



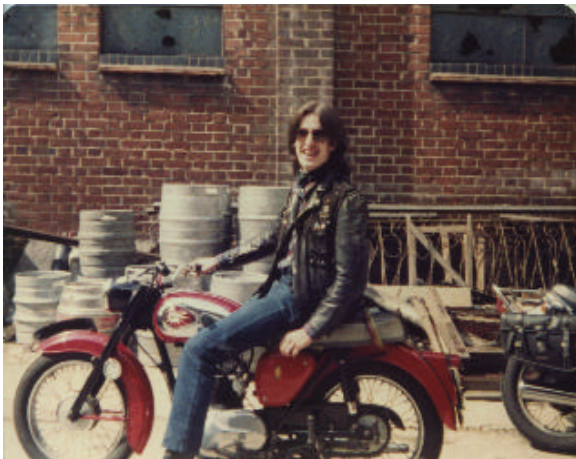
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Newsletter of the Mighty South London branch of the **TRIUMPH** Owners Motor Cycle Club

Next Tuesday, 7th September, is the Branch BBQ, PoW 8pm onwards.

Note the added attraction on the 21st September. Dave Porter, the club librarian, is doing the rounds of the branches and will be giving a presentation about Gaydon 2012 (I've no idea at present of what's to be celebrated, but it'll have to be really good to get me there again!) and a little chat about "inter-branch relations", and the best way to spend some of the extra cash in the club's coffers. Come along and have your say – you can have mine too, 'cos I shall be away.



The Way We Were – Part Two

The true identity of Prince Charming here can be accurately guessed from the empty beer barrels behind.



VMCC day at the Ace Café – a rare sight, two TSXs together, on the left is Erum Waheed's.

Run to Henfold Lakes

A different sort of destination to the usual pubs. Henfold Lakes is a kind of recreational centre, with six lakes for pitting your wits against the small, slimy, cold-blooded creatures swimming aimlessly around, and a touring caravan park. It also has a birds of prey centre, run by John Ryder's son, Barry, who brought along a Peregrine falcon

The bar/café was, naturally, our destination – quite small, but with a large veranda looking over one of the lakes. Must look nice in the daylight, we're back to the runs in the dark again. The run itself went reasonably well, except for Dave Kent's headlight falling out, fortunately for him not too far from his home.

Bank Holiday Monday – Merton Park

Up to a few years ago, this used to be a regular for the club. For whatever reason, it hasn't been run for a few years, but this year it's been resurrected. A few of us turned out, not knowing what to expect – but it turned out to be a good day, hopefully it will pick up a bit more interest and exhibitors next year. John Ryder, who used to organise the vehicle side of things, along with Paul Wood (Postman Pat), had intended on coming up from Bognor to see how things went without his involvement, but his Honda (!) let him down AGAIN, and he didn't make it.

I take it you all saw the piece carried in most of the national press, about three chappies going into a motorcycle dealers and helping themselves to three brand new bikes. Mr. Plod was told not to chase them in case they fell off and hurt themselves, as they weren't wearing proper gear, including helmets. What can you say to that? I assume they weren't crawling around the bikes hot-wiring them, so how come the keys were in them? Fortunately, they were only Jap bikes.....

EVENTS

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| Sep 7 th | MSL Branch BBQ |
| Sep 18 th | Kempton Park bike jumble |
| Sep 21 st | Dave Porter from HQ giving a presentation about Gaydon 2012. |
| Sep 28 th | Skimmington Castle |
| Oct 16 th | Kempton Park autojumble |
| Oct 24 th | RealClassic MC Show, & Bike jumble, Ardingly |

THE CLUB:

Meets at the Prince of Wales, **98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP**
(020 8542 0573) 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.

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In a pub quiz the other day I lost by one point. The question was, where do women mostly have curly hair? Apparently, it's Africa!

The Way We Were??? It is, of course, the ever-lovely Lurch/Slouch/Dave Vaughan.