



Thunderbird Times

MAY 2015

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

A sad time, we've lost two of our long-term members, Austin McQuillan (Mac) and Charlie Flanagan – two funerals in three days. We shall miss them. Thanks from Liz & Teresa to all those attending.



Mac -

A lovely sunny day, a good turn-out of bikes escorting him to the cemetery in a traffic-stopping stream, & a lovely service. The family were pleased, & Mac would have been grinning all the way.

Paul

Mac's hearse – a Suzuki Hyabusa – it's in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest recorded motorcycle hearse, at 126 mph.

The poem that Mac wrote to me and was read at his funeral. My best wishes to all of you.
Teresa McQuillan

I stand there looking pensive
On the corner of the street.
Feeling rather foolish
Staring at my feet.
Beside me is my pride and joy
Without a spark of life.
Then comes that awful moment,
I'll have to phone the wife.
When I left the sun was shining,
Not a sign of rain.
Now I've made that dreaded phone call,
I've broken-down again.
My head is full of nuts bolts
And then I think perhaps
My pride and joy beside me
Is just a pile of crap?
I know she won't chastise me
Her quest is not to gain
For little boys have little toys
And never have a brain.
She's knows I DEARLY LOVE HER
And never has to fear
For when it's time to scrap-them
I'll never shed a tear.

Well, maybe just a little one.

Mac

Last Chance Run

After last years wet run, a dry and sunny morning greeted us who gathered at Godstone ponds for the Last Chance Run 15. A good turn out from the Mighty south London and the Kent Section of the British two stroke club. We took a 27 mile ride through the Kent countryside, which looked very spring like this year, with a carpet of bluebells in the wooded parts of the run, taking in Bough Beech reservoir, and Hever Castle. The usual warm welcome from the staff and BBQ and refreshments awaited us.

With money donated and a collection on the day £990.00 was raised, a excellent effort by all involved. They also have a new rescue centre opening in Romney on May 10th if anybody wants' to come along details on their website

A big thank you for all your continued support of this charity event.

Dean

April Club Run

The first Tuesday run of the 'season', to a new-for-us venue, the Harrow at Chaldon. Fred took us on a nice little run that seemed to cross most of the M25 bridges in Surrey. Not a big turn-out of bikes, but reinforcements arrived direct at the Harrow to help clear up the food. Hopefully we'll have more support next month, as it will be lighter and warmer(?).

A couple of interesting events in July not on our list - more details later. Briefly, Wheels for Troops <http://www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk/news/wheels-troops> , a 25 mile ride from Reigate and ending in Redhill, and Lewes to Newhaven raft race, <https://www.facebook.com/events/761775990603959> on the river Ouse. I've not seen it, but I'm assured it's good for a laugh.

DIARY

May 4 th	Fleet Run - Tolworth Bowl, 1030
May 23 rd	Southern Classic Bike Show/jumble, Kempton Park
May 26 th	Club Run - The Red Lion, Betchworth, RH3 7DS

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THE BRANCH:

Meets at the Prince of Wales,

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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!