

VIBRATIONS ANUARY 2024

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TOMCC remember Philip Wallington

CHILLY WILLY 2024 – 7TH JAN

TOMCC members joined together with many others for the Chilly Willy ride for a rather fresh start to the year

TOMCC 75[™] EVENT

Planning the TOMCC anniversary event at Shelsley Walsh



NEVER FORGOTTEN

TOMCC SAYS GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS

The new year started with some sad news with the loss of TOMCC Northants members Philip Wallington and Mick Watson. Details below for those wishing to join in their last journeys:

Those wishing to ride with Philip on his last journey arrangements are Monday 29th January bikes meet at 11am at the end of Redhill Way, Redhill Grange Wellingborough. Please wear blue or denim. Ride with Phillip to Burton Latimer Baptist church approx. 8 miles followed by a private internment.

Anyone wishing to join in Mick's final ride on Tuesday 23rd January, the Bonneville Hearse will arrive at Mick's Home, Arisaig House, Walgreave Road. Holcot NN6 9SS at 1pm. Mick's bikes will be visible in the Garage. We will then go to Sywell Aerodrome, Hall Farm, Sywell NN6 0BN. Followed by a return to the Holcot home. Then a short journey to the church (just round the corner) for the service, the service is from 2 pm. A wake will follow at the White Swan which is next door to the Home.

Thank you so much for your contributions this month. It tends to get a bit quieter as we head into winter months, so pleases do consider contributing an article about the trips and events you've enjoyed or are planning for the future, why not put down a few words, fill up the gaps with some interesting pictures and send it off to TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com. Your contributions are always appreciated.

A final reminder for help please - Les B is putting together the final chapter of the HISTORY STORY UPDATE of the Northants TOMCC. He is missing the Years 1990-1994, can old friends assist with some input, please, from Vibrations and or Nacelle or even Memory Lane. Contact Les at leslie.barras@btinternet.com

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH



INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our recent new members

Helen Caws - Hartwell Colin and Barbara Bigwood - Northampton Mark Teulon - Badby

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

in addition to the events below find out more about ad hoc ride-outs via the branch's Facebook page

JANUARY			
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 20th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
FEBRUARY			
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Mon 10th	7.30pm	Committee Meeting - Secretary Role	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 17th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Quiz Night - Phil Barton	The Crown Hardingstone
MARCH			
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Mon 4th	7.30pm	Committee Meeting - Pre AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat		Charity Dinner	TBC
Sat 16th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Branch AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 24th		Eastern Area regional branch meeting	Fearnly Farm, Melton Mowbray
APRIL			
Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 7th	10.00am	National Club AGM	Gate Hangs Well - Syston, Leics
Sun 14th	10.00am	Ride to Riverside Park Café	St Neots Cambs
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 20th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 28th	09.30am	Guest Member ride out (Shuttleworth) - S. Rattley	Old Warden Café, Beds

MAY			
Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 4th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 5th	10.00am	Ride to Triumph Factory visitor centre	Hinkley, Leics
Wed 8th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Sun 12th	10.00am	Ride to Hungry Pilot & Red Lion Thornby	Husbands Bodsworth, Leics
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Twins	The Crown Hardingstone
17th to 19th	12.00am	TOMCC - 75 Anniversary Celebrations	Shelsey Walsh, Worcs
17th to 19th		YORVIK Vikings route 66 rampage	Barnard Castle, Durham
Sun 19th		DGR Charity ride	TBC
Sun 26th		Guest Member Rideout - ?????	TBC
Mon 27th	5.00pm	South Lincs club night	The Goat, Frognal, Cambs
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
JUNE	10.00		
Sat 1st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 2nd		TRIUMPH DAY	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Mon 3rd	6.00pm	Milton Keynes club night	The Station, Woburn Sands
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 12h	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Sat 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 16th	9.30am	Ride to Unicornz and Riders	Long Sutton
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 22nd	09.30am	County Tour with Lunch Stop - P. Ollett	
Sun 23rd		Eastern area regional branch meeting	TBC
Sun 30th		Guest Member Rideout - ???????	
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Wed 3rd	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night - Bring your ANY MAKE Classic	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 10th	5.30pm	Peterborough club night	The Bull Newborough, Cambs
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Sun 14th	9.30am	Hickling Wharfe Café	Melton Mowbray, Leics
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club - CONCOURS	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 20th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 21st	10.00am	Founders Day (VMCC)	Stanford Hall, Leics
Wed 24th	7.30pm	Summer BBQ Night	The Crown Hardingstone
27th to 28th	TBC	Branch Camp out	Grendon Lakes
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
AUGUST			
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 4th	08.00am	TOMCC Triumph Day - Sammy Miller Museum	New Milton. Hants
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 10th	10.00am	Silverball café - S. Leadbetter birthday ride out	Roysten, Herts
Wed 14th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
16th to 18th		South Lincs - TOMCC Rally Big Branch Bash	Greetham Ctr. Oakham
	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sat 17th			

24th to 25th	TBC	Branch Camp out	Grendon Lakes
Sun 25th		Guest Member Rideout - ????????	
Mon 26th	10.30am	Rushden Classic Bike Festival	Tramshed Rushden
Sat 31st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 8th	09.00am	Fish & Chip Run	Hunstanton, Norfolk
9th to 12th		Yorkshire Dales	·
Wed 11th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Sat 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 22nd		Guest Member Rideout - ???????	
Sun 22nd		Eastern area regional branch meeting	
Fri 27th 24th	09.00am	McMillan Coffee Morning	Salford Village Hall, Beds
OCTOBER			
Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 5th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
11th to 14th		Skegfest	Golden Palm Resort
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Wed 16th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 19th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 30th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
NOVEMBER			
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 16th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 24th		Eastern area regional branch meeting	
DECEMBER			
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 14th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 18h	7.30pm	Club Night XMAS PARTY	The Crown Hardingstone

REMEMBERING PHILIP WALLINGTON



PHILIP WALLINGTON YOU WILL BE MISSED

It with great sorrow that I must let all Northants Branch TOMCC members know that Mr Philip Wallington passed away December 23rd 2023

We remember Philip with the fondest of memories, a friend, and work colleague of so many here at the Northants Branch of the Triumph Owners MCC.

Some of our members have known Philip for almost 40 years, through work and play.

Motorcycles were a big part of his life; he was well known in many local and even national clubs. He knew Triumph Motorcycles inside out and his knowledge was second to none when it came to his

technical ability in assisting fellow Triumph Rider Owners.

He could often be found deep in conversation at branch club nights with long established members lan Sargent, John (Henry) Richards, Phil Short (Mr Triumph), Phil Barton & Les Barras. Not forgetting all our past Members. The newer members got to know him very well, making friends whenever and wherever he would meet up at the club or on many of the ride outings. He was also keen to promote the branch through his continued support as a Branch Committee member.





On many occasions he would be joined by his beloved wife, Rita.

Along with others, I knew him through the TOMCC for many years and recently through his work as a professional University Lecturer, He was into mechanical & electrical engineering at the new University of Northampton.

A well-read person Philip was able to converse with many in a logical, factual manner, it had to be right first time.

It was a great honour to be invited by Philip to award his graduate students with prizes for their presentations at open nights at The Northants Electrical Society & Institute of Engineering Technology. He invited me back to UoN to present a personal lecture on the

Building Services & Environmental Engineering to his fellow students.

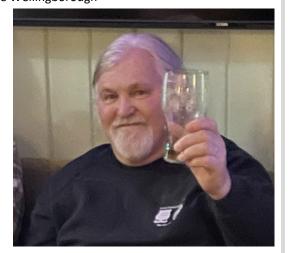
Those wishing to ride with Philip on his last journey arrangements are as follows:

- Monday 29th January bikes meet at 11am at the end of Redhill Way, Redhill Grange Wellingborough
- please wear blue or denim.
- Ride with Phillip to Burton Latimer Baptist church approx. 8 miles followed by a private internment.
- Any flowers/donations to Prostate Cancer UK can be made via Chambers and Brighty, Bucknell End, Wellingborough go to website and click on Philip's name.

Rest in peace our friend from all at Northants TOMCC We will always remember Philip as being a gentleman & a scholar.

In the haze of our fumes, and the roar of our engines, you will be with us always. Never forgotten.

Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club Northauts





CHILLY WILLY 2024

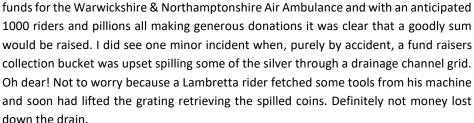
10TH CHILLY WILLY - 7TH JANUARY 2024

If ever an event lived up to its name, then surely it is this Biker's event but with it happening in January there can surely be few surprises. Like everyone else planning to attend this now classic annual event I had been keeping a keen eye on the weather forecasts made all the more important due to the exceptionally wet weather we have been enduring for much of last December.

The Gods that bring together the steel, plastics, rubber and petrol that afford so many of us great pleasure must have been smiling on us and the day dawned with dry roads and no overnight frost, perfect! Alright, I'll grant you that it was cold, but it was a plus cold, about 3 or 4 degrees but in January that was good enough for me, and seemingly hundreds of others.



Naturally the day is focused on raising

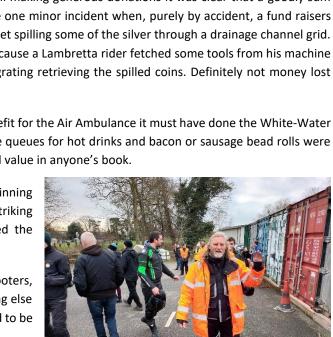


Quite apart from the benefit for the Air Ambulance it must have done the White-Water Centre a bit of good if the queues for hot drinks and bacon or sausage bead rolls were

any indication. And with the drinks at just £1.25 each and the rolls at £2.50, good value in anyone's book.

Our own branch of TOMCC was well represented with many a familiar face seen grinning from the top of well-padded jackets and Elaine's hat was stunning to behold in a striking pink colour. Dave Grundy was looking particularly harassed as he marshalled the incoming bikes into increasingly shrinking parking areas.

The variety of machines in the brim-full parking areas was huge with trikes, scooters, classics, a Suzuki race bike, Harleys, Triumphs, Beamers and just about everything else you could think of. Big bikes small bikes, off roaders, the diverse margues seemed to be endless.







Shortly before 12.00pm there was a briefing for the ride out and a huge contingent of riders set forth following the A428 South Eastwards towards Bedford. When going through Turvey it could be seen that the fields were still flooded in the valley of the River Great Ouse. The organisers had arranged to lead off with the scooters and lower capacity machines and riding generally two abreast this long snake wound its way through the local villages with groups of the public, often including small children waving as the column passed by.

At Bromham we headed South Westwards from the roundabout following the A221 to the next roundabout at Chicheley where we took a Northerly

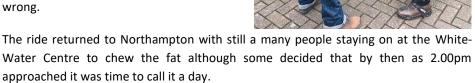
direction towards Olney following

the A509 through Olney where the town folk were lining the pavement waving and taking pictures of the passing lines of bikers.

In my opinion the standard of riding was generally quite good, I followed a guy on a GS for a good



part of the way who clearly made the task look easy, precise and unhurried, that's the way to do it. Just the odd idiot who thinks it's OK to keep spinning his head round to look at his mate and pulling wheelies. Discipline or not I would much prefer to have guys like this behind me rather than run the risk of hitting their wreckage when the trick goes wrong.



Well done to all the Volunteers giving freely of their time to increase the funds for the WNAA, you are all heroes. The service does not receive any government funding and relies solely on monetary donations and support from communities in the general public. The value to the motorcycle fraternity as well as many other road users is of incalculable value.

The Warwickshire Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service has existed for 20 years and is now merged with Leicester & Rutland and Derbyshire AA services, by 2023 collectively they had completed 50,000 missions.

theairambulanceservice.org.uk

Paul Ollett



Chilly Willy

TO NORTHAMPTON BIKERS COMMUNITY

CHILLY WILLY 24 WAS OUR BEST YET AND IT'S YOU THAT DID IT.

ALL 823 OF YOU....

I AM SO PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY, MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS, CLUBS AND FB GROUPS.

At 14:30 7th January £6627 had already been counted.

AIR Ambulance won't finish counting until sometime late in

THE WEEK AS MONEY IS STILL COMING IN.

I tried to make it my mission on the day to greet every single rider that came, with a thank you or an individual

WAVE OR THUMBS UP..

You are all legends. Thank you !!!

TOMCC 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

SHELSLEY WALSH MAY 17TH-19 2024

Our branch is attending this international event TOMCC 75th for the weekend, 9 members have already booked their place to display their bikes. Members can book in advance to demonstrate your bike for FREE up the famous hill climb track, by emailing the Nacelle editor at editor@tomcc.org

If you like to stay for the weekend, there is FREE camping for tents, vans, campervans and motorhomes. On site food, bars, and live music on Saturday night or just visit for the day. The branch will discount pre-booked tickets by 50% from the entry price of £35, you will receive a commemorative program and badge of the event. There are plenty of places to stay in the area, more details of the event can be found in issues of Nacelle. We have now 7 bikes booked for a demonstration ride up the hill, you get one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Machine displays will be taking place in the covered paddock, there will be trophies to win. Categories will include:-



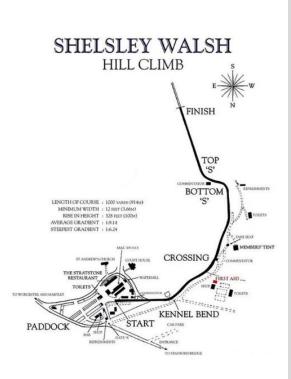
- Best Pre-1949
- Best 1950s machine
- Best 1960s machine
- Best 1970s machine
- Best 1980s machine
- Best 1990s machine
- Best 2000s machine
- Best 2010 onwards machine
- There will also be a trophy awarded for the Best Branch display.

This is the big one in the TOMCC History, a taste of what to see, have a look at this on YouTube Shelsley Walsh Bike Bonanza 2023 Part 1

Henry

Events Coordinator







MORE FUN FOR 2024



THE MAYOR OF HUNTINGDON'S COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT – SCOOTER & MOTORCYCLE SHOW 2024

Here's another local event that you may enjoy as the spring sunshine starts to make an appearance in March.

DISTGINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE 2024

Pop it in your calendar now, and start tapping up your sponsors, it's time to start thinking about what you're going to wear for the Distinguished Gentleman's ride 2024. Will it be tweed, where's your waistcoat got to and how long will it take to perfect your classic tash.



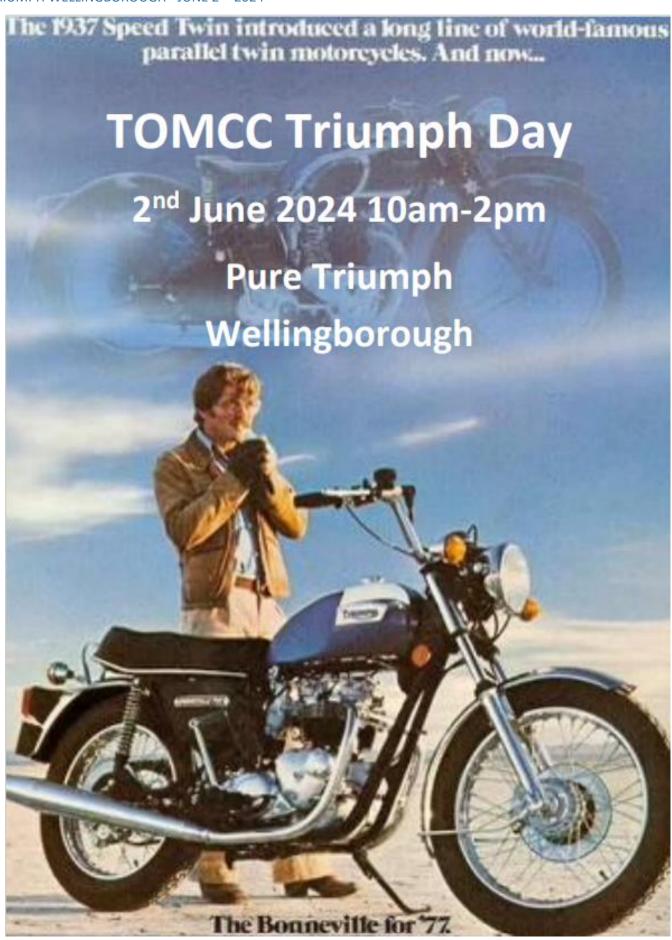


SKEFEST 11TH - 14TH OCTOBER 2024

And don't forget to put dates in the diary for next year's Skegfest. Enjoy sunny 'Skeg Vegas' what more could you ask for but fish and chips by the seaside, pleasant company and plenty of enjoyable bike routes.

TOMCC TRIUMPH DAY

PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH - JUNE 2ND 2024



NORTHANTS TOMCC SUMMER CAMP

GRENDON LAKES 26TH – 28TH JULY

The first Northants Summer camp will be held at Grendon Lakes 26th to 28th July.

Admission from 12 noon 26th depart by noon 28th only £15 per pitch to cover costs.

4 electric hook up points room for a limited amount of caravans and campers plenty room for tents,24hr toilets and showers clubhouse on site for hot drinks and bar. BBQs and small fires allowed raised off grass. Small local bike run on Saturday. Bring your own food for the BBQ and drinks. Open to all members and families, fun and games beer and banter.

Should be a good event.

Steve



TOMCC YORK DALES

YORKSHIRE DALES TRIP 9TH – 13TH SEPTEMBER

Book now as space is limited for this 4 night stay at Todber Valley Holiday Park, in one their self- catered caravans prices start from £208.

Tucked away in the Ribble Valley near Gisburn, Todber Valley is a perfect base for exploring locations such as the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. We're located in the heart of walking country – a perfect base close to historic towns such as Skipton and Harrogate.

Facilities on site are The Steamer Inn bar and restaurant with its beer garden, and offering takeaways, a convenience shop and launderette. Guided ride each day depending on the weather, to places like Tan Hill Inn, Masham is home of the Theakston and Black Cat Breweries, Hawes and the Wensleydale Creamery Visitors Centre for some cheese of



course. Grassington where the TV series All Creatures Great and Small is filmed, if you are interested in social history the is Ripon that has a small cathedral, the old police station and cells, the old courthouse and the Victorian workhouse. Spectacular view of rolling hills, waterfalls, and time just to take pictures of the Dales, always open to suggestions for a destination, so come and join the fun on your Triumph.

Henry

Events Coordinator







TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC CHALLENGE

ANY EXCUSE FOR A NICE RIDE



Following on from the success of the previous year's TOMCC GREASY FRY UP challenge we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2024 just for Northants Branch members.

The Challenge

Ride your Triumph in and around Northamptonshire, including adjacent villages and towns, where their first letter forms part of the spelling of **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**.

For example – the **T** from **TRIUMPH** could be a picture at **TOWCESTER**.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 16 Photographs for each letter of **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**, send them in an e-mail to Branch Secretary Les Barras at: secretary@northantstomcc.org.uk. Please include the date that you finished the challenge.

EVENT TIMING

You have until the end of December 2024 to complete the challenge. It's up to you whether you do it all in one day or over a number of rides. If you have more than one Triumph, then you can use different machines for different sections.

CERTIFICATE

All Northants Branch members who complete the **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**Challenge will be awarded a certificate of achievement.

Any questions please ask any of your Branch Committee

Steve





NORTHANTS BRANCH INFO



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Any queries about membership or other matters you can reach us via northantstomccmembership@btinternet.com

If your club membership is due for renewal here are the best ways of dealing with it...

- 1) Renew on-line via tomcc.org/Home/Membership with a credit card, debit card or PayPal account. You can also get a £2 discount using this method.
- 2) Fill in the membership form that was sent to you, then post it direct to the HQ Membership address at Horley, as shown on the form. Include a cheque made payable to Triumph Owners MCC.
- 3) Fill in the membership form and hand it to the Branch Membership Secretary at a club night. Payment by cheque or cash. Memberships renewed this way are only sent to HQ a couple of times a month, so will take longer to process than 1 or 2 above.

Don't worry about the money as the Branch receives the same amount per member regardless of the method used to renew.

BRANCH HQ:-

The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6BZ.

The main access to Hardingstone village is from the roundabout at the junction of the A45, A508 and A5076 (ring road). Other access from the Newport Pagnell Road (B526).

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 8pm.

For those months where there is a 5th Wednesday there will be an additional meeting at The Swan in Newton Bromswold, near Rushden.

PURE TRIUMPH:

Our local Triumph dealer is based at The Embankment, Wellingborough, NN8 1LD. The company's website can be found at www.puretriumph.co.uk.

On production of a current Triumph Owners membership card, Pure Triumph at Wellingborough will give a 10% discount on the following items: Clothing, Oxford Products, Helmets, Oil products, Labour on Servicing.

THE BRANCH ON THE INTERNET:

Our website can be found at: www.northantstomcc.org.uk. Most pages are public but there is one small section that is restricted to branch members only, accessed via the password that is advised separately.

We also have Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/northantstomcc/

OTHER INTERNET LINKS:

Triumph Owners MCC national website: www.tomcc.org

Triumph Owners MCC events website: www.tomccevents.co.uk

Triumph Owners Clothing: www.tomccmerchandise.com

The club also has a page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/.

British Motorcyclists Federation: www.bmf.co.uk

Motorcycle Action Group: www.mag-uk.org

Triumph Motorcycles: www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

Northants Branch Clothing Range

The range of Northants Branch clothing: T-Shirt, Polo Shirt. Sweatshirt, Hoodie, Fleece, Business Shirt, Baseball Cap, and new Beanie hat; can be purchased on-line.

Some items can also be done with a large back-print for an additional fee.

To order click on this link:

www.customkit.co.uk/northants-triumph-owners-club-52-c.asp

Club Night Ordering: If you would prefer not to go on-line you can place an order with Les Barras at one of our club nights. Your selection should then be ready for collection at the next club night.

HAVE YOU EVER

Have you ever got the same grief about ridding from your kids as your mother used to give you?

Have you ever pulled a wheelie after adjusting the clutch?

Have you ever got on and reserve mixed up?

Have you ever tried to run it on diesel?

Have you ever got the wheels in two different ruts in the snow?

Have you ever started on a twin and come home on a single?

Have you ever enjoyed riding on a motorway?

Have you ever wondered what the hell was happening the first time the abs came on?

Have you ever ridden for an hour with just one cold trickle coming through the waterproofs?

Have you ever tuned your suspension to point that the bike was unrideable?

Have you ever saved money and bought rubbish tyres?

Have you ever thought that your future father-in-law was pleased you were a biker?

Have you ever wished you had started fixing the bike to ride to work earlier in the evening?

Have you ever been sold a part for the wrong year by an expert?

Have you ever had to wring out your underwear?

Have you ever met a motorcycling legend?





