

VIBRATIONS!



Percy Tait 1929-2019
Triumph Roadtester and Racer

January 2020



Triumph Owners M.C.C.
Northants Branch



Scribblings

Percy Tait died on 17th November 2019. He joined Triumph in 1950; initially working on the assembly line but was soon promoted to the experimental department. As senior roadtester he was encouraged to take up racing. When news of his death reached me I was intending to compile an obituary but instead I will point you to the one on page 5 of the January Nacelle – a far better piece than I could have written.

2019 was a good year for the branch and we hope to build on that in 2020. A committee meeting in December saw an event lists compiled for the whole year, the first few months of which are detailed in this newsletter.

The Branch AGM is in March and the provisional agenda for that appears on the last page.

Regarding the Scribe's position – this is a post that has had no candidates for the last few years and I have been filling in as a consequence, on top on my Membership Secretary duties. It would really be appreciated if, this year, someone were to stick their hand up to volunteer to take on all or part of the Scribe's duties: either the compilation of this newsletter or the writing of the monthly branch report to Nacelle. The Nacelle report especially as I miss most of the runs and shows so have to get feedback from others.

P.S. For those who haven't already heard... Sally and I got engaged on 4th January,



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New Members

Welcome to the following new Branch members, who have joined in the last couple of months.

Steven Bell from Northampton
Karen Knight from Kettering

Paul Nicora from Buckingham
Alan Willmore from Bugbrooke



The “Holey Piston”. Who will win this on 15th January?

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Non-club members are welcome at all events unless specifically marked otherwise. Listen out for details at club nights, or check with committee members beforehand in case of short-notice alterations or cancellations. Except where indicated, club nights start at 8pm.

	Events List
Wed 15 th January	Club Night at The Crown from 8pm. Bring a pen. Steve Wickes, as last year's winner, should be setting the questions this time round.
Wed 5 th February	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Wed 19 th February	Ladies Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Sat 29 th February	Coach Trip to RAF Museum at Hendon. Contact Les Barras to book your seats. More details on page 5.
Wed 4 th March	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Sat 7 th March	Annual Dinner. More details on page 5.
Wed 18 th March	Branch AGM at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Wed 1 st April	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm. The first of our monthly theme nights: Tigers & Scramblers – all years.
Sun 5 th April	Triumph Owners MCC National AGM at Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis, Gwynedd (Snowdonia), LL55 4TY. Refreshments provided. Sign in from 10.30am. Members only. Details in Nacelle
Wed 15 th April	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Sat-Sun 25 th -26 th April	International Classic Motorcycle Show Stafford. Possible coach trip.
Sun 26 th April	Club Run to Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield
Wed 29 th April	Possible 5th Wednesday elsewhere in the county.
Fri-Mon 1 st -4 th May 2020	Trifest Somerset. Several Northants members already booked in. N.B. The Monday is not a Bank Holiday! That will be Fri 8 th .
Wed 6 th May	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm. Theme night: Bonneville (Meriden & Hinckley).
Sun 10 th May	Branch Run to Norton Owners Club Open Day. At Welford.
Sat-Sun 16 th -17 th	Branch Stand at MCN Show, Peterborough
Wed 20 th May	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Sun 24 th May	Branch Run to BSA Owners Club Open Day. At Market Harborough.
Mon 25 th May	Rushden Station Motorcycle Day
Wed 3 rd June	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm. Theme night: Tridents & Rocket IIIs
Sun 14 th June	Branch Run to Ace Café Triumph Day
Wed 17 th June	Concours d'Elegance at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm. Trophies for pre & post 1990 machines
Sun 21 st June	Breakfast Run to Caffeine & Machine, Ettington, Warwicks
Sun 28 th June	Branch Display at Ton-Up Day, Jacks Hill Café, Towcester

Events in bold count towards the branch trophies.

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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.

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/

If you go on any branch events please make a conscious effort to take a photo (high quality mobile phone OK) then send it to Sarge and Les Barras. This will ensure the newsletter and website have something to show when writing the reports.

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

Triumph Motorcycles: www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

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Membership Renewals

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.

Northants Branch Clothing Range

The range of Northants Branch clothing: T-Shirt, Polo Shirt. Sweatshirt, Hoodie, Fleece, Business Shirt and Baseball Cap; 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.

Saturday 29th February: Coach trip to RAF Museum at Hendon

£22 per person, with pick up/set down at Pure Triumph Wellingborough. Book your place with Les Barras

Saturday 7th March: Branch Dinner

Once again, we will be off to Overstone Manor, Ecton Lane, Sywell. Fills up fast so book your places with Les Barras. Donations of prizes for the Air Ambulance raffle are welcomed.

Theme nights

As you can see from the events list, starting in April we will be having theme nights on the first club night of each month through to September. The featured models will have pride of place in the car park and there is the possibility of an award for the best example on display.

Wrinklies Runs

After three successful years, Norman Waples is standing down from organising the Wrinklies Runs. Don't fret though as Barry Gambrill is currently putting together this year's programme. Details will appear in the March Vibrations.

2020 Northants Branch Annual General Meeting

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Northants Branch of the Triumph Owners M.C.C. will take place on Wednesday 18th March at The Crown, Hardingstone. All members are asked to attend.

The meeting will start at 8.30pm.

Provisional Agenda

1. Chairman to open the meeting and take apologies.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting* and matters arising.
3. Executive Officers' Reports:
 - a) Secretary b) Treasurer c) Chairman
4. Election of Officers:
 - a) Chairman b) Secretary c) Treasurer d) PRO, e) Webmaster, f) Membership Secretary, g) Scribe, h) Runs Captain i) General Purpose Officers
5. Election of Branch Auditor
6. Election of Branch Honorary Members
7. Presentation of Awards:
 - a) Triumph Trophy (for general attendance at a branch event by a full member)
 - b) Navigator Trophy (for attendance by a member on the Wrinklies Runs)
 - c) Triumph Rider's Trophy (for attendance at a branch event by a full member on a Triumph)
 - d) Club Person of the Year
 - e) The Double Digit
8. Propositions (taken from the floor or, preferably, in writing in advance)
9. Any Other Business

Notes: All Officers posts are open for nominations (self-nomination is permitted) and may be filled by any Branch Member.

Any Branch Member may put forward propositions. All nominations and propositions must have a seconder.

7a, 7b and 7c are awarded by points accumulated throughout the year. 7d is awarded by vote of members present on the night.

* Last year's AGM minutes were published in the May 2019 Nacelle; copies are available from I. Sargent.