



Thunderbird Times

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Newsletter of the Mighty South London branch of the **TRIUMPH** Owners Motor Cycle Club

A bit late, but happy new year, anyway. The club runs over the holiday period were well attended. Boxing Day to the William IV at Albury Heath - a branch of the VMCC were there, lots of walkers, and later a coachload of Japanese tourists. There wasn't room to swing a left-over turkey leg, and we got told off by the guvnor for moving some of the chairs around – could this be the only Feng Shui pub in Surrey? New Year's Day run to Newdigate was OK until the return home, when the heavens opened. It had the effect of a power-washer, the bike was cleaner when I got home than when I left in the morning.

Branch Social

The evening went off well, food was better than we've had there for some time, and the entertainment (Something Borrowed) was excellent as usual. Shame the £1 a pint beer ran out at 7.35!

MCN/Carole Nash Motorcycle Show, Excel London (2nd – 5th Feb)

TOMCC were invited to have stand in the 'Classic' section, so as one of the nearest branches we were asked to provide the bikes. There will be somebody from our branch, along with Surrey and the national committee, each day, so look in if you're at the show.

AGM

This has been set for Tuesday 27th March, at the Prince of Wales, 8pm. It would be nice to see new faces on the committee, any nominations/volunteers please contact Doddie.

Our pre-Christmas run to Tadworth was mentioned last month, this is their official release...

Christmas visit to Tadworth Court

Rosemarie Glithero, Leisure and Activity Co-ordinator at The Children's Trust, said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to Club Scuderia, VW Heritage, and Triumph Motorcyclists from Mighty South London, London Advanced and Surrey Triumph Owners Club for giving up their time to make these very special visits. The children were thrilled to see so many different vehicles and motorbikes. I would like to thank the organisers from each of the clubs for making it such an enjoyable weekend for the children."



Information provided by the Press Office at The Children's Trust. Telephone: 01737 365890

Should you be looking for something a bit different, this Triumph has featured in the ads of the classic press –featuring a fold-in sidecar intended to make the outfit easier to push into the coal-shed or other confined spaces. Just 15 grand to you, sir. More pics on their website

<http://www.vinandvet.eu/Motorbikes/70/57/1923-Triumph-SD-with-sidecar/>



Motorcycles in bus lanes

(This is from TFL website - same as before, doesn't apply to all bus lanes – watch the signs!)

Following the completion of two trials, motorcycles will be given permanent access to bus lanes on the majority of the Capital's red routes from 23 January 2012.

We will now make a permanent traffic regulation order to reflect the decision.

Benefits include reduced journey times for motorcyclists and less carbon dioxide emissions. The safety of motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users is unaffected.

It also helps achieve a key strand of the [Mayors Transport Strategy](#) - helping to smooth traffic flow.

Read the independent report from the trial and appendix:

- [Motorcycles in bus lanes report \(PDF 1MB\)](#)
- [Motorcycles in bus lanes appendices \(PDF 0.8KB\)](#)

Listen to our [radio safety advert](#) highlighting the importance of looking out for motorcycles in bus lanes.

Maps

To check which bus lanes can be used by motorcycles, use the maps below and look out for road signs.

- [Motorcycle bus lanes \(central\) \(PDF 2.54MB\)](#)
- [Motorcycle bus lanes \(northeast\) \(PDF 2.34MB\)](#)
- [Motorcycle bus lanes \(northwest\) \(PDF 2.93MB\)](#)
- [Motorcycle bus lanes \(southeast\) \(PDF 5.60MB\)](#)
- [Motorcycle bus lanes \(southwest\) \(PDF 2.36MB\)](#)
- [Summary of bus lanes affected \(PDF 135KB\)](#)

EVENTS

We're getting together a list for the coming year, which will be available soon. There's not much at on this time of year, but we're hoping to have another bowling evening soon.

February 2nd-5th - MCN Motorcycle Show, Excel Centre. MSL will have a stand, with Surrey branch, representing TOMCC.

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My wife told me to go to the doctors and get some of those tablets that 'help' get an erection.

You should have seen her face when I came back and tossed her some diet pills!

I'm still looking for a place to live.