



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

The sad bits first. Colin Mulford, secretary of the club when I joined, recently lost his son. We all extend our sympathy to Colin, Sandra and family.

Paul Cooper missed the Kingsfold run, being in hospital with, I'm told, suspected conjunctivitis. Hope that gets sorted out Paul, and while you're there perhaps they could try and surgically release your grip on your wallet.

Finally, in case you missed it, Martin had his bike written off in an accident, fortunately he 's OK, & Mog had his RS stolen but the boys in blue mobilised all their forces and found it for him, undamaged.

BBQ

The barbie went well, unfortunately the burgers ran out a bit early. 63 assorted Triumphs in the car park with a few other makes dotted around, according to our Parking Administration Officer, Dave Tester. Dave Hollamby got 'Best Bonneville' trophy ('62 T120), John Flower got 'Best Hinckley' ('95 T'bird) - 'Best Meriden' went to a young lady with a Thunderbird that's been in the family since new ('56ish I think), and 'Best in Show' went to a 1970 TR6, sorry I didn't get the owners names. We made a few quid profit even after a donation to Headway charity. After spending the afternoon cutting up & pre-cooking onions, and the evening cremating the burgers on the BBQ, I had a shower when I got home, but it's still only June.

The Runs

Sunday 24th May saw a group heading to the Hollycombe Steam Collection, joined on the way by a group from the Surrey branch. The ladies attempted to relive their youth by going on all the steam-driven rides, while Dave K. went for a snooze in the Bioscope (very early cinema).

The following Tuesday was the Club Run to Gomshall, not the Compasses as advertised but the pub next door, the Gomshall Mill. Fortunately those who made their own way there were quickly rescued from the Compasses. A good spread of food was laid on, but there was a serious problem with the beer i.e. only one beer on tap and that ran out after a couple of pints were served. After an anxious ten or so minutes they managed to get some brown fluid flowing through the pipes again. Little bit of excitement on the way there, Lurch got a faceful of air-cleaner, flicked up by the bike in front. It was too small to be off anything on the run, but still a solid lump at a closing speed of 50mph-ish.

The Cranleigh show was a bit of a non-event from our point of view, but they made us welcome. Only Mac, Fred, & I went, it turned out to be a dog show in aid of a greyhound rescue centre. They're hoping to expand the car/bike side of it next year. Roger Horstman was there with some of his cronies from the Triumph car owners club, who provided beer out of the boot of one of the cars.

June 23rd run to Kingsfold, again well attended. I counted 45 bikes outside the pub, although they hadn't all being on the run, including Mac who missed seeing Andy on an early corner (impossible, you may be unkindly thinking) and made his own way there.

Some of the lads took a ride over to Spa, not too much known about it but Paul Skeet sent this, with the photographs I've added as attachments. This one looks a bit special - that seat must be murder on the bum grapes.

Here are a few shots taken during our sortie to Spa, Belgium, where we experienced the Classic bike meet last weekend - note - the lovely Triumph Bonnie(?) flat tracker with the unusual seat! the Le Mans start, the 'Arse' pit adj. Bimotas, & prime views in the pits. There were plenty of 'names' there including Phil Read & Ago, Sammy Miller, Cork Ballington, Luchinelli, etc. Seeing all the olduns was great, not to mention the sounds of screaming 2 stroke, triples, MV Agusta 4s, Honda 6s and 750 series alike. Gordon Macdonald, Andy Kilty & I rode back across Belgium & France, after Kelv, Pete & Paul T decided to stay an extra day and do the Nurburgring too! I can advise that after the recent trip, I calculate that fuel in Belgium is currently the equivalent of |£1.28/litre to our average £1.03/l. Paul Skeet



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Apparently Steve McQueen's Belstaff jacket made \$23,000 at auction. Dave Kent got Robin's for a smile. You were seen off, Rob,

Do the Chinese know something we don't?

2007 - Year of the Chicken. Bird flu pandemic (something we were all supposed to die from).

2008 - Year of the Horse. Equine influenza decimated Australian racing.

2009 - Year of the Pig. We have swine flu, originated in Mexico.

Next year, 2010, is the year of the Cock. Take care, gentlemen.

Forthcoming Attractions

July 2nd - Surrey branch BBQ - details to follow

July 7th - Club Run to The Old Crown, Edenbridge

July 18th - Claygate Flower Show, meet Tolworth Bowl 1200

July 28th - Club Run to The Surrey Oaks, Newdigate

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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Paul's pics from Spa.



