



# Thunderbird Times

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

## Charlie Flanagan



More bad news – Charlie Flanagan, a member of this branch for around 15 years, died in the Royal Marsden on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March after a long illness.

Charlie was a regular attendee at club nights, came out on most of the club runs, and was on many trips to rallies here and across the channel. This picture is the latest one I have, taken at the Somerset & Dorset branch rally in 2012. Charlie became ill later that year, coming to some club nights, but I don't think he got out on his bikes much after that.

He had a somewhat eclectic (I think that's the polite word) collection of vehicles stashed in his back garden, solos, combinations, various four-wheel things, and even a boat.

Charlie was a bit of a character, most of the stories about him are sadly not suitable for relating here!

We shall miss him. Our condolences are to his family.

## Pioneer Run

It's the 15<sup>th</sup> time out on the run for our Bernard Joplin with his 1911 Triumph. Once again the only entrant listed in the TOMCC.

*One more successful ride, but it was hard with a lot of pushing and pedalling due to heavy traffic and road works in Brighton, it seemed that I had to stop at all junctions, but the adrenalin kept me going.*

*I would like to thank you and all the guys for the send off at the start a particular thanks to Peter for the push that he gives me each year from the paddock. My arrival time at the finish was noon so not too bad. Once again many thanks.*

**Bernard.**



## Forthcoming Events –

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – The Brian Peters memorial run to see the VMCC riders off on their run from Copthorne. After, on to somewhere yet decided.

Weather permitting. Meet at the Red tree lay-by, A217 10:00am

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – **Charlie Goddard Memorial Run.** Last Chance Animal Rescue – meet Godstone Ponds, A25 10:30am.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Club run to The Harrow, Chaldon, CR3 6AJ.

Setting off from the Prince of Wales at 20:00pm.

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**THE BRANCH:****Meets at the Prince of Wales,****98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP**

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

“Last night my wife sent me a text, saying she was in Casualty.

When I got home I watched all 50 minutes of it.....

Never saw her once.

She still hasn't come home. I'm bloody starving!!!!”