



# Thunderbird Times

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

## THE RUNS

**Good Friday's** run saw a reasonable turnout in view of the weather forecast. It stayed dry down to Cophthorne, where we saw VMCC riders leave for their run. Some nice bikes, notably (for me, anyway) an immaculately restored Panther twin-port, and a very used and original Sunbeam S7. From there we intended to go to Billingshurst, but rain looked imminent so we stopped off at Cuckfield. We were a bit early for the pub to be open, but the barman kindly let us have a beer while we were waiting. The rain started, and despite hanging about for a bit it didn't show any sign of abating, so we headed off, and got very wet. Mog fell off in the car park, fortunately no damage to him or the bike. One of my coils packed up on the way back, so I limped home on two.

**Charlie Goddard Memorial Run** – the usual good turnout for this one, to the Last Chance Animal Rescue Centre. A bit of confusion on the way, Gordon had problems with his bike, later resolved, but the delay resulted in somebody not waiting on his corner. We all got there eventually, I think – apologies to anyone who didn't! The collection raised £310 for them, plus a bit from the club and what Dean had acquired elsewhere gave them a total of £750, with which they were well pleased. Good to see Brian Butler there after his recent medical problems.



**Skimmington Castle** – the first Tuesday run of the year was a bit of a shambles. Again, somebody didn't wait on his corner, and of the thirty-odd bikes that left the PoW the last ten got there first. Lurch went for a ride round the lanes and managed to round up a few, but Bob & Gerry were left on their corners for around 45 minutes. The pub, under new management since we used to go there a few years ago, was very welcoming & there was talk of getting us back on a Saturday, they will provide snacks. Watch this space.

**AJS club** – have asked for volunteers to marshal their centenary run on July 6<sup>th</sup>, you may have seen the email. If not, let me know & I shall send it on. They need people on corners & junctions between Newlands Corner and Plumstead, their final destination, Unfortunately this clashes with a date already in our Events list, the Thunderbird 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the London Motorcycle Museum, where I shall be. The choice is yours.

*Rob emailed me with a problem – can anyone help him?*

Hello guys, really need your advice for a serious problem. I suspected for some time now that the missus has been cheating. The usual signs, phone rings, if I answer the caller hangs up, and going out with the girls a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for when she comes home but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, last night about midnight I hid in the shed behind the motorbike. When she came home, she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, and she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on. It was at that moment crouched behind the motorbike I noticed it....a hairline crack in the engine mounting bracket... Is that something I can weld or do I need to replace it?

*...and another bit from Rob, this time he's being serious, I think –*

I'm having a BBQ on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm til late. It will be to celebrate the finishing of my Triumph project, more of an unveiling really. And an excuse to have a drink and some burnt sausages. It's bring a bottle and any nice food you want, I'll provide burgers and sausages, but depends on how much I have to spend on the bike!! Hope to see everyone there, 119 South Lane New Malden, KT3 5HJ. Cheers, Rob Leney

## EVENTS

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fleet Lions Run, 9am Tolworth Bowl
May 7/9 <sup>th</sup>	TOMCC Rally, Bainland, Lincs.
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Classic Bike Show & Jumble, Kempton Park
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run, Sportsman, Mogador

## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.

Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol.

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*An optimist is a guy that has never had much experience.*

*~Don Marquis, 1927*

A husband says to his wife, "what would you do if I won the Lottery?"

She says, "I'd take half, then leave you."

"Excellent," he replies, "I won £10 , here's £5 - now F\*ck off!"

**My small grandson got lost at the shopping mall.....**

**He approached a uniformed security guard and said,**

**"I've lost my grandpa!" The guard asked, "What's his name?" "Grandpa"**

**The guard smiled, then asked, "What's he like?"**

**The little tyke hesitated for a moment and then replied,**

**"Beer, bikes, and women with big tits."**