



Thunderbird Times

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

A.G.M. - Tuesday 23rd March. Don't forget - (there will be more reminders!) Nominations for committee to Doddie ASAP.

THE RUNS

Boxing Day - A damp day, but 8 of us made it out for a gentle run to Kingsfold. Even so we were still too early for the pub to be open. but the guvnor took pity and let us in.

New Year's Day - A very icy car park was waiting for us at Rykas - we were all OK but at least 4 other bikes went down on their way in. The roads were alright so we made our way to Newdigate, where the VMCC run had already arrived. Plenty of food laid on, just what you need after Christmas, but we forced it down anyway.

Post-Christmas Bash - A good evening, nice selection of snacks & the music, by 'Something Borrowed', was excellent.

E.T. Plaque Run Revisited

The following received from Erum Waheed...

"Please thank my brother and sister MSL members for their fantastic support of the Blue Plaque Event despite my being unknown to anyone who went to club BBQs after 1998 !

I did attend one BBQ at the PoW when it moved there although I was more a regular at the King's Head ones (I still recall Bill Pye with fond memories). I'll try and improve next year! If ever there's a run to the plaque, let me know and I'll happily drop everything to play host! Thanks again especially to Mog, Malcolm and Dave L for the strong showing, excellent TT report and MSL gallery entry.

Cheers & seasons greetings, Erum".

London Motorcycle Museum

I received the following - perhaps we'll probably arrange a run out, it's on Sunday 4th July. As an additional interest, they have now completed the restoration of the old barn which now contains a dedicated Triumph collection.

Celebration of the Triumph Thunderbird motorcycle

Come on your 650cc 6T twin (1949-66), 650cc TR65 twin (1981-3), Hinckley 900cc triple (1995-2005) or the new 1600cc twin (2009-on).

All welcome to attend- promises to be a great day.

The brilliant Richard & Mopsa English will be there as world travellers on their TR65S (the 'S' means electric starting, anoraks). Bring your copies of their excellent book 'Full Circle: Around the world on a motorcycle and sidecar' for signing !

Rod Kerr and his TR65 of Real Classic and Classic Bike Guide fame are aiming to be there too as well Mark Wilsmore of the Ace Cafe will lead a procession of TR65s from the Ace...Ok, Ok any other Triumph T-birds will be welcome , to join us, too !

Where is Marlon Brando's 'Wild One' 6T Thunderbird ?

AND whatever happened to the 1983/4 prototype, Thunderbird 600 ?

You & Your Driving License

In the last week, I've seen the story of the DVLA forgetting to include all the entitled groups on replacement licenses come up twice. Firstly, the VMCC magazine stated this is an 'urban myth', the DVLA know of no such cases. Then the 'Motorcycle Monthly' quoted cases of this happening, and that the DVLA will return an old license, suitably cancelled, with the replacement one if requested. So, whoever's right, make sure you have a photocopy of your license stashed away to be on the safe side.

Tadworth

Bob received a card from the hospital with this letter -



Apparently, 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are 5 of us in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my dad, or my older brother Colin. or my younger brother Won Hun Lo. I reckon it's Colin.

The Bonneville saga continues

For those following the progress of my Bonnie, the latest is that George Hopwood has knocked the bottom end apart and can't find anything wrong. The new barrel checked out good with a Vernier, but on checking the piston ring gap, it measured out at .016. The manual specifies .010-.014, and these were new rings & pistons!. This could be the problem (I think I may have thought that each time we pulled the engine apart!), if the replacement pistons/rings were allowing oil past them like the old, worn ones. Maybe. Time will tell.

NATIONAL RALLY, BAINLAND - we have booked accommodation & there are still a couple of places available. Cost is £57 for accommodation & entry for the weekend (May 7-9th). Contact Doddie if you're interested.

EVENTS - nothing coming up yet for the club that I know of, but you may want to go to Kempton Park jumble Saturday 30th Jan, or the London Motorcycle Show at the Excel, 4th to 7th Feb. And then there's the Custom & Motorcycle Show at Alexandra Palace, 26th to 28th Feb.

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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