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

Members BBQ

Note for your diary - Tuesday 27th September. Prince of Wales, 8pm onwards. All branch members welcome.

Horam Run

Sunday 7th August, 15 bikes assembled at Godstone Pond for our annual ride into deepest East Sussex. We left at 10 45 with blue skies above but within 10 minutes the heavens opened. But just as quickly as it came down the sun started to come out . The rest of the ride was dry apart from the spray from the surface water, and by the time we reached Weesons Cafe it was all dry. As usual inside the queue was almost out the door, so we got inline to order our breakfast , that was when some of our more juvenile members saw the bell on the counter and could not resist pressing it more than once, at this point the waitress hid it under the counter! Myself, Malcolm and Dean found a table in the corner, we were Nos 68 69 and 70, when the first meal came out the the man shouted No 42, we thought it would take forever for ours to arrive. After Dean bought more drinks finally 3 breakfasts came. You may have to wait a while but the food is cooked to order and always goes down well. After we had all eaten some went onto a local pub, others were going onto Eastbourne. I headed back, along with Dave L and Malcolm, and it was still dry. **Bob**

Capel Car Show

Despite the name, there were quite a lot of bikes there. We were all stuffed into an area far too small for the number of bikes, so it was difficult to get around them all. Cars, obviously, were the main attraction, over 200 dotted around. They ranged from a couple of side-valve Fords straight out of the barn, to some gaudy and expensive Italian jobs. I got a phone call from the organisers the next day to say I'd won a prize in the raffle, but it wasn't worth the trip back to pick up a bottle of Pimms! And, I must mention, my old Bonneville was out for the first time since this event last year. It's a long story, and if you haven't heard it, you don't want to, trust me.

Club run to Albury Heath

The last Tuesday run of the season ended unfortunately, with Dave and Doddie coming off on the homeward leg. The weather had been unpromising, but the rain stopped around 5pm. The roads were still damp in some places, and Dave found one of these, on a dodgy downhill approach to a t-junction – in the back lanes, in the dark. The front wheel locked up, fortunately at a very slow speed but he couldn't hold the bike up. Thankfully, no serious damage to Dave, Doddie, or the bike.

Morden Park Fete

A bit of a low-key event really, but local for us. Just ten of us on bikes, plus a Vincent which turned up on a trailer, and was left there all day on its' own. Half an hour was enough to see the stalls & the few classic cars, then we had to make our own entertainment (see photo, note the crude bit of Photoshopping).

Our revered secretary Doddie was there in her alter-ego, Parrotwoman, on the Parrot Rescue stall. They probably provoked more interest than our bikes!



EVENTS

Sept 17th Kempton Park Autojumble
Sept 18th Farnham Show
Sept 27th **Branch BBQ**

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