



# Thunderbird Times

March 2012

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

## A.G.M.

Quite well attended, and passed off with very little violence. Nothing of great import – the branch remains financially sound, and a trip to somewhere in the middle of France in September is being planned – if you're interested, please let us know for further details. That about sums it up, except the changes to the committee. Dave Kent has relinquished his grip on the post of Membership Secretary, Barry Bryant is taking over. Brian Peters has stepped down as Runs Leader, Fred Reavell takes that on. Finally, Bob Simmonds is taking the place of John Flower as Show Secretary, along with his current role as Social Secretary. This year the branch trophies were awarded to Fred Reavell (Clubman) and Anna Rundle (Rider of the Year).

## Ardingley Classic Show

Paul Skeet and I were looking around the bikes in the compound before we went into the show. We liked the Triumph Rocket 3 Trike, also some classic Japs, a 1977 Yamaha 750 & a Kawasaki Z1A 900. The most interesting though was a Triumph Tiger 900 powered by a Turbo Diesel. The owner told us it produces 60 BHP at 2000 RPM and 80 mpg. We both agreed the show was well worth the visit. **Bob**

## Pioneer Run

Browsing around the start area prior to Bernard setting off, we were talking to various owners of these wonderful machine., I particularly liked the Blue Indian with the white tyres. The owner said it was 1908. Alongside the bike there was another 1000cc v twin named The Flying Merkel, it had been clocked at 89 MPH. Another bike which caught our eye was The Wilkinson with the in -line 4. Who knows , in a hundred years time there maybe Bonneville's and Thunderbirds entering the run. **Bob**



The Wilkinson, mentioned above by Bob. That saddle looks the business. It's the same Wilkinson better known now for their razor blades. Made in sunny Acton, their bikes were only manufactured from 1909 to 1916. This, I think, is from 1913.



Our Bernard, just leaving the start. He completed the run with no problems, his 12<sup>th</sup> finish from 13 starts.

## EVENTS

- April 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Goddard Memorial Run – Last Chance, Edenbridge. Godstone Pond, 1100.  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Bun Run, Red Tree layby, A217, 1100.  
April 15<sup>th</sup> TOMCC AGM, Meriden.  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Bowling Night. Tolworth Bowl, 8pm.  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Club Run to The Sportsman, Mogador KT20 7ES.

## CLUB CONTACTS:

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## THE BRANCH:

**Meets at the Prince 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.**

Some links may be of interest -

Norton transformer – very clever...

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/iKqpvriKZuA>

Biker Guide

<http://www.thebikerguide.co.uk/bikerrallies.html>

ACU Events

[www.acu.org.uk/events](http://www.acu.org.uk/events)

SatNavs in France

<http://blog.vinesbmwbikes.co.uk/2012/03/french-safety-cameras.html>