ND Please note: as being a paid-up member is a requirement to vote, please remember to bring your HOC Membership Card with you if you able to attend in person. If you are unable to attend a pro forma will be sent out at a later date so you still vote on HOC matters. As an HOC member you can submit a proposal(s) to be discussed and voted on at the AGM.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Stafford Classic MCN Show**, At the Stafford Show ground - <https://www.classicbikeshows.com/stafford/>

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Club Night** – Speaker tbc at the Jolly Boatman, chip and sarnie supper 9pm (£2.50 a head)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Ride out.** Details to be confirmed

***Keep an eye out on WhatsApp for last minute rides. If you have a ride in mind, but would rather someone else leads the group, just contact a committee member.***



## Run to De Havilland Aircraft Museum

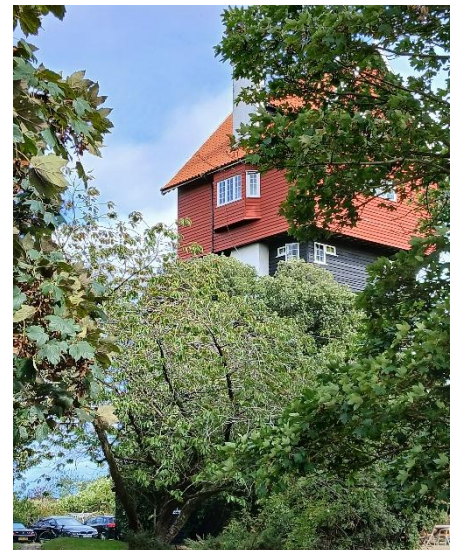
Vince Simmons, Andy Perkins and myself set off from Abingdon to have a look at the infamous Mosquito WWII fighter bomber at the De Havilland Aircraft Museum in Herefordshire. Along the way, we picked up Dave Andrews at Thame. The ride there was uneventful, through Aylesbury, along the A41 and then a short stint along the M25. After parking up, and paying our senior admission fee, we came across a very interesting, and emotional, speech about the Merlin engine, that was used in many WWII planes. Time for lunch, which was in the museum café furnished with old airline seats. Amongst the Mosquitos there are numerous displays of the many aircraft build by De Havilland, both military and commercial. It was a very worthwhile, and interesting visit and well worth the trip if you're interested in old aircraft.



**Mark**

## The National Rally 2026

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, time to pack and get going to this year's National Rally at Caister-on-Sea, near Great Yarmouth. A long ride, 4 hours +, we arrived mid afternoon to a warm welcome from the Haven staff at booking in. Tracy and I finally found our caravan and was pleasantly surprised at the standard and space we had as we only booked a bronze one! Time to get something to eat and meet up with all the other HOC members from across the country. Friday evening was a meet and greet, with Saturday morning being the ride out. Around 36 bikes left the holiday park that morning, but returned in drips and drabs as there were a few incidents along the way!! Tracy and I went and met up with Erica and Paul at Thorpness, home to the "House in the Sky". After a spot of lunch and a walk around the village, we



headed off to the pier at Southwold.

On Saturday evening we were entertained by a Freddie Mercury impersonator, with many members dressed up as Freddie as well. The fancy-dress theme was anything Freddie, so we had a few Fred Flintstones, Fred Dibnas and Freddie Flintoffs. A brilliant evening was had by all.

On Sunday there was a shorter ride out which Andy, Tracy and myself, went on. We followed the eastern coast road up to

Cromer, where we had a coffee stop, before moving on to Wells-next-to-the-Sea for lunch. We were back at the holiday park for an evening tournament of darts and pool. Somehow, I got to the semi-finals of the darts, which Dave Jolly from the Wilts branch won. The Wilts branch also won the most members attendance award.

Overall, a thoroughly good weekend. Don't forget to book your caravan for next year's down south in Poole!

## Run to Popham Airfield

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, a group of us went out for a ride to Popham Airfield. After meeting up at Frilford petrol station, we preambled along the A338, and Chain Hill towards Newbury. Colin had suggested that we meet him at Greenham Common Control Tower, as there was a display of the world record breaking motorcycle Super Nero. After a "butchers" at that, as well as the rest of the control tower, Colin led us through the countryside towards Popham. There we had lunch, but unfortunately, there were no planes taking off or landing! Colin was meant to lead us back towards Newbury, but I had to stop suddenly as a wasp had thwacked me in the face – stung like hell! We caught up with Collin at Kingsclere, only to go straight passed him! Some of us turned around, only to find Colin had turned around as well. To cut a long story short, we had decided to make our own way home. A really nice day, and the weather just about held off until we all got home!

**Mark**



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