



# Thunderbird Times

March 2009

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

**Stafford Classic Motorcycle Show:** We plan on running a minibus up to the show on Sunday April 26th from the Princess of Wales, probably about 8 a.m. Obviously only a limited amount of seats, but if we were to be overwhelmed I suppose we could get two buses. Contact Bob Simmonds (number below in Contacts).

**Tadworth Childrens Hospital:** meet Ryka's 1030, Easter Sunday. Would be nice if everybody could each bring an Easter egg for the kids. I know it's a bit difficult to carry on a bike, but do your best, they would appreciate it.

## The Runs

Saturday 28th February: Our intelligence (?) sources said the Alexandra Palace show wouldn't be up to much, so it was decided to have a run elsewhere. This turned out be the café at the Devil's Punchbowl. Twelve bikes showed up for this, four leaving, after suitable refreshments, for an afternoon nap. The rest of us continued around the lanes for a bit and we finally ended up in a pub in Ripley for a quick sniff of the bar towels, and then went home leaving Tim and Charlie to have a look in the Royal Enfield shop situated in this teeming metropolis. No purchases were made, I understand.

Sunday 1st March: A ride down to Get Geared in Leatherhead for their BBQ saw six bikes out. I bought some new brake pads after a sphincter-twitching moment on the run down to Ryka's. From the shop, a toddle up to the Royal Oak, where our generous host Colin forced upon us some well-aged malt whisky (he's too tight to give us the new stuff). Paul Skeet eventually joined us. We all left about 2.30, Paul being due to catch a plane out of Heathrow at 7pm on his way to see Brian in South Africa. I assume he made it on time as he sent me some pictures of the trip, of which this is one. Expect a story on that.



Saturday 7th March: (From Bob Simmonds.) Myself, Steve, Kelvin, Paul, John, Peter and Dean met at Rykas to visit the new Triumph dealership in Bramley called Destination. We set off at noon heading out to the A25 via Westcott. As we approached the village of Abinger Hammer we spotted a traffic cop with a speed gun. A strange place to stand, as the traffic slows down to drive through the village anyway. As we rode towards Albury John F broke away with the intention of riding home (ANOTHER STORY). On the road to Bramley we kept spotting Harley Davidsons (it was dry). We finally arrived at the showroom about 1. o clock After a short while Paul C & Brian turned up.. The staff seem a friendly bunch, free tea & coffee, they will send a Flier containing details of their forthcoming official opening night on Thursday March 26th from 7- 9 PM , refreshments will be provided. By then they hope to have every model for 09 available. I told them details of our club and they hope to come to one of our club nights for a beer or three. Back to the Harleys, it just happens that a new H D dealers has opened a couple of miles away and they were having some sort of gathering also. A few of us sat on the Thruxton Bonny, it has fuel injection , the bars have been raised and it seemed quite comfortable (£6000) on the road ?. Steve and I set off for home , leaving the others still browsing. At home the phone rang about 5.30, it was John. He got a puncture in the rear tyre after leaving us earlier. He managed to get to a Shell garage to ring for help. The first patrol arrived but because the bike has no centre stand he could not fix it (but he knew a man who could). The second patrol arrived and they loaded the bike on to trailer and took it to a tyre shop. A pleasant ride out was had by all although John may not agree.

### **New Bikes (from Ron Granger)**

I think we have a new member, Bernie Finn, the guy from the Ilford branch that I was introduced to. He thought our club night was packed out!. I offered to bring him on the first club run and he was keen. Further, he had a Thunderbird Sport for sale, he even came to my stall to show me piccies. So I took myself up to his place to see it and of course I fell in love with it, didn't even haggle. He can chat a bit, but he showed me every nut and bolt was perfect,. How?, by undoing every other one, honest . You can eat your dinner off it. Can't wait to get the gaffer tape out. He would probably kill me!. He is also fitting a cool Givi screen and Bonnie fork gaiters too. Plus, and this should interest all you short arses, fit Legend subframes and seats to them so they are lower than a Thunderbird or Adventurer, even cooler!!. Don't know where I am going to park it. I'll see if it's practical for work and play and sell the Honda. If not it may be the T100 that gets the chop . Boo Hoo!!!

## Website

We've got our website up and running again, but it's not as yet been updated. It is now at <http://www.tomccmsl.co.uk>

## Wanted

Rear carrier for Thunderbird Sport, and a locking petrol cap for a Hinckley classic,, (any model will fit apparently), must be in good condition, real cash paid, top money for low line model but any will do. **Ron Granger**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- 29th March - South of England Classic Show, Ardingley
- 5th April - Last Chance Animal Rescue run, meet Godstone Pond, 1115.
- 10th April - Good Friday run, meet Red Tree (A217) 1030.
- 12th April - Easter Sunday, Tadworth Childrens Hospital run. Meet 1030, Rykas.
- 26th April - Stafford Classic Motorcycle Show
- 28th April - Club Run, The Rat (aka The Bell) Walton-on-the-Hill
- 4th May - Fleet Lions Run. meet Tolworth Bowl, 0930.

## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.  
Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol.

## CLUB CONTACTS:

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