



# Thunderbird Times

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

**BOXING DAY RUN** – Not too well supported, hardly surprising in view of the weather. Two intrepid bikers, Lurch & Martin, made it to the end of the lane that leads to the Skimmington Castle and had to walk the rest of the way because of the ice. A few others turned up by car, including Chairman Mog who fell over on the ice when getting out of his car. The pub was packed apparently, even offering entertainment by a troupe of morris dancers.

**NEW YEAR RUN** – The weather had improved, so a much better turnout to the William IV at Albury. It was quite empty when we got there, but we were soon outnumbered by a very large group of walkers, and it became quite cramped. We decided to leave when the smell of wet dogs overpowered the smell of spilt beer.

**POST-XMAS PARTY** – A good evening for those not afflicted by the rampant flu-bug doing the rounds. Music was great, and the food was good & plentiful. Although a good attendance, it would have been nice to see a few more faces. If only to help out with the food!

## ISLE OF WIGHT WEEKEND

After speaking to several members on how we enjoyed camping in Devon last year, I thought this year we might try the Isle of Wight. The site I am thinking of is biker friendly, 80-100 pitches, there are flush toilets, wash basins with hot and cold water, free hot showers and a small shop. The site is on the southwest side of the island midway between Chale and Brighstone on the A3055 Military Road. Pitching is from 1 pm, when booking there is a non refundable deposit of £20. I thought a good time to go may be Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> - Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, although these dates can be discussed. The owner has e-mailed me to say we are welcome whenever we choose. The tariff is £7 per night.

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## EVENTS

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Kempton Park autojumble

Nothing arranged for February, except for a bowling evening at Tolworth. Details to follow.

## THE CLUB:

Meets at the Prince of Wales, **98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP**  
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## MSL Events List, 2011

Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kempton Park Autojumble
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kempton Park Autojumble
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pioneer Run
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	South of England 'RealClassic' Show/bike jumble, Ardingley
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	AGM 8.30 PoW
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Goddard Memorial Run, Last Chance Rescue
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	VMCC Bun Run
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fleet Run
May 6-9 <sup>th</sup>	TOMCC Rally, Norfolk
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Southern Classic Bike Show, Kempton Park
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Surrey Classic Event/British Sportscar Day, Losely Park?
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run to The Sportsman, Mogador
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Eastbourne Classic Charity Run
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Run to the Bluebell Line
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run to The Dog & Duck, Kingsfold
June 17/20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend Run to Isle of Wight – see Bob Simmonds
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run to The Skimmington Castle, Reigate
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kempton Park Autojumble
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday Run to the Pub with No Name, Priors Dean nr Alton
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run to Henfield Lakes, Newdigate
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Claygate Flower Show
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Show & BBQ
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run to Surrey Oaks, Newdigate
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Run to Horam
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Capel Car Show
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Merton Show
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Run to William IV, Little London
Aug 28/29 <sup>th</sup>	Wings & Wheels Dunsfold Park Brooklands
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kempton Park Autojumble
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Branch BBQ
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kempton Park
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	South of England RealClassic Show, Ardingley
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kempton Park Autojumble
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night

A gynaecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and NHS paperwork and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skilful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a motorcycle mechanic.

He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynaecologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying: "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark."

After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the exhaust pipe, which I've never seen done in my entire career."

