



Thunderbird Times

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

Prince of Wales

We seem to have settled down, back at the old venue. Just waiting for the better weather when we can get out into the garden.

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Tuesday 24th March, 8.30 onwards!!!

Things To Do

This Sunday, 8th March, Surrey branch have invited us to join them for a run down to the King William IV pub, 87 Hastings Road, Pembury, Tunbridge wells TN2 4JT (other bikers meet there) where an early-season BBQ is being held from 3pm. Meet at Ryker's 1.00 pm with full tank of petrol.. subject to weather of course.

Sunday 22nd is the 76th annual Pioneer Run, entrants due to leave Epsom Downs 8am, first arrivals at Brighton 10am onwards.

Wales – I was thinking of a trip to north Wales around the 5th of September, staying hopefully in Betws y Coed or Llandudno, taking in some great riding roads & visiting all the usual places. Could you forward this and maybe stick in the Thunderbird Times just to see if there is any interest

thanks, Martin

Anybody interested? Martin is at martinbayer@rocketmail.com

And a bit of info from Bob...

Several times whilst driving or riding through Hackbridge I have encountered pedestrians stepping off the pavement onto raised block paved sections that straddle the road. A couple of times I have been almost forced to stop. There are no flashing beacons and no striping on these blocks. I looked on the TFL website and they call these Courtesy Crossings. As far as I know they are not in the Highway Code. So beware especially if you are on two wheels. I don't know if they are to be treated the same way as you would a Pedestrian Crossing. Who has the right of way? Bob

I've had a look around the net, and this seems to be a relatively new phenomena, springing up throughout this green and pleasant land of ours. If anybody knows better, please let us know, but as far as I can see, these crossings have no legal significance. So presumably vehicles have right of way - not that I'm suggesting randomly mowing down pedestrians of course. Just be aware of the wretched things. Another triumph for the planners.

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=24779&p=0>

Website

Dave has put the events list on the web in a printable version. This will be updated as and when necessary. Just click on the 'Print Friendly' tag. I've also attached it to this email.

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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!