



VIBRATIONS

MAY 2023

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DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMANS RIDE

This month sees the 2023 DGR, sign-up to join the ride, or come along to support and help raise funds for prostate cancer whilst having fun.

LUNCH AT THE FARM

A really scenic ride out through gorgeous Northamptonshire & Leicestershire countryside followed by great food at New Lodge Farm at Bulwick.

STONEY COVE

We rode out to Stoney Cove to enjoy the sunshine and a tasty breakfast followed by a leisurely ride back to a local pub for appropriate refreshment.



MORE WINNERS

TOMCC NORTHANTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As you know Rickie Anne Gee & Sue North were jointly awarded the Navigator Trophy, at our annual general meeting. Rickie Anne graced our cover last month, and this month we feature Sue North and trophy.

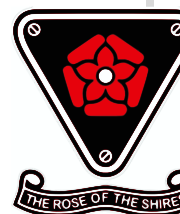
With sunnier and warmer days, the months are getting busier with biking activity. Take a look at the events list, with at least a dozen events for May already scheduled. Plenty of opportunity to get out in the sunshine (or rain) with the club.

The bike area at the last club night was nice and busy, with Triumphs galore. This week sees the first competition of the year, if you've got a Twin bring it along and see whether you can take a rosette home.

Don't forget to keep your contributions coming in, if you attend an event you want to share with other Triumph riders 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.

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new club member this month

Steve Chandler – Daventry
Steven Patrick - Wellingborough

Dominic Goble – Yardley Hastings

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

IN ADDITION TO THE EVENTS BELOW FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ADHOC RIDE-OUTS VIA THE BRANCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE

MAY

Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Twins	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	CANCELLED CORONATION
Sat 13th	09.00am	MCN Festival Motorcycling Peterborough	Depart Pure Triumph (S Rattley)
Sun 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Stoney Cove
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Tiger	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 19 th - Mon 22 nd		YORVIK Vikings in the Valley	Barnard Castle
Sat 20th	10.00am	Prostate Cancer @ Tramshed	Rushden Station (£5 entry)
Sun 21 st	10.00am	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride – ride to Hinckley Triumph Factory	Depart Pure Triumph (H. Richards)
Wed 24 th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park & Huggies Speed Shop
Sat 27 th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 28 th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout
Mon 29 th	7.00pm	South Lincs TOMCC	The Morden Brook, Morden
Wed 31 st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
TBC		Peterborough TOMCC	3 Horseshoes, Yaxley

JUNE

Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Woburn
3 rd & 4th	11:00am	Coventry Moto Fest	Coventry
Sun 4th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Two Flags Diner
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Triples	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 10th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sat 10th	10.00am	Daventry Bike Festival	Daventry Centre
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th		Northants TOMCC Club Trip	Borth West Wales
Sun 18th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Wymondham Windmill
Mon 19th	7.00pm	Meriden TOMCC	H of E Social Meriden
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 24th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 25th	10.00-15:00	NORTHANTS TRIUMPH DAY	Pure Triumph Wellingborough

JULY			
Sat 1st	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	The Square St. Neots
Mon 3rd	7.00pm	Milton Keynes TOMCC	The Station Inn Woburn Sands
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night - Concours	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 9th	TBC	Grimethorpe Classic	Bourne
Wed 12th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park / Huggies Speed Shop
Wed 12 th	7:00pm	CARE HOME RIDE OUT	Thrapston (TBC)
Fri 14 th to Sun 16 th		Essex Treffen Rally	Dog & Partridge Orset
Sun 16th	09.00am	Dambusters Flight	Woodhall Spa
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Founders Day (VMCC)	Stanford Hall
Wed 26th	7.30pm	Summer BBQ Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 29th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 30th	10.00am	Guest led ride	Sunday 100 rideout (S Patenall)
AUGUST			
Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Club Night - Scramblers	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 7 th	11:00-16:00	Rushden Bike Festival	Rushden, Hall Park
Wed 9th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park
Sun 13th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Rutland TT
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 18th to Sun 20th		South Lincs - TOMCC Rally (Big Branch Bash)	Greetham Ctr. Oakham
Sat 26th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 27th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout
Wed 30th	7.30pm	Club Night – Meriden	The Swan Newton Bromswold
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	GILKS Garage Kinerton
Sun 3rd	10.00am	ABF Charity Event	Triumph Factory Hinkley
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 10th	09.00am	Fish & Chip Run	Hunstanton
Wed 13th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park
Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	09.00am	Kop Hill Classics	Princess Risbourough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 23rd/Sun 24th		Piston & Props	Sywell Aerodrome
Fri 29th	09.00am	McMillan Coffee Morning	TBC
Sat 30th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
OCTOBER			
Sun 1st	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 13 th – Mon 16 th		Skegfest	Golden Palm Resort, Chapel St Leonards, Lincs
Sun 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Potterspury
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Music Quiz Night	The Crown Hardingstone
NOVEMBER			
Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
DECEMBER			
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night - Xmas Party	The Crown Hardingstone

DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

Now is the time to gather your glad rags, polish up your chrome and buff up your paint work. Come and join us on **Sunday May 21st**, for the Distinguished Gentleman's ride.

Around the world, the global DGR community will come together and celebrate in trademark dapper fashion. classic & vintage styled motorcycles riding for a cause. Last year the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride raised over \$5.8 million USD for prostate cancer and men's mental health.

Northants TOMCC has always supported this worthy event, with many of our members taking part. We have had some of the best dressed and dapper costumes and classiest classic looking bikes.

The event invites owners of classic and custom style motorcycles and scooters, to dress dapper and unite in a parade ride to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health. Suitable bikes include Cafe Racer, Bobber, Classic, Tracker, Scrambler, Old School Chopper, Modern Classic, Sidecar, Classic Scooter, Classic Cruiser, Modern Classic Electric or Brat Styled motorcycle.



This year's event will **set-off from Pure Triumph Wellingborough at 10:00am** and will travel at slow speed in convoy to the Triumph Factory at Hinckley.

Several other DGR rides are also riding to Hinckley, where there will be refreshments available and ample opportunity to admire each other's costumes and bikes, so it should make for a very enjoyable day.

Take a look at some of the photos from previous years. It looks like lots of fun so why not register, raise some money for a good cause and come and join this international event spanning over 800 locations worldwide.

You can find more details and register at [The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride \(gentlemansride.com\)](http://gentlemansride.com)

Henry

LUNCH DOWN ON THE FARM

A SMASHING RIDE OUT, GLORIOUS VIEWS AND TASTY FOOD

It was a fine Spring morning that greeted us as we arrived at Pure Triumph on Saturday 22nd April for a 10.30am departure to follow a meandering route to New Lodge Farm at Bulwick. We even had Bob there handing out five-pound notes! Some eighteen riders had joined me for the morning leaving promptly for the carefully considered and reconnoitered route out of Wellingborough with a brief stop at the lay-by just short of Great Harrowden to ensure we had stayed together leaving the town.

It was a morning to be enjoyed at a leisurely pace in light traffic heading out through Broughton, onto Loddington then via Rothwell to Desborough. (Apologies to those who live in Desborough who had joined the group in Wellingborough), continuing to Stoke Albany and a short stop at the charming village green for a chat, or a smoke and a few photos.



Now out of Northamptonshire and into the ancient county of Rutland we rode to Medbourne, onto Hallaton then Horninghold, said to be Leicestershire's (Rutland's) prettiest village and my goodness me to see some of the properties there I'd say they ain't short of a bob or two in that village. The shimmering waters of Eyebrook reservoir came into view as we passed through Stockerston.

Heading on to squeeze over a narrow bridge we ascended the hill on the Uppingham road with the most acute left hand bend I have found in the area and a photographer perched beside his advertising banner clicking away at all the traffic negotiating the bend. His images were available later on a post in Facebook and in a moment of pure vanity I bought the one he had taken of me, surely it would have been rude not too?

Through bustling Uppingham to Seaton descending into the Welland Valley with wonderful views of the magnificent 82 arches of the Harringworth rail viaduct spanning the valley. Leaving this pleasant village behind us we climbed out of the valley towards Laxton and back into Northamptonshire having passed the wartime American troop transport airfield at Spanhoe, from where some of the ill-fated airborne gliders took off for the badly planned attack on the bridge in Arnhem, Holland in September 1944.

Laxton had a short spell of limelight when a high-profile Madam, Lindi St Claire known as Miss Whiplash invested some of her considerable earnings in purchasing the title of Lady of the Manor of Laxton. Apparently, at the time she was the person of choice if you were a male MP that wanted a damn good thrashing.

Finally, we turned left into New Lodge Farm and were greeted by Claire the catering manageress who came out to welcome us and take a video clip of our parked bikes in front of the farm shop for the farm's Instagram page.

The farm café is light and airy and it was all hands to the pumps as the staff swung into action, taking orders and of course our money. I noticed that Sarah the farmer's wife had pitched in to help, nothing is 'greasy spoon' about this place. We had reserved tables so could sit together in large groups with some opting for the sunshine sitting outside. The service was excellent and soon the plates of delicious and well-presented food arrived I think to the satisfaction of all of us.

For me it was personally very rewarding to lead such an appreciative group on this well supported event. It would be great to use to use this destination again at some future date and thank you to all who joined me on the day.



Paul Ollett

SUNDAY 100 RIDEOUT STONEY COVE

A SUNNY RIDE OUT FOR BREAKFAST BY THE WATER



A great ride out to blow away the cobwebs now spring has arrived. Thanks to Toby for taking the lead for most of the way. We all arrived safely to our destination even though I accidentally lost Big Al along the way.

Toby and I both share fond memories of Stoney Cove, but for a number of the group this was a first-time visit, but I'm sure it won't be the last.

Thanks to Bob for getting us back to the Red Lion and it was nice to see Geoff there on his Royal Enfield.

A good turnout of 19. Nice to see everyone out on their bikes after a cold winter.

Al





BREAKFAST MEETS THROUGH APRIL



BIKES & BACON BUTTIES

Now that the weather is picking up there are more regular TOMCC Northants breakfast meets. This month saw three, two at Pure Triumph Wellingborough and one encompassing the Super Sausage Café at Potterspury and a trip to Industry and Supply at Weedon.

Breakfast meets are a great way to bring together people from all across the county on a sunny morning. You can choose your route and ride at your own pace but meet up with others in the club for a coffee, butty, breakfast or delicious cake, whatever takes your fancy. If you've not joined one before you'll always be made welcome, and if you let us know on the Facebook page that you're coming along we'll look out for you and say hello. If you've joined the club but not come along to an event yet, then a breakfast meet might be a good place to start.

Kirstie





GREASY FRY UP CHALLENGE

ANY EXCUSE FOR A NICE RIDE

Following on from the success of the 2021 National TOMCC challenge event "CUP OF TEA", and 2022's "PINT OF BEER" challenge we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2023 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 **GREASY FRY UP**.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in GREASY FRY UP.

For example – "**F**"RY could be a picture at "**F**"LORE.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 11 Photographs for each letter of **GREASY FRY UP**, 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 2023 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 "GREASY FRY UP" Challenge will be awarded a certificate of achievement.

Any questions please ask any of your Branch Committee

Les





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.

TOOLS AND HOW TO USE THEM



PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

COMMON SCREWDRIVER:

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.



PRY BAR:

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50p part.

HAVE YOU EVER

Have you ever got told the story about the mate of a mate who found Elvis's Harley?

Have you ever been told you can only ride one bike at a time?

Have you ever scheduled the branch BBQ on the only raining night of the summer?

Have you ever stopped grinning during your first big bike ride?

Have you ever followed the wrong group ride?

Have you ever visited another club on the wrong night?

Tim

