



Thunderbird Times

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

AGM

Thanks to those who turned out for the AGM. The committee were returned unopposed (ie no other volunteers), however our chairman, Mog, and secretary, Doddie, both stated this would be their last year in post. So we'll be needing new blood, there's a bit of time to think about it??? Financially, our heads are still above the water, the EU hasn't tried to dip in, yet.

The one major item that did come up was the security of the bikes in the car park. Unfortunately, the week before Fred's Sprint was stolen, and Lurch's was tampered with. The immediate, and understandable, reaction was do we want to stay here, or find another pub. The car park is large, but no lighting – not a problem in the summer (if we get one) as people are outside. After talking with Maureen, the landlady, we seem to have a solution. The front garden, which is locked at this time of year, has a hard standing, is floodlit, and is right outside where we sit. From now, it will be unlocked on Tuesday evenings, so put your bikes in there, or on the pavement in front of the pub.

The boys in blue found Fred's bike still in one piece on the Friday of the following week, so it doesn't look as if it was stolen to strip for parts. They told Fred at about 1300, he told the insurance company who sent a pick-up for it, but when they got there around 1630 it had gone again! The insurance have paid out, and Fred is the proud owner of a new(ish) Sprint GT.

Somerset & Dorset branch rally

Their first effort last year was a success, our deputation all enjoyed it. This year it is May 10-12th, at Yeovil. Anybody interested, let Bob know (phone number below) or email me. Let's see if we can retain our 'Best Branch Attendance' award.

EVENTS

- April 1st Club Run – Bat & Ball, Newpound Lane, Wisborough RH14 0EH (Red Tree lay-by, A217, 1030)
April 7th Charlie Goddard Memorial Run – Last Chance, Edenbridge. (Godstone Pond, 1100)
April 23rd Club Run – Inn On The Pond, Nutfield RH1 4EU

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If voting could change things, it would be illegal.

THE BRANCH:

Meets at the Goat,

Carshalton Road, Mitcham, CR4 4HJ

(Tel: 020 8648 1935) every Tuesday from 8.30 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!

This is a copy of an email Doddie received – may be of interest...

Dear Sirs/Siresess and fans of Triumph Motorcycles

my name is Lee Thompson and I'm desperately trying to contact as many Triumph Bike fans as I can. I am trying to get into the bike designing world and as part of my way of doing things is when I do a design I actually ask the fans and dealers etc what they think. Taking the attitude of "*this is what you're getting*" is something I cannot abide. So here I am asking you if you could follow the link and view something you are probably aware of to view and just tell me if you like it or not, yep that's it. Just before you think about doing it I can assure you it is not a trick site or con, I don't want money or anything other than you to click and view a Triumph orientation... I'm sure you know of Norman Hyde and his "Hyde Harrier". Well a couple of years ago I gave it a makeover/ up-date. I felt it needed to be a little more commercial using a traditional twin but bored out to 900cc. I have tried to please everybody which is dangerous as traditionalist and a new interested generation may not always want to meet in the middle, however I have had ago and even Norman Hyde himself liked it. Two years on I have given it a few tweaks and added a further red option to the green and Norman Hyde blue version, so nervously in expectation I ask for your thoughts and search for my passport now in case you don't. Many thanks for your time and consideration

Lee

<http://www.coroflot.com/Leett/The-Hyde-Harrier-HH9-concept>

or

<http://www.behance.net/gallery/The-HYDE-HARRIER-HH9/6304953>

