



Thunderbird Times

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

A few of us met up at Box Hill a couple of weeks ago, and went on a little run to deepest Sussex. It didn't seem natural, sitting in the sun with jackets off, in the middle of November. On the way home, Mog and Paul were involved in what could have been a really nasty accident. A car coming the opposite way turned right across their lane, and between them, clipping Mog's back wheel and leaving Paul with nowhere to go other than to step off and let the bike go under the car. Mog was flipped up clear across the pavement and into a wire-link fence, which broke his fall. The bikes are both write-offs, fortunately Mog and Paul escaped with bruises. They swear they were within the 40mph speed limit, as Paul got busted for speeding in exactly the same place a few years ago. It could be argued that had they been travelling in excess of the limit, they would have been half a mile away when the car turned.....

NEC Motorcycle Show

All the major manufacturers were there this year, and the usual clothing stands. Triumph had the new Tiger 1150 and the new Speed Triple, and also the limited edition Steve McQueen Bonneville. Metisse had a 650cc Triumph-engined motorcross-type bike, also a Steve McQueen special. The green paint job seems to be in vogue this year, Harley Davidson and Moto Guzzi having models in a very similar colour. Bargain of the show seemed to be a WK (from Taiwan, I think) 600cc Kawasaki-engined bike for under £4000. Fred provided a moment of entertainment for the punters on the Triumph stand when, demonstrating how easy it would be for my missus to get on and off the pillion of the Tiger 800, took the short route down and fell off the back.



We've provisionally arranged the branch social for Friday 27th January at the Price of Wales. Bowling at Tolworth Tuesday 6th December, just turn up. Finally, please try to attend the run to Tadworth Childrens Hospital Sunday 11th December. They're always pleased to see us.

EVENTS

Dec 3 rd	Kempton Park Autojumble
Dec 6 th	Bowling, Tolworth
Dec 11 th	Christmas run to Tadworth Childrens' hospital
Dec 13 th	Quiz Night
Dec 17 th	Dinner/Dance, Denbys. Contact Paul, coops595@hotmail.com
Dec 26 th	Boxing Day run, 1130 Rykas – destination TBA

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