



Thunderbird Times

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

Surrey Branch BBQ

A pleasant evening marred only by the pub running out of acceptable beer within half an hour of us arriving. MSL, as usual, did well in the raffle, Brian Benn bagging 3 prizes, and Mac got 'Best Hinckley' trophy for his Bonnie.

Thunderbird Anniversary

Only three of us went up to the London Motorcycle Museum for this, Ron & Erum Waheed were already there. Ron had joined the official run from The Ace Café – him and five others... Quite a good turnout overall, Thunderbirds represented throughout the centuries from sprung hub to the new Hinckley 1600s. The museum has expanded a bit since I was last there with a lot of new exhibits.

Old Eden, Edenbridge

Dave Kent threw a little spat before we went, deciding he didn't want to ride his ST. Brian Benn offered to lend his Bonnie to Dave, and rode the ST himself, so everybody was happy. John LeFevre took us around the lanes back of Edenbridge, a nice little run, and we all arrived together, AGAIN. We must be getting the hang of this drop-off system.

Surrey Oaks, Newdigate

Normally a well-supported run, numbers were down this time probably due to that big yellow thing we've seen a lot of lately being hidden by even bigger black things. A minor incident on the way, with somebody (no names, no pack-drill etc.) having a closer encounter with Mother Nature than he would have liked, but was fortunately OK and the bike only suffered a bent brake lever.

Mods & Rockers Meet, Gatwick

Not as big a turnout as at Rusper a few weeks previously, but a couple of hours in the sun with beers & a burger seemed a good way to spend a Sunday. One of the guys brought a picture of himself in his formative years hoping to ingratiate himself with the scooterists (not a Mod, as we knew them, to be seen!). Maybe we can run a series of 'how we were' type pictures, if you have any. You can remain anonymous if you prefer, like Mac pictured below left, or the other spotty oaf. See if you can dig out an old bike-related picture of yourself, and give the rest of us a laugh.



Claygate Village Show

This show always seems to draw a good crowd, but interest in the bikes is a bit limited. Never mind, we get in for free, and get a beer voucher each, and as we're there before the gates open we get the best table in the beer tent. First outing for my old Bonnie in eleven months, after Barry waved his magic wand over it and got it going again. A few little bits need sorting, it seems OK but we still don't know what the problem was!!

Finally, and although this has nothing to do with bikes, some MSL members may be interested because it's not far for a lot of us and entry is FREE!!! Saturday 14th August sees the annual Kenley air show <http://www.rafkenleyairday.co.uk/displays.html> from 1100 to 1600 with, among other things, a fly-past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Rumour has it that the Spitfire and Hurricane will be landing, but that's not guaranteed.

EVENTS

July 31 st	Berkshire MCC Show (Tolworth Bowl, 1100)
Aug 8 th	Run to Horam – meet Godstone Pond, 1030
Aug 21 st	Capel Classic Vehicle Show, meet Rykas 1200
Aug 24 th	Club Run, Gomshall Mill, Gomshall
Aug 28/30 th	Rudgwick Steam & Country Show

THE CLUB:

Meets at the Prince 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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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her a bathroom scale.