



VIBRATIONS

JANUARY 2023

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Northants TOMCC ended the year in Christmassy style

THE YEAR AHEAD

The committee have prepared an event planner covering the whole year

LOOKING BACK

Looking back at some of the events from 2022 that you may want to join in 2023



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022

TOMCC NORTHANTS CELEBRATED XMAS AT THE CROWN

Tonia made us all welcome at the Crown in Hardingstone with a celebratory buffet. It was a great turnout from TOMCC Northants members and family members and a fabulous way to bring the year to a close. This year saw an excellent selection of Christmas jumpers on display, Paul O's flashing lights were notable, but the Christmas hat stole the show.

As we come to the end of 2022 recovering from too much turkey and celebrations, we spend some time looking back on the year gone by, the events we've shared, long rides and short, breakfast meets and club nights. We also remember the members we lost this year.

Here's looking forward to a better year and a new challenge for you to enjoy. We start the year with a full calendar, with spring and summer months already starting to fill up with a variety of events for 2023. Take a look at some of the events from last year that may pique your interests for the year to come.

Don't forget to join the first event of the year, the Chilly Willy on the 8th of January at Billing Garden Centre, meeting at 10:00am.

In the meantime during these quieter months 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.

Happy New Year to you all

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Just the one new member in December, welcome to the club

Colin Barber of Kettering

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

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

JANUARY

Sun 1st	9.30am	Stoney Classic	Stoney Stratford centre
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 8th	10.00am	Chilly Willy Run	Billing Garden Centre
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Music Quiz	The Crown Hardingstone

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Quiz Night - Chris Halford	The Crown Hardingstone

MARCH

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Charity Dinner	TBC
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold

APRIL

Sat 1st	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 16th		National TOMCC – AGM	Pavilion, Wolverhampton
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Cafe Pottesbury
Fri 28th to Mon 1st		TRIFEST Somerset	FULLY BOOKED !!!!!!!
Fri 28th to Mon 1st		Despatch Rally	Nettlecombe Dorset
Sat 29th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 30th	10.00am	Leader - Bob Swann	Sunday 100 ride out

MAY

Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Twins	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Stoney Cove

Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Tiger	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 19th to Mon 22nd		YORVIK Vikings in the Valley	Barnard Castle
Sun 21st	10.00am	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	TBC
Wed 24th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park & Huggies Speed Shop
Sat 27th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 28th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout
Mon 29th	7.00pm	South Lincs TOMCC	The Morden Brook, Morden
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
TBC		Peterborough TOMCC	3 Horseshoes, Yaxley

JUNE

Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Woburn
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 12th to Fri 16th		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	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout

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	09.00am	Triumph Day	TBC
Sun 9th	TBC	Grimethorpe Classic	Bourne
Wed 12th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park / Huggies Speed Shop
Fri 14th to Sun 16th		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	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout

AUGUST

Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Club Night - Scramblers	The Crown Hardingstone
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
TBC		Rushden Bike Festival	
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
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
TBC		Skegfest	Richardsons Skegness
Sun 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Pottesperry
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club 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

Don't forget to come along to the Chilly Willy on the 8th of January at Great Billing. The Sycamore Café does an excellent breakfast and the Air Ambulance is a worthwhile cause if you need an excuse for a nice ride out to blow away the Christmas cobwebs.

Arrive from 10am 8th January 2023 At The Sycamore Café

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CHILLY 2023

Welcome to the Annual Chilly Willy charity Ride, In aid of the WNDLR Air Ambulance this year in association with the Sycamore Café.

You will be directed by Marshalls to the appropriate parking spaces on arrival. Please remember that this is more of a procession than a rideout lasting about 1hr.

 your local air ambulance
Derbyshire · Leicestershire · Rutland
Warwickshire · Northamptonshire

Ride starts at 12 noon. All donations welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022

NORTHANTS TOMCC ENDED THE YEAR IN CHRISTMASSY STYLE



LOOKING BACK ON 2022

TIME TO START PLANNING FOR 2023 WITH A SUMMER OF BIKE RELATED FUN

During these cold months the committee has been working hard to plan for the coming months and has produced a comprehensive list of events for the year. Here are some of the highlights of last year to help you to make your own plans for the new year.

2023 WALES TRIP

Last years Wales trip has been much talked about amongst those that attended and is back after much demand.

Paul Humphreys will provide more details of next years 4 night Wales trip, 12th – 16th June at the next club meet .

Take up the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful Welsh countryside, curvy lanes and glorious weather (I can't promise the weather though!).

Carravans are booking up fast, so reserve your place ASAP.



BIG DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S (& LADIES) RIDE 2023

The 9th Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) is scheduled for Sunday 21st of May. The DGR unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.

Last year saw the DGR raise over £6,000. Around 100 riders set off from Pure Triumph Wellingborough to enjoyed the 21 mile gentle ride around local roads dressed in all manner of elegant attire.

You can pre-registration online now, we look forward to seeing more riders and more distinguished clobber next time!!



THE BIG BRANCH BASH 2023

Tickets are already selling well for the Big Branch Bash on 18th – 20th August in Greetham, Rutland.

At £25 per head for camping for the weekend it's great value trip away. Many enjoyed a couple of nights under canvas, but motorhomes and vans are also welcome.

Last year saw excellent live music, dancing, ride outs, tasty food and plentiful beer for those who enjoy the odd half a shandy!

Northants TOMCC would like to uphold the tradition of successful award-winning bikes, having brought home 3 of the awards last year, so don't forget your polishing kit.

This year Northants branch rallied about 20 riders, probably the largest turnout of all the attending clubs and we look set to exceed that number this year. See Bob to reserve your place.





FOUNDERS DAY 2022

Founders Day is set in the scenic Stanford Hall grounds every year. In 2023 it will be held on Sunday 23rd of July.

It has become one of the major UK events in the 'old bike' calendar. The vast number of British bike owners' clubs on show is amazing to see, where else can you see so many bikes of pre-war ridden in and on show: Brough Superior, Vincent, Velloccette, Rudge, Gold Star, Norton and of course a few TOMCC branches.



SKEGFEST 2022

Although there's uncertainty about the caravan site for next years Skegfest, we are still expecting the event to go ahead in the autumn. Last year was a great event, with live music, ride outs, fish and chips by the sea side and an excellent Sunday lunch. Watch out for more details on 2023's Skegfrest.

GREAT BREAKFAST MEETS

In addition to all of these great events and many I haven't mentioned we also had many great breakfast meets at a variety of locations including Pure Triumph Wellingborough, the Super Sausage Cafe and Hinkley Triumph Factory.

These are a great excuse for a little ride out on a weekend morning to blow the cobwebs away and eat bacon butties.



FOR SALE – LADIES MOTORCYCLE KIT

PLEASE CONTACT [PAUL OLLETT 07599 209745](#)



Black Boots – Size 38 Price £25

Caberg 'Classic' helmet in Silver with flip visor - Size – Small 55-56 Price £30

Black textile gloves – Size - Small Price £10

Frank Thomas Touring Jacket in black textile with armour to elbows and shoulders. Zip out liner - Size LM Price £40

Frank Thomas 'Lady Rider' Touring Trousers in black textile trousers with zip-out liner – Size LS Price £20

All little used and in excellent condition

Single Items total £125 sold separately, or £110 if all purchased together



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

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 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.

TOOLS AND HOW TO USE THEM



CIRCULAR SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

BELT SANDER:

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.



WIRE WHEEL:

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh *#@~'.

HAVE YOU EVER

Have you ever wished you hadn't started the '5 minute' adjustment before starting a ride?

Have you ever finished a rebuild when you planned?

Have you ever ridden across a new roundabout in your favourite ride?

Have you ever borrowed your mum's or missus' tights on a winters day?

Have you ever got scared riding pillion?

Tim



STOP PRESS - NORTHANTS BRANCH TOMCC ANNUAL WINTER OUTING

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2023

TO

SAMMY MILLER MUSEUM-MILTON HAMPSHIRE

COST COACH £25 / £30 per person (depending on Numbers)

COST MUSEUM £12

NAMES TO -- Les Barras or a Committee members ASAP

CLOSING DATE -- FEBRUARY 1ST 2023

Leave 0830AM at PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOUGH

Days outing to Museum 4 Hours duration look around and get excited

Return Journey leave SMM at 1600PM

STOP FOR RECREATION ON WAY HOME

Arrive approximately 2030PM at PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH