



Thunderbird Times

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

CLUB RUNS

Boxing day and New Years day (or to be exact, the day after New Years day) runs went off reasonably well, cold but dry. The New Years run was changed to the bank holiday after to avoid promised bad weather that didn't really materialise, Ron, Dave, and Ken went out both days.

Red Tree Lay-By

A regular meeting place for many years for some of the runs the branch go on, some of our members may not know where it is or why the name. It's on the A217 heading south, a couple of hundred yards before the M25 junction, Although now the oak tree is unfortunately dead it hasn't been chopped down yet. The first I heard of it, I was told the name dates back to WW2 when it was painted red to assist pilots finding their way back to Redhill airfield. Don't know if that's right, I can't find anything to confirm that, but it was painted by a couple of artists, with the blessing of the landowner in 2004. The paint's now worn off, so if anybody wants something to do one weekend....? Apparently it took 35 litres of paint to complete.



Retro Bikes

Triumph seem to have quite a chunk of the market for retro-styled bikes with the Bonneville range, but here's something even more 'retro'. Handmade in France, maybe something a little different for the New Year?



<http://www.haywards.co.uk/black-douglas.html>

And talking of Bonneville's, I wasn't too impressed with Triumph over mine. Apparently a potential fault was discovered and reported in the motorcycle press back in March, which could cause a fire. Triumphs were recalling the Street Twins and T120s in the U.S. where they went on the market earlier than here. I got mine in July, only found out about this problem in December and coincidentally got the recall letter the next day. Rosners did the business promptly, but why did Triumph take so long?

EVENTS

February 4th-5th Bristol & Bath Show, Shepton Mallet

February 17th-19th MCN/Carole Nash motorcycle show, Excel centre, London

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(Tel: 020 8542 6084) every Tuesday from 8.00 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!