



Thunderbird Times

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

Brian Butler

I just heard from Brian's wife that he has been having a rough time in hospital. I'm sure we all wish him well, & hope to see him at the club soon.

A.G.M.

Quite a good turnout, and it worked out well for us this year as one of the pub's freezers had broken down, so Paul kindly fed us with big plates of sausages, chips, & onion rings. Barry Bryant & John Ryder were awarded the Clubman & Rider of the Year trophies respectively. Finances are down on last year mainly due to restocking regalia but we're not on the bread line yet. There were no nominees for committee posts, so that stays the same for another year. Nothing else I remember of great note.

THE RUNS

Pioneer Run – Well done, Bernard – 10th finish out of 11 starts (see below).

Wings Museum – a good turnout for the run, but half the numbers disappeared when we got there despite Bob negotiating a 25% discount on the entry fee for us. I thought it was well worth the visit – no immaculately restored Lancasters, but very interesting bits and pieces. If you fancy a visit, the museum is only open Saturdays, 10-4, until September. <http://www.wingsmuseum.co.uk/>

THE PIONEER RUN 2010

After not having been looked at for 51 weeks the 3 ½ HP Pioneer Triumph was wheeled from the corner of the workshop, fuelled up and it burst into life with not much effort. At that point I recalled a problem that had occurred at the end of last years ride, it appeared that the foot pegs had shaken loose. On inspection it was a little more than that, a new spindle was required as it was a stripped thread. I raised the petrol level in order to improve the starting, a mistake I think as it made it a bit rich

I started the ride at about 9.00 o'clock, got stopped at rather a lot of slightly up hill roundabouts and lights. It felt there was more roundabouts and lights added to the route this year, but I know this is not the case. I got to the coffee stop at about 10.15, had about half an hour and off again. This is a very pretty part of the ride from now on, it is my favourite. I did go through two red crossing lights like the cyclists do, no one on them I hasten to say. The worst one was for the second year running, the zebra crossing at Preston Park. Last year it was a woman with a pushchair, this year a jogger. On both occasions I had to use the horn and go verbal. I rode into Brighton at 11.40, the fastest yet. Last but not least a big thank you to the guys from the club for their support at the start and finish.

Bernard

CRYSTAL PALACE

No, not those blokes in short trousers chasing a pig's bladder around a muddy field, but the motor racing circuit or what's left of it. The May Bank Holiday weekend 30th/31st will see a sprint meeting organised by the Sevenoaks Motor Club. Looks as if it's only for cars, but it's nice & local for a lot of us.

EVENTS

April 2nd (Good Friday) - Bun Run 10am at the Red Tree
Sunday April 18th - Charlie Goddard Memorial Run, Last Chance, Edenbridge
Tuesday April 27th - Club Run TBA

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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I hate all this terrorist business. I used to love the days when you could look at an unattended bag on the train or bus and think "I'm having that!"