



Thunderbird Times

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

Fleet Lions Classic Bike Run

Only seven of us out, and only four 'classics', but a nice day for it. Highlight was at the halfway stop, when Mog's Speed Twin caught fire – a bit of quick thinking by Paul C, who stuffed his gloves over the carburettor prevented any damage.



Somerset & Dorset Branch Rally

We met up at the Tolworth Bowl. First (and fortunately, only) casualty was Sandy of the Surrey branch, his ST wouldn't start. He eventually made it down by car. We lost Lurch on the way, but he made it to the site, where we got our tents set up, and were joined for the evening by a further group, staying in B&B. The entertainment for the evening were 'adequate', a few beers made them sound better. Saturday



morning dawned rather wet, but after breakfast in the clubhouse the rain eased off, and by the time of the run it had dried out. The S&D guys took us down to West Bay, which was 'Broadchurch' in the TV series. The police station in the series is a bike clothing and accessories shop, Helmet City (but more expensive than the Croydon branch, I'm told!). A nice return run took us through some of the backroads of Dorset, arriving back at the rugby club with about 80 miles on the clock. The evening started with presentations, we

got the 'Best Branch Attendance' (again), and Martin got 'Best Hinckley' with his Thunderbird Sport. A guy from Copenhagen got the long-distance award, beating a couple from Stockholm, which on my map is a lot further?? The evening's band played much the same stuff as the previous evening's, but much better. The style of music, rock/heavy metal, was not to everybody's taste, but I thought it great. On top of the cider-tasting arranged by the branch, followed by a succession of beers, Bob produced a thermos flask of rum which we felt obliged to finish off. This scenario had been planned for, we'd pitched our tents right outside the clubhouse, so we didn't have far to go. The weather stayed good for our run home, and everybody got back OK. Another successful rally for the S&D branch, although I believe attendance was down on last year due to conflicting events. Thanks for the weekend, guys.

Kempton Park

We had a stand at the Southern Classic show again, being allowed 6 bikes – but we squeezed in 8. No prizes for us, but a good day out.

Skimmington Castle Run

Abysmal weather during the day obviously put off a few people – only 6 bikes turned out – but by the evening the roads were dry. We were joined by a few more at the pub, where they had laid on a good spread of food. Doggy-bags were the order of the day. Andy took the opportunity to show off his smart new(ish) Street Triple.

We had an email from the Inn On The Pond, last month's run venue - *Thanks for a good evening I hope all enjoyed it and you guys certainly made our car park look a little more interesting than normal. (we even had a guy on his wedding anniversary sneaking away from his wife to take a look around the car park.) Hope to see you soon. Kind regards Daryl Cowlard Assistant Manager The Inn on the Pond*

Tart your old Triumph up a bit with these polished stainless steel parts. Brake rods have been around for a long time, but I haven't seen the rocker feed in SS before, so I bought one. Very well finished. 650 & 750 versions £35, the brake rods for all swinging arm models £25 (both plus £4.10 p&p. Phone Rod on 07808694588, Or r.nutt111@btinternet.com



(Mal)

And finally, a reminder,– anything you may wish to be mentioned in the Nacelle report to francesstimmonds@hotmail.com

EVENTS

- Saturday June 1st - Surrey branch BBQ from 4pm at : Saddlers Arms, Send Marsh Road Ripley GU23 6JQ – or meet Tolworth Bowl 6pm
Sunday 23rd June - Ace Café/Brooklands Ton-Up Day see www.brooklandsmuseum.com or www.ace-cafe-london.com for details
Tuesday June 25th - Club Run – The Mucky Duck, Rudgwick RH12 3BW

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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!