



# Thunderbird Times

JUNE 2016

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

## RUNS

The May club run went off well, Fred found yet more lanes around Surrey to take us through, the weather was as it should be, with a couple of nice views of the sunset on the way. Last month Dean Goddard came along for the run, 35 miles from home to the PoW, and the clutch cable gave out in the last 100 yards. He was left in the car park waiting for the rescue service. No such mishaps this last run... Welcome to two new members making their debut on the run – Dave Miller & Phil Price. Phil has taken off to ride his Street Twin around Spain for a bit – “until the money runs out” as he put it. Way to go!

## LAST CHANCE

...and speaking of Dean, who organises our annual run to the Last Chance animal rescue centre, their latest magazine came yesterday with this article...



### Bikers Triumph Again

The Trustees and staff of Last Chance Animal Rescue would like to thank the Triumph Club and the many associated clubs that join them in supporting our rescue for now twenty one years. The Triumph club started back in 1949 and still continues with a good membership. Their meetings are still to this day held at the Prince of Wales in Wimbledon.

Around 1994 a Mr Charlie Goddard took over the running of the club. Darling Charlie heard of our rescue and was so taken with knowing that the rescue was called Last Chance and understanding the meaning of the name that he decided to support us in many ways. Charlie with the Triumph Club would arrange trips to our rescue, they would all meet at Godstone and head over to our rescue, the sound and roar of the bikes coming up the road is still something I love to hear. Charlie and the club would come laden with parcels of food, treats and toys for our animals, also a good donation of money would be included. Our time with Charlie was very special, he was an adorable man and helped us in many ways, rescuing two of our lovely dogs and often driving to Wales to collect dogs and cats from the Pounds.

Sadly we lost Charlie about nine years ago, but his wishes didn't stop as his wife Christina and son Dean took on the role and the Triumph Club continue to support us. We were delighted to see them all again this April. Celebrations were in order tea, coffee, hot dogs, burgers all round as we do every year. The Triumph Club donate money for us collecting throughout the year raising up to a wonderful £800 per year plus food/treats, but this year they raised an outstanding £1,381 for which Last Chance Animal Rescue is truly grateful.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The main one is our BBQ at the PoW, 8pm onwards, on Tuesday 14h June. As usual, superb burgers, freshly made in the morning, from Scotts of Wrythe Green (free plug!)

This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June the Surrey branch have their BBQ. at The King William IV The Street West Horsley, KT24 6BG [www.kingwilliam4th.com/](http://www.kingwilliam4th.com/) 1500-1800. Trophies for best Hinckley & Meriden.

If you're looking for something to do Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, there's another BBQ. The Norton Owners club have invited us to theirs, at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6BS <http://www.stepsstonesdorking.com/> from 1200 onwards. They've apparently got Colin Seeley (motorcycle racer, designer, and builder in the 'old days') attending. All bikes welcome.

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, run to Merlins & Motorcycles weekend at Headcorn Aerodrome. Meet Godstone Pond 1000.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> club run to Kings Head, Rudgwick, RH12 3EB.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the Lewes Raft Race. A load of loonies racing home-made rafts down the river Ouse from Lewes to Newhaven, 1100ish. <http://lovelewes.com/event/lewes-regatta-raft-race-2016/>

RAC – just a little tip for those whose membership comes up for renewal. Try going on-line and joining as a new member. May not work for everybody, but it saved me £60!

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### THE BRANCH:

**Meets at the Prince of Wales,**

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**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!**