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

Brian Butler

Sad news again this month, Brian Butler passed away in hospital 20th June. He'd been a member of the branch for 4 or 5 years and was a regular down the PoW and on club runs. He'd suffered with bad health for some time, and was taken into hospital on the Sunday, and on the Wednesday his heart gave out. The funeral is Monday 16th leaving his place, 3 Heath Dene, Brighton Road, Burgh Heath, KT20 6AW (on the A217) at 1030am. Service is at Leatherhead Crematorium at 11am. They would like a few bikes for an escort. Our condolences to his family.

Club Run to Skimmington Castle

Runs leader Fred got it right this time (!) everybody getting there through the back lanes around Reigate with no dramas. Beer & food were spot-on, always one of our favourite venues.

The following may be of interest, but I think the law may apply to under-50s as well...It includes everything except mopeds

New French rules require motorists to carry a breathalyser

Over 2m UK over 50s motorists plan on taking their car abroad this year, but the 1.8m motorists planning to go with just warning triangles and reflective jackets will breach French law.

Only 8% of over 50s planning on driving in France this year plan to take a breathalyser with them, the report showed, which means the vast majority could find themselves in trouble with French law. The new rules, to start 1 July, require motorists to carry an unused breathalyser, conforming to French standards, with them in the car.

Breathalyser kits cost around £2 each, but the fine for not having one will set people back €11. This could leave the over 50s facing up to €20m in French fines this year, the report said.

Roger Ramsden, chief executive of Saga Services commented: "There needs to be a huge drive to make people aware of this new law, whilst 98% of us now know that we ought to pack a warning triangle when we drive in France, only 8% plan to take a breathalyser."

"The requirement is to carry one breathalyser, however we would advise people to take two, as if they have to use one, they will need a spare to produce.

EVENTS

Branch BBQ is on Tuesday July 10th at the PoW, 8pm onwards – look forward to seeing some new faces.

The Surrey Branch are having their BBQ a few days before, Thursday 5th. Meet at Tolworth Bowl 8pm for a run down there.

A bit of interest has been shown in having a run over to Crossness Pumping Station at Plumstead. They have the old steam pumps running a few times a year, and July 29th seems a convenient date. More details soon.

July 8 th	Pub with No Name, (Alton) – leave Tolworth 1100
July 10 th	Bike Show & BBQ
July 14 th	Claygate Flower Show. Tolworth 1200
July 24 th	Club Run to Dog & Duck Outwood, RH1 5QU

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THE BRANCH:

Meets at the Prince of Wales,
98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP
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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.