



Thunderbird Times

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

MOTORCYCLE LIVE

We've hired a minibus for Thursday December 3rd. There are still a couple of seats left if anybody is interested.... £10 towards the bus & £17.50 entry (£11 for the old folk) or £20/£13 on the day.

RON'S FRENCH TRIP

Thunderbird saga. The day before coming home from Roger Nicholls in France, ECU fails. It was the only electrical part I did not take with me (you who know me understand), I had crankshaft sensor, plug lead, rectifier, plugs etc. no ECU. Limped back to Rogers and phoned Carol Nash on 27th Aug. Miracle! truck arrives to take bike to Honda Garage 10 kilometres away. I was told by Carol Nash, garage would have to check to see if it could be repaired, if so I would ride it home, if not they would repatriate it home.

Now we know this garage, and the boss was moaning that he had no work in the workshop and things were bad. How long before he could look at it? Three days!!!. Don't you love the French.

So I left for home. A week later the garage had still not looked at the bike but Carol Nash said they would bring it back. By then I had got a new ECU from Jack Lilley in case I had to fly out and fix it myself. No worries, Nash would bring it home. How long? 15 to 20 days. OK, I have back up bikes no worry. Three weeks later, after I phoned them twice they admitted they had not only lost the bike but the transport company too!!!. Week later found bike, it's still in France but the lorry carrying it broke down, so they sent a new lorry. Now October, bike will arrive at Lillleys on 7th Oct. Does not show up and Nash cannot contact transport company. Nash finds company and says it will arrive Friday, does not.

Kavanagh Recovery Co text me to say they have bike, do not know where though. I take ECU to Lillleys, who I phoned twice to confirm they would fix it, get there and they say they know nothing about a bike being delivered. They take the ECU and will fix bike when or if it arrives. Kavanagh text again to say they have bike, no delivery date though. Now 15th no bike. Wish me luck , Oh I have bought a new Transalp part exchanged the old Transalp from Motoden Honda. They phone to say they have lost my old V5 for the old bike . Not my year bike wise !!. **Ron Granger**

ANOTHER BIKE BACK ON THE ROAD...

Following from Colin Mulford, ex-secretary of this branch...

I have finished building my Triumph TR5 replica, now waiting for the registration details from the DVLA.

I lost a bit of interest in building the bike and was on the brink of selling the parts, but after a call to a friend of a friend who suggested

I should finish what I started - as I should do something to fill up time - and also I like working with my hands and have a fairly good workshop, then I completed the work. I made several of the stainless steel fittings including brackets, studs, nuts and bolts etc.

The pictures are of the finished bike which has been photographed in order to get the machine registered. There are some transfers to add but it is now all there. I did everything apart from painting the frame which, was stove enamelled, and painting the headlamp and toolbox which came as painted units. Building the wheels was fun. The rear went together well, but the front was to a different spoke pattern from the original so took a bit of playing around especially as the front hub can be assembled in one of seven attitudes. I made a note of the relationship of the hub parts when I stripped the wheel but some joker had reassembled it wrong and I should have suspected that as when removing the old spokes some were just in their nipple housings.



I might revisit painting the tank as it's not as good as I would like to have done, and I will either have another go at sorting the seat, or might get a new one from Father Christmas. **Colin Mulford**

NATIONAL RALLY 2016

Any interest in going down to this? Missed this year, but last year was good...

TriFest Somerset
Apr. 29 - May. 2, 2016

This will be our 3rd year at St. Audries Bay in Somerset and 2016 will be the biggest event yet.

St Audries Bay is a great location and as usual we have booked the whole site for the TOMCC. There is accommodation for all from camping to B&B to large self catering accommodation. The site has an excellent range of facilities that are available for all guests and of course the bars will be open till very late.

Especially for TriFest we will be providing a larger range and quantity of beers and ciders than this year, we do not want them to run dry! More details will follow.

The entertainment has been kicked up a gear with live bands playing every night!

And no we have not forgotten about the biking! We will have a number of ride outs for those who wish to join. As soon as these are ready we will publish these so you can have full details before you come to the event.

In addition we hope to be hosting many other activities across the weekend. St. Audries Bay does have a limit of the accommodation that is available, so please book early. All members are invited together with their families. If you travel on your own we are sure you will make some great new friends!

The full itinerary will be announced as soon as the details are confirmed.

See images from TriFest Somerset 2015

TO BOOK
Call 01984 632515

Event Location Accomadation Evening Entertainment Facilities Available



The map shows the location of St Audries Bay Holiday Club in West Quantoxhead, Wilton, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4DY, United Kingdom. It highlights the club's location relative to nearby areas like Watchet, Helwell Bay, Doniford, East Quantoxhead, and Kive. The map also shows the A39 road and the St Audries Park Wedding Venue.

EVENTS

- Dec 3rd MotorCycle Live, NEC, Birmingham
- Dec 1st Quiz night, PoW 8pm.
- Dec 5th Southern Classic Off-Road Bike Show & jumble, Kempton Park
- Dec 6th Run to Tadworth childrens hospital, leave Rykas 1030.

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