



# Thunderbird Times

June 2010

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

## THE RUNS

### France

Some of the guys went out to Brittany. I've been sent some pictures, but no accompanying explanations. So this is what I make of it ...



"...& then we should have turned left at Portsmouth."



Ron's turn to provide lunch...



The luxurious 5-star (French-style) accommodation.

## Devon Weekend

Myself, Kelvin, John, Martin, Paul, and Charlie met at Tolworth at 8 30 on Friday for our trip to Lynton in North Devon. We made our way to a Little Chef on the A303 for breakfast and after about an hour we carried on our journey westward. The weather was dry and getting quite warm, so we were glad to finally arrive at Cloud Farm at 3 o'clock. After checking in we decided to have tea and coffee with

some home made cakes from the shop. We remembered from last year how nice they were, Kelvin chose a slice of cake that was roughly the size of a house brick. The next day we rode into Lynmouth and walked around the harbour, we thought about taking a boat ride around the harbour, but then realised it was so hot and with no shelter on the boat we would end up looking like lobsters. That evening Paul and Kelvin went to watch England attempt to play football , the rest of us sat by the harbour with a cool drink. That night was cold , not much sleep so we were all up early apart from Charlie . The next day while riding to Lynton Charlie stalled his engine while going round a sharp bend, Paul braked but collided with the rear of the sidecar, luckily the mushrooms on the side panels took the brunt so no damage was done. On our last day we rode out to Exmoor, on the way we stopped at a pub because by now it was getting hot. While we were having a drink a group of Harley riders stopped and told us where to go for a good ride. We rode across Exmoor, with fantastic views, eventually stopping at a small village which just so happened to sell cream teas. After gorging on fruit scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam we made our way back across Exmoor. We found a parking area , got off the bikes, and took full advantage of the sun and lay down to have a rest. Our last evening we found a little pub near the harbour and had a great meal before heading back to the campsite . The hardest part of camping is trying get things back in the bags they came in. We finally set off at 10.30 on Monday for the long haul home. We all agreed we had a good time, good company and fond memories. Many thanks to John, Paul, Kelvin, Martin, and Charlie.

**Bob**

### Dog & Duck, Kingsfold

For the first time in living memory, all the bikes on the run, around 35, arrived together – no breakdowns, nobody got lost. So the drop-off system **can** work. And in case anybody was interested, the silver Hammerited autocycle nailed to the outside wall would seem to be a Francis Barnett, around 1948. The gov'nor didn't seem to know what he has there, but has an over-optimistic idea of its value.

B.B.Q.

I'm told 70 odd bikes were out in the PoW car park. A reasonable turnout, but we expected a few more as it was such a nice evening. We had quite a bit of food left at the end, but we made a couple of quid, even after a donation to Headway.

### EVENTS

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	London MC Museum Triumph Thunderbird 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary day, Tolworth Bowl, 1030.
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Extra club run to The Old Eden, Edenbridge
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mods & Rockers, The Greyhound, Radford Road. Gatwick
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Claygate Flower Show, meet Tolworth Bowl 1200
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Club Run, Surrey Oaks, Newdigate
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Berkshire MCC Show

### 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.

Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol.

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A biker goes to the doctor with hearing problems.

"Can you describe the symptoms to me?" asked the doctor.

"Yes. Homer is a fat yellow lazy bastard and Marge is his skinny wife with big blue hair."