



Thunderbird Times

Newsletter of the Mighty South London Branch of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club

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Change of editor this month, gang. June has decided to hang up her pencil and rubber and go in search of bigger and better things. As can be seen from the picture, she is already regretting handing over.

Anyway, thanks on behalf of the club for all your hard work keeping this rag going over the last 68 years, June, and the best of luck with your continuing H4H project.

Those who went to Shirley's funeral will remember we had a collection, & the proceeds went to St. Raphael's Hospice. They were a bit busy when I took the cheque in, so they didn't take an address, but they traced us eventually, probably via the website, & I had a phone call from them thanking us for the donation of £150.

I'm short on details at the moment, but congratulations to Dave & Doddie, who've just become grandparents, and of course to son Bob and, er, Mrs Bob (I said I was short on details). Imogen was born Saturday (24th) morning, and we obviously wish them all well.

No literary contributions this month, so I'll make it up as I go on.

Tadworth Hospital Run:

June's already covered this, but just to add that a nice lady from their 'Media Relations/Fundraising' department was taking pictures and promised to give me one. This hasn't happened yet, but here's one of her pictures -

Apparently she hawked off the story to the Surrey Comet, & they used it in the 19th December issue. By the time I found out, the following week's issue was on the shelves of the local newsagent, so keep an eye on your fish & chip wrappers.



Holiday Period Runs

Boxing Day - Fifteen bikes out for this, & despite not feeling at all well Mog took us for a nice, but shortish, run to the Royal Oak in Leatherhead. Nobody on the very first corner, causing minor panic among those of us at the back, but we all got there safely. Colin & Tina ('The Management') kindly laid on some nibbles for us - thanks again for that.

Monday 29th - Proposed run to see John at Bognor cancelled, although it turned out to be a nice day & I optimistically went down to Ryka's, but nobody else did.

New Year's Day – Again cancelled, due to threat of Arctic weather conditions. Forecasters got it wrong again, it turned out OK, so me & the better half decided to go out. I dragged the old beast out, gave her a quick wipe down, & then I got the bike out (boom boom – the old one's are the best). Tried a new way down to Ryka's, took an embarrassing 38 miles instead of the usual 15. Again, nobody to go anywhere with, must start using my new deodorant.

New Bikes

Alright, so it's not a Triumph, but Tanya's got a new toy - a Honda VT500 Ascot. Don't feel too bad, I'd not heard of it before either, but here's one, same colour, 500cc V-twin (as you may already have worked out). Bit of a collectors item, apparently only made 1983-85. Tanya tells me young Megan chose it. Seems to be putting a lot of responsibility on a four-month old baby, but what do I know? Enjoy it, Mrs T.



Bonneville 50th Anniversary

It seems to have slipped the notice of our leaders up north, but the above coincides nicely with MSL's 60th anniversary. Which, by another remarkable coincidence, is also the 60th anniversary of the TOMCC (as they hate to be reminded). I feel we should do something to advertise this. Any ideas?

Advance Notice - A.G.M.

Tuesday 24th March has been set for the annual bunfight, so make a note in your diaries. Any ~~suckers~~ volunteers fancy a go at a committee job, let Doddy have nominations at least a week before.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- 31st January - Kempton Park autojumble
- 14th-15th February - Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show
- 27th February – 1st March - Alexandra Palace Motorcycle Show (£15 entry, & they're not showing a discount for the elderly).

THE CLUB:

Meets at the Princess of Wales, **98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP**
(020 8542 0573) every Tuesday from 8.30 pm.

Runs leave the pub at 8.00pm sharp, 4th Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.
Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol.

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