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THUNDERBIRD TIMES

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

The management would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy Christmas, and a successful New Year.

Motorcycle Live

We hired a minibus to go up to Brum. The main attraction was, of course, the Triumph stand. The new Bonnies and Thruxtons looked the business; there may be money changing hands in April (or March, depending on who you spoke to). Among the rest of the range, the new Sprint GT looked good at just over 9K, including panniers and top box. We wandered around the rest of the show, nothing really stood out, at least not for me. Among the oddities was a four-wheeled scooter by Quadro of Switzerland, and a V10, 8 litre Dodge Viper-engined bike. They fired it up occasionally - your neighbours wouldn't like it!



Quiz Night

An entertaining evening, we learnt some obscure facts which we shall probably never need ever again – and we raised a few quid for.....

Tadworth Run

Not as well supported as in the past, we met at Rykas and rode up to Tadworth for the tea and mince pies. The Children's Trust is for brain-damaged children, both by birth, or accidents. It's very sobering, seeing the kids and the equipment they need. Some years ago, we went there a few times with the Surrey branch, and it seemed a dark, forbidding place, we never saw the kids, or the staff. Over the years they have turned the place around, much more friendly-looking, the kids are brought out to see us and the bikes by their parents and carers. They are very special people to be able to do that job, I'm sure I couldn't. With money already collected, we added £500 to their fund. Received this from the trust...

Please find attached a few photos from the day.

Thank you once again to you & your fellow Triumph bikers!! We really do appreciate you taking time out of your weekend to visit the children & we are so thankful for your very generous donation!!!

Hope to see you again next year.

Merry Christmas to you all!! Kind Regards

Annie



... and this is a video showing a bit of the place, the kids, & staff...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsINzCeh_nQ

Last month we had an article from Ron Granger about his troubles with his Thunderbird in France. Haven't had an update on that, but he tried to cheer himself up by trading in his Honda Transalp for a new one. His run of bad luck seems to be continuing, I hear that has been written off already in the traditional manner – a car turning in front of him. Fortunately Ron is OK apart from a scraped bum. Hope your luck changes in the new year!

Runs

Boxing Day (Saturday 26th) to The Well House Inn, Mugswell, CR5 3SQ

New Years Day to The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate.

Meet for both at the Red Tree lay-by, A217 (north side of M25 junction), 1115.

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