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Edward Turner Plaque

Lurch led us through the mean streets of south London from the PoW to Peckham. The gathering point was a pub, where refreshments were laid on, just round the corner from the site of the plaque. Short speeches were made by, amongst others, John R. Nelson (patron of the TOMCC), John Rosamond (chairman of the board at Meriden at the time of the co-operative), Tony Benn (Minister of Trade at that time), and our own elusive branch member, Erum Waheed - who has been instrumental in bringing the whole thing about. After this we had a short stroll around the corner to see the plaque unveiled by Edward Turners son, by a remarkable coincidence also named Edward Turner. There was quite a good turnout, South Essex branch of TOMCC, the Daimler Dart (SP250) owners club, & a couple of Ariel owners making up the numbers. See sites below for a bit more info -



<http://www.inter-bike.co.uk/motorcycle-news/motorcycle-industry-news/1810-new-blue-plaque-for-southwark-is-a-real-triumph.html>

<http://www.itnsource.com:80/jp/shotlist/ITN/2009/10/25/T25100918/>



Erum supervising the unveiling



".....and this one's even faster!!"



Brittany 2009 (Ron Granger)

Ron Granger, Tim Pring and Charlie Flanagan were not too confident when they set forth on a "mini holiday" to our club's second home, the Brittany Gite. The weather forecast was for lots of rain and wind, but knowing no fear they sallied forth. Amazingly they got to Portsmouth in gradually lightening skies, indeed sunshine even. The overnight sailing dumped them into intermittent showers but they were forgotten when Charlie's chain started jumping the sprocket. The next day was horrible but daylight revealed a totally knackered chain and sprocket, we are talking on teeth here. Charlie swore it was fine when he left London but under interrogation cracked and admitted he never looked at his new acquisition, he's a trusting soul. The reason why the club goes to Roger and Linda's Gite becomes clear when he found a Yamaha dealer, collected the part with Charlie and arranged a mechanic, a Brit, to fit it. Top man. Charlie repaid him by offering to help Roger tow an Ural bike and sidecar with, of course, another sidecar. With another sidecar as backup, the three sidecar convoy returned to the Gite to the amusement of the locals. Ron, having never ridden in one, thought sidecars a hoot, especially with Roger's Jack Russell hanging out of the sidecar. No use in London but ace on slippery wet French "B" roads. Next "hoot" was that night when Linda came home in her car and Ron put his hand on her "vinyl" roof only to discover the hard way that it was not vinyl but a carpet of hornets, big buggers. Tim and Linda run into the house as they are allergic to stings, leaving the brave, some say stupid, Ron to battle them with newspaper and flyspray. Needless to say they did not go for the pizza meal in that car, instead borrowing Linda's daughters car, once again getting us out of trouble. The boys came under their hosts wings again with life saving meals, taking Tim to pick up his new prized alternator magneto and guided tours of Brittany on roads they would have never satnaved. Even the weather improved for the second half of the week with unseasonal sunny days. So if you get the chance, join the club on a trip to Roger and Linda's Gite.

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I had an email from Colin Mulford, ex-branch secretary, just as this was ready to go. See below -

I hope you are all well at MSL and thank you for keeping me informed with the Thunderbird Times, a great mag, and I wonder how it got started?

I have a motorcycle for sale and wonder if you could put an advert in the TT for me?

It is a Yamaha Thundercat S registered, with 11,000 miles, MOT to July 2010, and taxed until about April 2010. It is green and price is around £1700. If any one is interested my phone number is 01737553124.

Also I would be obliged if you could pass my thanks onto all those nice people at MSL who sent the card when our son died earlier this year, it was very thoughtful of you. Sometime in the near future I hope send a full update on what has happened but we are still waiting on the inquest which should be sometime in November, and also the results of heart tests on our middle son.

I and our youngest son have both been identified as having the Brugada syndrome which is a genetic heart defect which I have and passed onto him, so we are waiting to see what the situation is with our middle son.

Regards to all at MSL and watch out for those wet leaves when riding.
Regards

Colin Mulford

EVENTS see also our website <http://www.tomccmsl.co.uk>

- Sunday 8th November - Run to The White Horse, Alton - Tolworth 11.00.
- Thursday 12th November - Bowling, Tolworth - details on the board at PoW.
- Tuesday 1st December - Bob's Quiz Night, PoW 20.00.
- Thursday 3rd December - Bus trip to the Motorcycle Show, NEC.
- Sunday 13th December - Run to Tadworth children's hospital, leave Rykas 10.30.
- Saturday 26th December - Boxing Day run - Mystery Tour - Red Tree, 10.30

THE CLUB:

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