



VIBRATIONS

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Committee members joined with other TOMCC members from across the country for the national AGM

### NORTHANTS TOMCC AGM

The branch hosted their 2024 AGM, reviewing the previous year and considering the year ahead.

### TOMCC EASTERN MEGA MEET

The branches across the Eastern Region met up at Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray

## TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH



## EASTERN MEGA MEET

### TOMCC BRANCHES CONVERGE TOGETHER FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEGA MEETING

Northants TOMCC rode out to Ferneley's Dairy Cafe to join other branches for the first mega meet for the Eastern Region. Whilst it was a rather chilly day the turnout was good and at the national AGM it was noted that the Ian as the Eastern area representative was setting the bar for regional representatives and this was what good looked like. There are a series of events planned through the year to foster relationships between the branches in the region, to share new ideas and best practice.

Now that the weather is picking up the events list is starting to get busier. Don't forget to take a look at the events list for ride outs and events with other TOMCC members. For an opportunity for a chat, drink and chat why not come along to one of the breakfast meets at Pure Triumph Wellingborough, dates of these are also on the events list.

Thank you so much for your contributions this month. Now that we are heading towards spring please share your experiences, journeys and adventures, or even things that you may think of as mundane experiences, if you enjoyed it then others probably will too. Why not put down a few words, fill up the gaps with some interesting pictures and send it off to [TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com](mailto:TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com) Your contributions are always appreciated.

*Kirstie & Mark*





# INTRODUCTIONS

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our recent new members

Andy Knott - Brackley

Dougie Dunkley – Blisworth

# 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

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 19th	10.00am	NORTON OWNERS CLUB – OPEN DAY	The Wharfe, Welford
Sun 26th		Guest Member Rideout – S. Howell	TBC
Mon 27th	5.00pm	South Lincs club night	The Goat, Frognal, Cambs
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
JUNE			
Sat 1st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 2nd	10.00am	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 12th	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	1.00pm	Mega-Meet, Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
Sun 30th		Guest Member Rideout - ???????	
JULY			
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
TBC		Essex Treffen Rally	TBC
Sat 13th	09.30am	Guest member ride out – Kevin Gee	Koti Autotali
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
<b>AUGUST</b>			
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
Sat 17th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Night – Meriden	The Crown Hardingstone
24th to 25th	TBC	Branch Camp out	Grendon Lakes
Sun 25th		Guest Member Rideout - ????????	
Sat 31st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sun 1st	09.00am	Fish & Chip Run	Hunstanton, Norfolk
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
9th to 13th		Yorkshire Dales - Todber Valley Holiday Park	Clitheroe, Lancs
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 – Tim Kitchen	
Sun 22nd	1.00pm	Mega-Meet Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
Fri 27th 24th	09.00am	McMillan Coffee Morning	Salford Village Hall, Beds
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
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 Chapel St Leonards, Lincs
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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
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	1.00pm	Mega-Meet Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
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





# NORTHANTS TOMCC AGM

NORTHANTS BRANCH TOMCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone, Northants

## Meeting Open

- The meeting opened at approximately 20-00 pm with 45 members and 2 guests present.
- The Chairman Steve Rattley opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 47th AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and furthermore asked for the 2023 AGM minutes to be approved. He then followed the agenda of the night.

## Apologies

- Apologies were received from members.
- Mike Arnesen-Living in France
- Alan Sanders-Working nights
- Geoff Davies-Sick

## Previous AGM minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated previously & read and were accepted as a true record of that meeting,
- Proposed by Norman Waples and Seconded by Barry Gambrill.
- Minutes signed by Executive committee, SR, LB, BS

## Matters Arising

- None, from the previous minutes of 2023.

## Executive Officers' Reports

Secretary. Treasurer. Chairman.

## Secretary Report

In his retirement year from active TOMCC duties LB took a few moments of the meetings time to relay his Review of the Last Year, The past Years and the Future.



The Past Year, The Outgoing Secretary Les Barras commented on the achievements of individuals and the efforts of the Chairman to continue to make the Branch as active as possible for the best part of the year. He went on to say thanks to the full committee for the combined efforts put in by all.

It is fair to say this has been a busy year & Overhaul very satisfied with the way things are going in the Club.

The Past Years, Les Barras Retiring from active roles in the Northants TOMCC after some 22 years on active duty and membership from 1986, to date that makes it 38 Years, he looked back on the posts he had held through the years.

The Future, You TOMCC are in good hands, with the Proposed Tim Kitchen looking to take on the challenge and move to the next decade, with renewed enthusiasm.

A new Generation of Lady Biker are making their mark, a mention for Zoe Carno, world traveller. long standing lady members Denise Schmitz & Sally Ryan.

The new ladies coming along, Kirstie Watson, Linda Francis, Rickie Anne Gee, Nicky Audley, Kerry Taylor, Karen Wharfe, Elaine Merritt, Sue North, Karen Proctor, and last but not least for many years of activity for BBQs and Event Support Babs Short.

In Closing, LB he thanked ALL for their support, without them he could not do his job and the Northants TOMCC Club would not exist. Thank you, for making my journey an enjoyable experience for me & my faithful Tiger 90. The End.

#### Treasurers' Report:

Year-end 2023 accounts. I can confirm that these have now undergone full scrutiny, by means of audit, from Alan Price and can now go on record.

	<b>YE 2022</b>	<b>YE2023</b>
<b>Metro Bank</b>	£4761.81	£4425.40
<b>Branch Cash</b>	£93.75	£97.81
<b>Badges Stock</b>	£81.90	£97.81
<b>Club HQ Credit</b>	£188.00	£51.80
<b>Charity Cash</b>	£171.50	£180.10

Branch income from the national club, remained strong, with our year end branch membership being 168 full and 6 associate members. The branch committee has continued through 2023, to allocate branch funds to those activities/events which benefit members, and the promotion of the branch.

**YEAR END 2023 – TOTAL INCOME £1033.33**

**YEAR END 2023 - TOTAL EXPENDITURE £1369.74**

Charity income from our, charity dinner raffle, club night football cards and membership donations, continue to be donated to our chosen charity, The Air Ambulance. At our 2024 Charity Dinner, we presented a cheque for the sum of £515.00, with total donations of **£638.00**

#### **A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL**

As we look ahead through 2024, we have an ambitious calendar of events, some will be one off and some new. `the committee will continue to allocate funds and manage our branch accounts prudently, for the benefit of YOU the members. With the retirement of Les Barras from branch Secretary and the appointment of Tim Kitchen, arrangements should be made with Metro Bank for Tim Kitchen to replace Les Barras as the second signatory on our Branch Account Cheques.

#### HONARARY MEMBER

- Continuation for Phil Barton – Ex Chairman
- New Proposal for Les Barras to be offered this, & was accepted, by LB

Robert (Bob) Swann- Branch Treasurer 2023-2024

- A proposal of this being a true account, was Proposed by, Steve Rattley & Seconded by Les Barras

### **Chairman's Report:**

- Welcome to the Northants TOMCC 47th AGM 20th March 2024 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone
- Another GREAT Year, we have done very well Year on Year Thanks go to several members and Kirstie Watson for reports in Vibrations and John Richards (Henry) for the Nacelle magazine have all contributed to keep our branch maintain a good presence.
- Thanks also go to our GPO's Phil Tobutt and Steve Patenall.
- Thank you all for your sterling efforts.
- Thanks go to Alan Price, Auditor, who joins the Northants committee.
- We have a full Events list for 2024, Major outings are 75th Birthday Shelsley Walsh, Yorkshire Dales, Camping Weekend Northampton. We are going to The Big Branch Bash again. Breakfast meets, seaside visits all part of club activities.
- Thanks also went to Pure Triumph Wellingborough, & Kevin Lington & Staff for their continuing support.
- Last but not least, a big thank you to Les Barras for his commitment and support for me over the last several years, we will miss him and his enthusiasm.
- Thanking you all

Steve Rattley, Chairman Northants TOMCC 2023-2024

### **Election of Officers:**

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- This year we lose Les Barras retiring.
- The Treasurer (Bob Swann) offered his retirement this year and will be ending 2025 or before should the post see a volunteer take on the role. He is intending to visit New Zealand and will be out of the equation.
- There was a list of proposals declared for 2024.
- No further proposal from the floor, we continued with the formal acceptance.
- The only post challenged was the post of Chairman.

The Branch Chairman opened the Election.

Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded
Chairman – S. Rattley	Steve Rattley	Les Barra	Mick Moseley
Chairman – K. Lloyd		Mark Lloyd	Jason Cox
Secretary	Tim Kitchen	John Richards	Mark Lloyd
Treasurer	Bob Swann	Les Barras	Phil Tobutt
Membership Secretary	Bob Swann	Les Barras	Phil Tobutt
Scribe (Nacelle)	Henry (John Richards)	Alan Price	Alan Sanders
Scribe (Vibrations)	Kirstie Lloyd	Mark Lloyd	Jason Cox
GPO	Paul Humphreys	Les Barras	Geoff Davies
GPO	Phil Tobutt	Dave Grundy	Steve Rattley
GPO	Steve Patenell	Les Barras	Steve Rattley
GPO – New	Steve Howell	Linda Francis	Steve Rattley
GPO – New	Alan Sanders	Les Barras	Alan Price
Auditor	Alan Price	John Richards	Les Barras

- The Chairmans Post was challenged and by a show of hands a majority vote was in favour of Steve Rattley by 19 to 17 with some abstentions. SR was elected as Chairman.
- The election of the above officers was granted by a show of hands and all had a unanimous vote.

This year we welcome 2 new faces come into the Branch committee Steve Howell GPO, Alan Sanders GPO, and 1 change of role Tim Kitchen to General Secretary.

GPO-They will be taking on various duties to assist the running of the Northants Branch TOMCC well done and thank you



#### **Presentation of Awards:**

<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Triumph Trophy	Steve Rattley	By record of attendance	
Triumph Navigator	Elaine Merritt	By record of attendance	
Triumph Riders	Steve Rattley	By record of attendance	
Club person of the year **	John Henry Richards	By show of hands unanimous	
Double Digit	Mick Mosley		
Honorary Member	Les Barras	Accepted	

#### **\*\* Club Person of the Year**

- This year we had John Henry Richards in for the Club Person of the Year,
- Their being no more nominations, a show of hands awarded to John Henry Richards
- We are pleased to say John Henry Richards has taken the Trophy for his outstanding attentive tireless work on, Nacelle report, publishing events, organising events, Shelsley Walsh, Stanford Hall, Yorkshire Trip, and much more. Well Done, Sir.

#### **• Cock Up Award Double Digit**

- Mick Moseley is holding the `double Digit for filling his tank with diesel.

Well done to all the worthy winners.

#### **Any Other Business:**

- Their being no other business the Meeting closed at 21:05 pm.

*Les Barras* (Retired) Secretary Northants TOMCC 2023-2024





# TOMCC NATIONAL AGM

## NORTHANTS TOMCC JOINED THE NATIONAL AGM AT SYSTON

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April eight of us (Stephen Rattley, Steve Leadbetter, Henry, Phil Short, Phil Barton, Kirstie Watson and Mark Lloyd) attended the TOMCC national AGM. The weather was pleasant apart from the wind which at one point almost blew me to a standstill. I think Henry was the only attendee on Meriden machine. There were about 100 attendees in total from all around the country although I didn't hear any Scottish voices.

A summary of the decisions made were:

1. **Family membership** to be offered to two triumph owners in the same household with full rights but only one copy of Nacelle at a reduced annual fee.
2. **Contributions to branches** - After a long discussion the per capita contribution to the branch from HG to remain at the current rate despite increased HQ costs mainly associated with the production and postage of the magazine.
3. **Annual membership fees** - To counter balance point 2 an increase in the annual membership fee was agreed by a vast majority of the meeting. It was pointed out that the fee had not risen for a number of years despite the cost of living increases and the lower price when compared to other bike clubs.
4. **Digital Nacelle** - A proposal from Ian Waumsley of South Lincs to offer Nacelle via an electronic version with the option for a member to opt out of receiving the paper version via post was hotly debated with passionate advocates on both sides. In the end the proposal was accepted with the members' preferences to be captured via a tick box on the TOMCC website which would offer the option to reverse their decision. Using the electronic version would save the club the postage.

Other procedural matters were put before the meeting and a favourable report from the membership secretary was presented. The club current has approximately 8000 full members. Possible way of making other branches more active, like ours, were discussed with a better use of area reps being one of the key suggestions. Ian was held up as a shining example.

It was my first AGM and I enjoyed the debates and socialising (and the buffet). Next year there will be changes in the national committee due long term officers standing down, so consider coming along and impacting the direction the nation club.

*Tim*







# 1<sup>ST</sup> TOMCC EASTERN MEGA MEET

## TOMCC EASTERN AREA BRANCH MEET & RIDEIN

Following the appointment of Ian Waumsley as the Eastern area representative, he has taken the lead to bring regional branches together in a series of meets planned throughout the year.

On 24th March 2024 we participated in the inaugural meet/ride in at Ferneley's Farm, just outside Melton Mowbray. 22 members and 3 guests joined the ride in. One group lead by our Chairman, Steve, left BP garage Moulton, to meet up with second group, lead by Norman Waples at Rockingham Castle. The weather was kind to us as we meandered our way through North Northants into Leicestershire and on towards the meeting place. Thanks to our leaders we were able to keep the group together and arrive safely at our destination.



On arrival we were greeted to a full car park of members from fellow Eastern Area branches, Leicester, Lincs, Milton Keynes, Nottingham, Peterborough, South Lincs and after parking up headed to the cafe for "ice cream". The talking and banter started as we waited patiently in line for our cafe orders before getting back out, into the car park to talk all things bikes with the other branch members. Just prior to departure we were rallied together to get a group photograph to record the success of our first meet.

Quick debrief, before going our separate ways for our rides home. A small group lead by Tony Merritt rode together onto The Stag at Maidwell for light refreshment in the late afternoon sun, before the final ride home.





# THE ACCIDENTAL RACER

## 2024 DRAG RACING SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Easter weekend saw the first round of the 2024 ET Bike drag racing championship get underway. Easter is traditionally the season opener and is a three day meeting starting on Good Friday, but this year was changed to a no-spectator, two day meeting as, like most of the country, the public parking and camping areas were waterlogged and unusable. Friday became the test day that had previously been penned in for Thursday.

The change worked out well for me as a family funeral prevented me from arriving before Friday and more wet weather meant the track was only open for around an hour.

Saturday dawned dry, bright and somewhat sunny. Splendid. Three qualifying sessions were listed in the running order and, as is often the case, ET Bike was the last class to run in each session, meaning Q3 would be around 6pm if all ran to plan.



This weekend was the first run out for the Street Triple in its new colours. Which rapidly earned me the moniker 'Dayglo Dave' from the Santa Pod commentary team. The only other change was new chain and sprockets, which I reckon was the cause of my issues over the weekend.

Q1 didn't feel good. A judder at the end of first gear, continuing through second had me backing off slightly to clear it. I wasn't sure whether it was mechanical or a traction issue. I still ran an OK time, 10.85 on a 10.50 dial in, but this would need to improve to have any chance of a decent qualifying position. Q2 was awful, juddering through first I went to short shift to second and hit neutral. Whoops. Back in the pits I discovered

that the new chain had a massive tight spot resulting in way too much slack opposite. I'm pretty sure it wasn't there when I fitted it a month ago, so I slackened everything off, added a generous coating of lube, realigned, adjusted and tightened it all back up. Better.

Q3 showed a decent improvement, no judder and a much better run. Not great, but good enough for P9 from 17 and a reasonable draw for the first two rounds.

What a difference a day makes. We woke up Sunday to fog and a damp, grey day followed. The Santa Pod track crew, as always, were on the case from 7 am prepping the track and getting things underway on time.

Round one had me paired against Justin Malton on his newly built ZX12 for its first outing. He had had a few teething problems in qualifying so was pretty much an unknown. As always with drag racing you should never take anything for granted and run you A game every round. I ran fully to 1000ft, but as Justin had problems at the start, I was able to back off to ensure I didn't break out.







Round 2 paired me against new racer Kyle Rushby on his busa. Kyle had dialled in a 12.50 against my 10.60, which meant I had to sit on the start line for almost 2 seconds after Kyle set off. I passed him at the 1000ft and was again able to roll off the throttle before the line again.

Round 3 was a different matter. Phil Pratt, 4<sup>th</sup> last year whilst getting his new clutch set up and consistent. He had won every ET Bike championship every year before that. I reckon he is set up properly now. He had a 0.09 second reaction time and he ran 0.0003 of a second over his dial in. Game over. Especially as I ran 0.3 over my dial in, the judder was back and, just to add insult to injury, I had a 0.03 second red light too.

Overall, a decent start to the 2024 championship. If my calculations are correct, I am currently in fifth place, just 10 points behind Robbie Dobbie. At this point last year, I was languishing down in 19<sup>th</sup> place, finishing in third at the end of the season.

As always a massive thank you goes to all the marshals and crew at Santa Pod for keeping things running and all the teams in ET Bike (and all the other bike classes) for their support and fun frivolity and mindless banter.

A special thank you goes to Wack @ghostpaint near Kettering for the new paint. If you need original colours for your classic bike, a respray on your current ride or custom airbrushing, Wack can sort it.

The next meeting is the rescheduled Festival of Power on the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> April.

See you there.

*(Dayglo) Dave*





# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

## THE ORIGINS OF THE DOUBLE-DIGIT AWARD

I recently had the pleasure of discussing the origins of the Double Digit Trophy with Bob Miller. The award is a model of Bob's own hand, many years ago, and continues to be proud to see it awarded regularly to Northants TOMCC members for silly mistakes. Bob also kindly shared one of the previous articles that touched on the Double Digit, from a Vibrations edition in 1983, reproduced in a later edition.

It is the intention of the Northants Branch to rescue from the Vibrations archives articles about the branch or its members, so that they can reach a new audience today via the medium of our website.

This will take some time as the newsletters date back as far as 1979 and the quality of reproduction doesn't always lend itself to easy transfer.

The first Vibrations to be rescued was the March 1987 issue, which chronicled the first 10 years of the branch's existence. This second edition contains two overlapping articles by ex-member Bob Miller, relating how he got into motorcycles in general and into Triumphs in particular. The first article:

"How Triumphs Adopted Me In 1961"; appeared in an undated (and untitled) newsletter in 1981. The second composition: "In The Beginning"; dates from September 1983, by which time the newsletter had become Vibrations and was published bi-monthly.

Due to the relatively low-definition photocopier we had access to at the time Vibrations in the early days didn't carry any photos, but as technology has progressed we are now able to illustrate Bob's writing with some photographs from his collection.

We would like to thank Bob for writing the original articles and for trusting us to take care of his photos while we scanned them.

Bob's other significant contribution to the Branch was providing us with the Double Digit trophy, which has been awarded over the years to members who have committed some really silly or, in a few cases, really painful deeds.

Most recently the Double Digit Trophy was awarded to Mick Moseley at the Northants TOMCC AGM for a fueling error.



*Kirstie & Bob Miller*

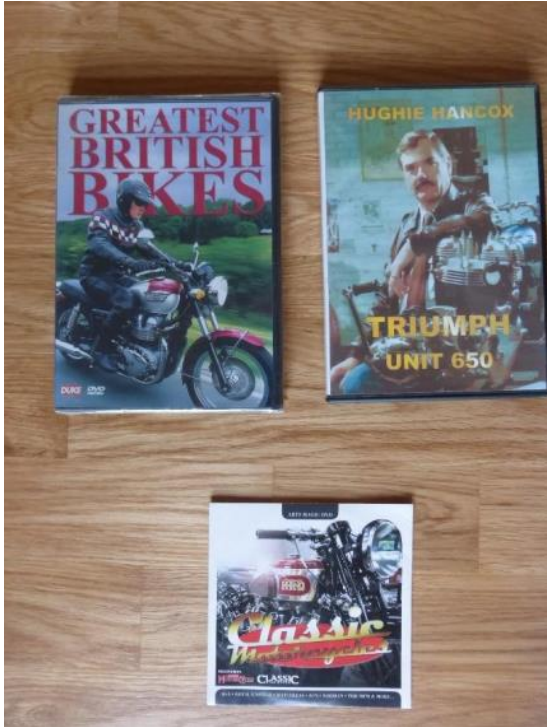
# BOOKS AND DVDS ON OFFER

## FUND RAISING FOR AIR AMBULANCE CHARITABLE FUNDS

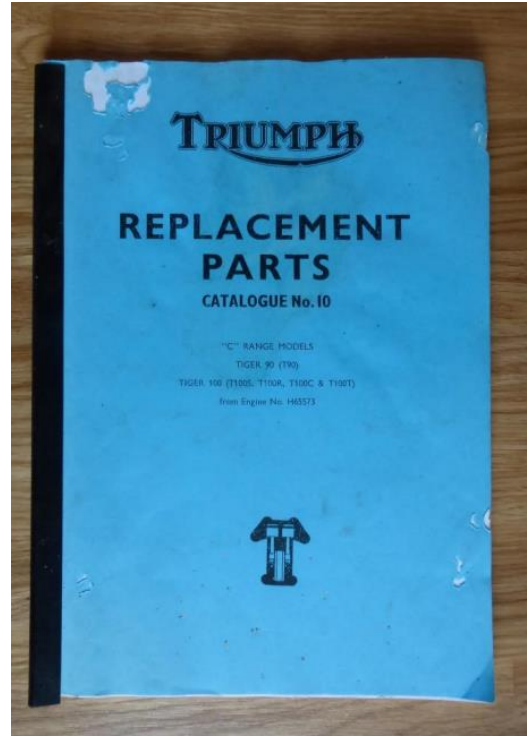
These books and DVDs are on offer from the estate of a former Northants Branch member, with the proceeds going to our Air Ambulance charity fund. They can be collected from my house in St James, Northampton; or handed over at a club night.

Two general interest Brit Bike DVDs.

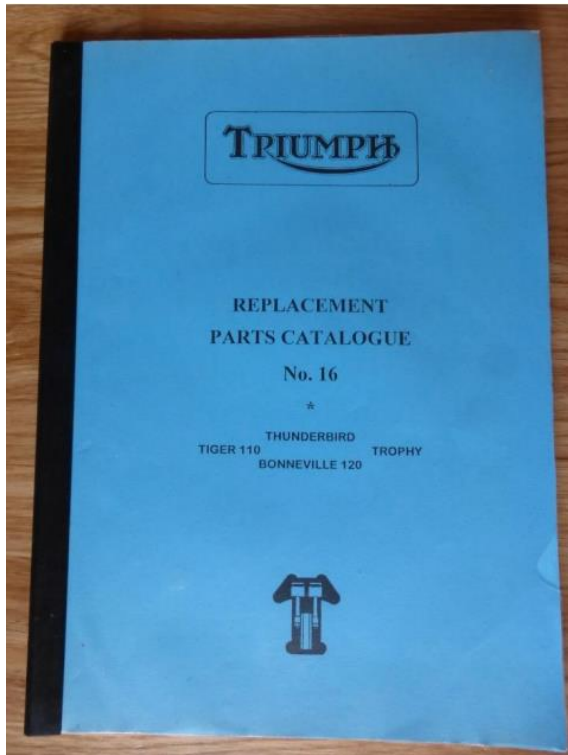
Hughie Hancox strip down and rebuild of a unit 650cc engine.



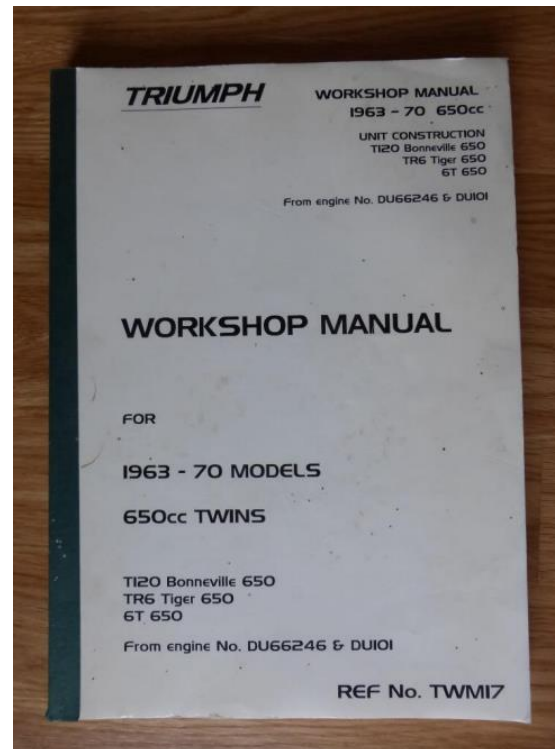
Parts book for T90/T100 "C" range models (reprint)



Parts book for 650cc models, circa 1960 (reprint)



Workshop manual for 650cc models 1963-1970 (reprint)

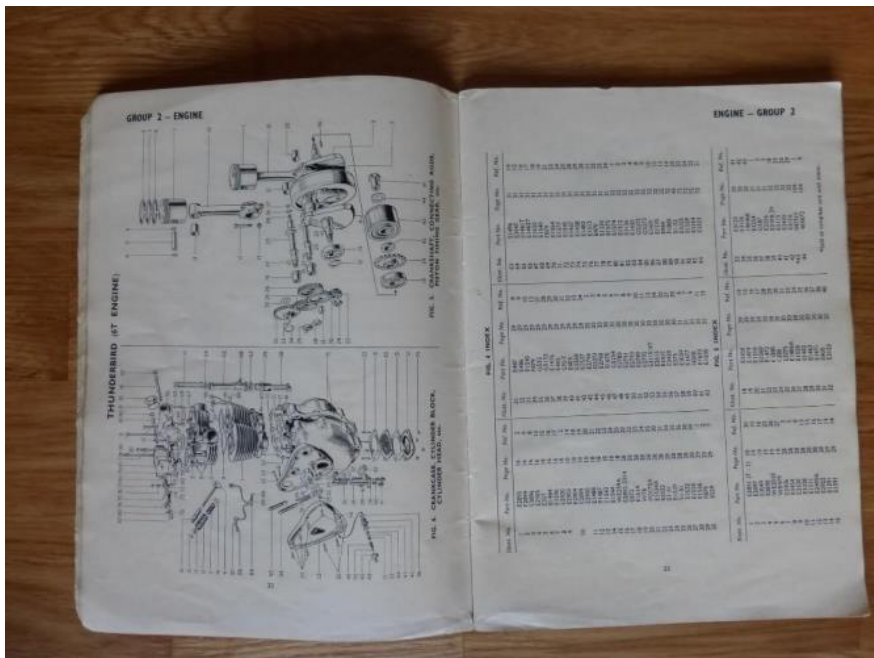




Triumph Twin Restoration by Roy Bacon



Haynes manual for 250cc-500cc BSA unit singles



Parts book for 5T/6T/T100/T110. Original print, minus cover

Contact me at [sarge.northampton@btinternet.com](mailto:sarge.northampton@btinternet.com) or on 07484-271589.

*Sarge*





# ST. NEOTS RIDE OUT

14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL RIDE OUT TO ST. NEOTS AMBIANCE CAFE



We had a bright but fresh Sunday morning ride out to Ambiance Café in St. Neots earlier this month. 15 members, joined along with Alan Sanders' nephew who joined on his 125 for an enjoyable ride.

St. Neots hosted a great bike meet, with hundreds of bikes of all makes and models congregating on the town. We enjoyed a nice ride out across the county, a decent fry up breakfast and a nice day out with friends. We also came across some interesting attire



*Kirstie*





# 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](mailto: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:-

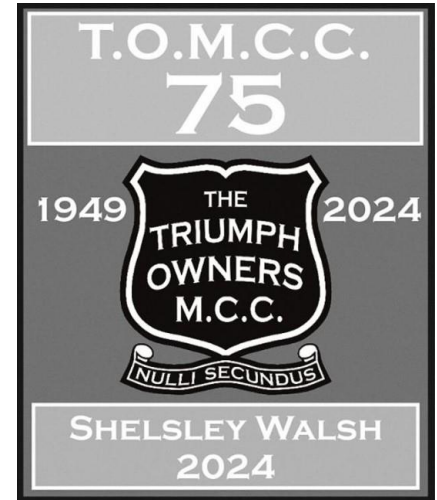


- Best Pre-1949
- Best 1950s machine
- Best 1960s machine
- Best 1970s machine
- Best 1980s machine
- Best 1990s machine
- Best 2000s machine
- Best 2010 onwards machine
- There will also be a trophy awarded for the Best Branch display.

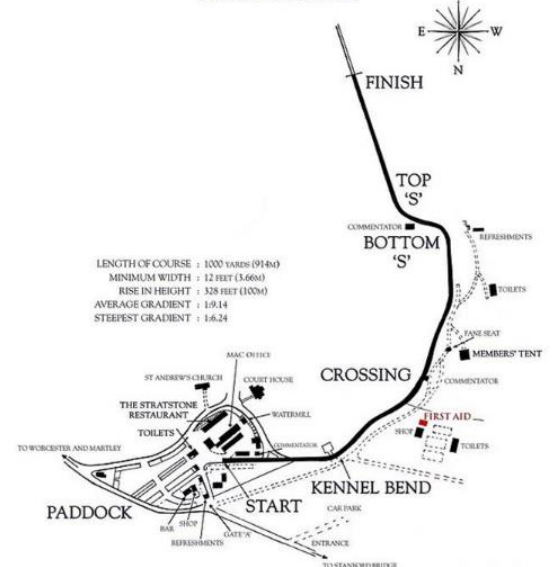
This is the big one in the TOMCC History, a taste of what to see, have a look at this on YouTube Shelsley Walsh Bike Bonanza 2023 Part 1

*Henry*

Events Coordinator



## SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB



# MORE FUN FOR 2024

## *The Mayor of Huntingdon's Community Charity Event*

***Free Entry!***

### **Scooter and Motorcycle show**

10.00am to 2.00pm on the Market Square



## PLUS

an **Auction** with **Amazing** prizes!

in the Town Hall Assembly Room from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Due to limited space please confirm your attendance  
with the Mayor's secretary on 01480 411883.

and.....

**Top UK DJ playing live from 11.00am  
on the Market Square.**

**Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 10.00am to 4.00pm**

For further information contact the Mayor at the Town Hall

All funds raised will go to support the Mayor's charities

## 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.

## DISTINGUISHED 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 11<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## **Skegfest 2024**





# TOMCC TRIUMPH DAY

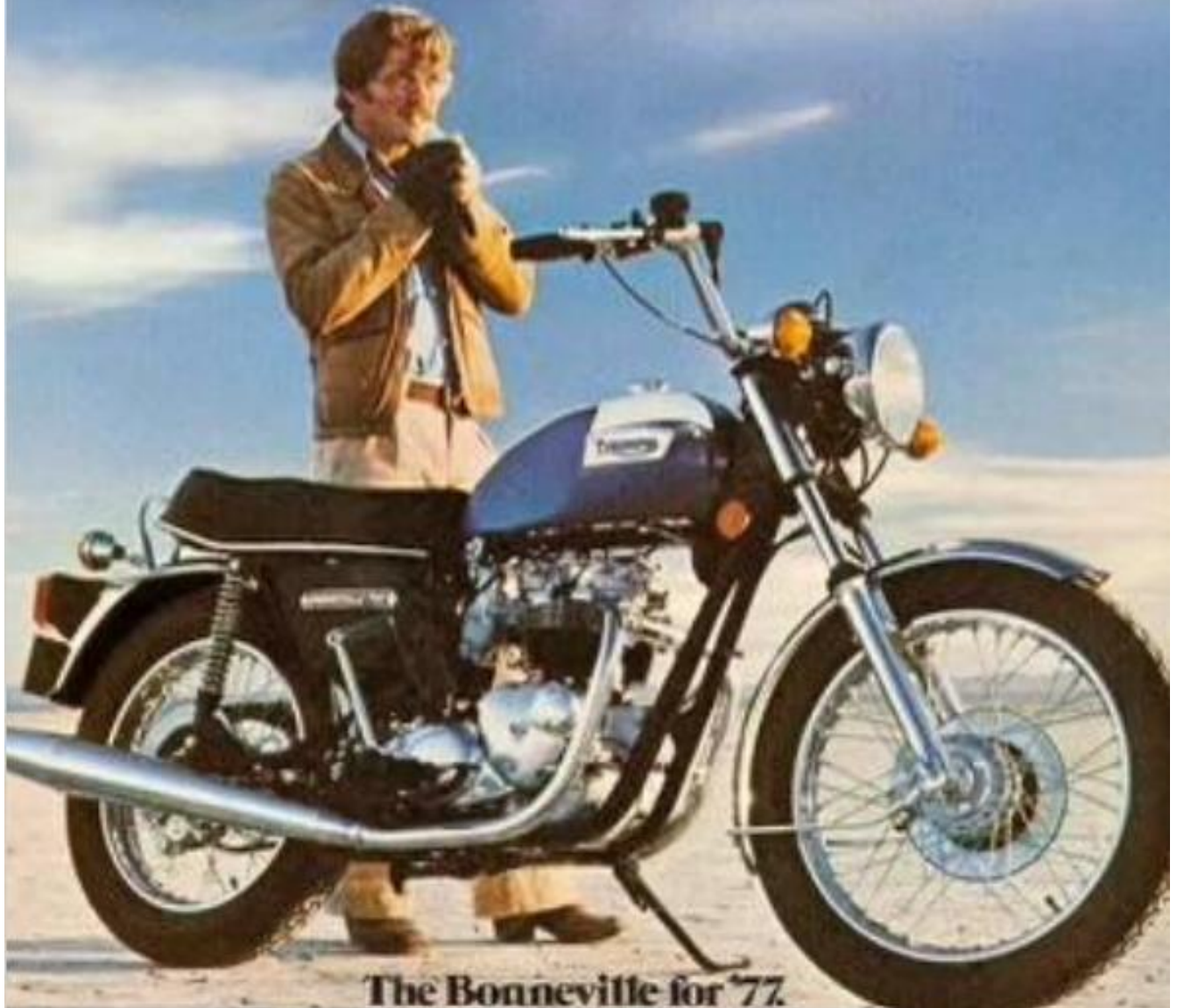
PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH - JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 2024

The 1937 Speed Twin introduced a long line of world-famous parallel twin motorcycles. And now...

## TOMCC Triumph Day

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 10am-2pm

Pure Triumph  
Wellingborough



The Bonneville for '77

# MEGA-MEET

## MIDLANDS TOMCC GROUPS MEET

There is a series of new quarterly meets commencing at 1pm at venue below. These have been organised so you can meet and mingle with fellow branch members, make new friends from the Eastern area region and grow relationships between branches share rideouts and events and give you all a better and bigger TOMCC experience. Food available with a discounted bap and a drink deal followed by some glorious ice cream. We will do a rideout there for those who are interested . Branches involved at present are Northants, South Lincs Leicester, Nottingham, Peterborough, and MK.

# ***TOMCC MEGAMEETS***

***Multi Branch meetings  
on the  
24th March, 23rd June,  
22nd September and  
24th November from  
1pm at***



**FERNELEY'S**

***Whissendine Road, Melton Mowbary  
LE142XJ***



# NORTHANTS TOMCC SUMMER CAMP

GRENDON LAKES 26<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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

Admission from 12 noon 26th depart by noon 28<sup>th</sup> 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*





# NORTHANTS TOMCC YORK DALES

YORKSHIRE DALES TRIP 9<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> 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' MOTORCYCLE CLUB



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



On the 22nd September 2024, from 10pm to 4:30pm at Lacon Childe School, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8PE. The organisers this year have kindly decided to make this a Triumph themed show as part of TOMCC's 75th year celebrations. This is one of the friendliest shows and the bike park alone is always worth a visit. Could anyone wishing to display their bike for the day please contact Ken Talbot ([chairman@tomcc.org](mailto:chairman@tomcc.org)) or phone 01782 398275.

[More Information](#)

**[Visit us at: www.tomcc.org](http://www.tomcc.org)**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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).

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, starting at 8pm.

For those months where there is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/northantstomcc/)



## OTHER INTERNET LINKS:

Triumph Owners MCC national website: [www.tomcc.org](http://www.tomcc.org)

Triumph Owners MCC events website: [www.tomccevents.co.uk](http://www.tomccevents.co.uk)

Triumph Owners Clothing: [www.tomccmerchandise.com](http://www.tomccmerchandise.com)

The club also has a page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/).

British Motorcyclists Federation: [www.bmf.co.uk](http://www.bmf.co.uk)

Motorcycle Action Group: [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

Triumph Motorcycles: [www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk](http://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](http://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 **Alan Price** at one of our club nights. Your selection should then be ready for collection at the next club night.

# HAVE YOU EVER ....

Have ever spend 10 minutes hunting the last bot to find it between your teeth?

Have you ever watched the only washer you have drop and spin slowly in the dirty oil bowl on the floor?

Have you ever lost your keys in the house and find them in the seat lock on the bike?

Have you ever put your helmet and gloves on before remembering your phone on the table?

Have you ever led your mates down the short cut you remember from years ago and get lost?

Have you ever ridden your first bike again and wonder why?

Have you ever managed to get your mum to understand being a biker?

Have you ever tried to get into your old waterproofs?

Have you ever tried being mature?

Have you ever finished the rebuild with one extra nut?

Have you ever screwed a UNF nut on a metric bolt?

Have you ever started it up just as you saw the unopened oil?

Have you ever opened that tube of polish?

Have you ever read the manual in the correct order?

Have you ever believed what the guy on YouTube said?

Have you ever become an expert without realising?



*Tim*

