



Thunderbird Times

JUNE 2015

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

BRANCH BBQ

Tuesday 16th June at the Prince of Wales, 8pm onwards.

Club Run

Another new venue for us, the Red Lion at Betchworth. They looked after us with a nice spread of food. I think we'll keep this on the list for next year. The weather was kind, Fred took us on an enjoyable run round the countryside – a good evening out.

Belgium Trip

This was organised by the Surrey branch, five of us joined them for a long weekend, based in Kortrijk which is pretty central for the WW1 places of interest. All went reasonably well, but trying to keep 23 bikes together was a bit of a strain. Next time it would probably be better to split the group. On the Saturday, it took an hour to do the first 13 miles, filling up all the bikes at a small petrol station took a long time!



We went on into France, to Arras and the Somme memorial at Thiepval. Another few miles down the road and we came to the Lochnagar Crater. This huge hole in the ground is a result of a mine dug under the German positions, and filled with 60,000 tons of explosive. It was said the explosion was heard in London.

Sunday we split up, and travelling was much easier. Our group went to Tyne Cot cemetery – 12,000 buried there, only 3000 identified – then on to Paschendale (impressive museum) and on to Ypres, and another museum. All a bit overwhelming, but worth seeing.

The weather stayed good for us, but we got wet on the way back to the Eurotunnel on Monday.

Well done Julian, of Surrey branch, who organised the trip.

Things To Do

Claygate Flower Show is coming up – yes, it sounds a bit poncey but it's a nice afternoon out, a village fair kind of thing. As well as the flowers, amusingly shaped vegetables, and cakes, there are a lot of interesting vehicles. And if you come on your bike with us, you get in for free, AND get a beer voucher!! July 11th, but they would like some idea of how many are going. Let us know if you're interested.

Christmas – yes, it's a long time away but we'd like to organise something. In the past we've had dinners at various hotels, and we've had evenings at the pub with live music. This seems favourite, or has anybody got any other ideas? Email our chairman Paul, coops595@hotmail.com

Club run this month is June 23rd, to the Kings Head, Rudgwick.

Updated Events List for the rest of the year...

Also updated regularly on a print friendly version on www.tomccmsl.co.uk

EVENTS LIST 2015

June 16 th	Branch BBQ – PoW 8pm
June 23 rd	Club Run - The Kings Head, Rudgwick, RH12 3JP
July 4 th	Old Coulsdon Fair, Coulsdon Rd/Cannon's Hill CR5 1EB. 1200
July 11 th	Claygate Flower Show. Meet Tolworth Bowl 1200
July 25 th	Kempton Park bike jumble
July 26 th	Classic Bike Show/Jumble, Ardingley
July 28 th	Club Run - The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate, RH5 5DZ
Aug 9 th	Horam run, Godstone Pond 1030.
Aug 15 th	Capel Village Car & Bike Show. Meet Rykas, 1100.
Aug 25 th	Club Run - The Half Moon, Charlwood, RH6 0DS
Sept	Cobham Show (date to be confirmed)
Sept 13 th	Brighton Burn-Up – Ace Reunion
Sept 19 th	Kempton Park bike jumble
Sept 20 th	Tilford show, Rural Life Centre, Reeds Rd, Tilford, Farnham GU10 2DL
Sept 22 nd	Club Run - The Well House Inn, Mugswell, CR5 3SQ
Oct 24 th	Kempton Park bike jumble
Oct 25 th	RealClassic bike show, Ardingley
Nov 29 th to	
Dec 6 th	MotorCycle Live, NEC, Birmingham
Dec 1 st	Quiz night, PoW 8.30pm.
Dec 5 th	Southern Classic Off-Road Bike Show & jumble, Kempton Park

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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**,

4th Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.

Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol!