



The management would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy Christmas, and a successful New Year.

RUNS - As you should have seen already, the Boxing Day run is to the Dog & Duck, Kingsfold. Weather permitting, of course. The forecast isn't good.

NATIONAL RALLY, BAINLAND - we have booked accommodation & there are still a couple of places available. Cost is £57 for accommodation & entry for the weekend (May 7-9th). Contact Doddie if you're interested.

QUIZ NIGHT - went well, thanks to Bob & Frances for compiling the questions and organizing the evening. One small criticism, however. As the winning team scored only 21 points from a possible 60 with the rest of us obviously trailing behind, I think you overestimated the intelligence of your fellow club members, mate.

NEC SHOW - There now seems to be enough motorcycle clothing at the show to dress the inhabitants of a small third-world country. As this side of things grows, the amount of bikes on show diminishes. No Honda, H.D., MV, Guzzi, Aprilia - unless there was another hall somewhere. Naturally we headed for the Triumph stand. The Bonneville scrambler looked pretty good in a kind of matt metallic olive drab, no doubt inspired by The Great Escape, with a brushed stainless siamesed exhaust system. Unfortunately that system is an extra £699.99, sir. Closer inspection showed that virtually every model on display had after-market exhausts ranging in price from £500 to £1100 extra. If Triumph themselves feel the standard exhausts are wrong, why don't they change the original spec? Don't bother to answer that, I think we all know (££££). And while on that subject, the coloured plastic flyscreen thing for the Thruxton is £135 extra - a real bargain!

The new Norton Commando looked nice, especially finished in traditional silver and black. Expensive, £13000 to £16000, and for that you'd have thought they could have done better than mount the reservoirs on the bars with bits of bent Meccano. If you haven't seen them they're at <http://www.nortonmotorcycles.com/>
The journey home was a bit of a drag, at one stage we'd done about 5 miles in an hour and when we eventually got going there was no sign of what caused the holdup.

TADWORTH RUN - A terrific turn-out, considering it was cold, damp, and gray. 32 bikes in all including our friends from the BSA club & the Surrey branch. We raised £450 for the hospital and ate a lot of mince pies.

DENBEYS - Despite one or two people showing us up (no prizes for guessing who this is!!) it was a great evening, many thanks to Paul & Debs for organizing it.

Finally - my Bonnie's engine is now in the capable hands of George Hopwood (of Thruxton fame) for deeper investigation, thank you for asking!

SMALL ADS -

Wanted: Thunderbird, in any condition but must have straight frame and good engine (engine running). It can have dents , rust, damaged wheels, bent, rusted forks . Wanted for winter project, cash waiting for right bike. call Ron on 07973269094.



EVENTS

Saturday 26th December - Boxing Day run, Dog & Duck, Kingsfold RH12 3SA (on the A24).

Meet Red Tree lay-by (A217) 1030.

Saturday 30th January - Kempton Park Jumble

THE CLUB:

Meets at the Princess 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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