

VIBRATIONS!



June Triumph Day at Wellingborough Triumph

July 2022



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



Northants Branch Info and News

A big hello to everyone, from our first edition of Vibrations. Mark & I would like to thank Sarge for all of his hard work as the editor of Vibrations for many years. We hope to do him proud in future issues.

If you have any contributions for future editions they will be gratefully received via email at:
TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com

Kirstie & Mark

New Members

Welcome to the following new Branch members...

Andrew & Lesley Barber of
Northampton

Jason Cox of Woodford

Robert Crick of Rushden

Andrew & Claire Dominy of Rushden

Anthony Franquelo of Finedon

Steven Hambleton of Northampton

Frank Morgan of Melchbourne

Mick Vokes of Kettering

Daniel Whiteside of Northampton

We hope to see you at our branch events.

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.

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| | Events List |
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| Sat 2 nd Jul | Breakfast meet at Pure Triumph Wellingborough at 10.30am |
| Sun 3 rd Jul | Breakfast meet at The Square St. Neots at 10.00am |
| Mon 4 th Jul | Milton Keynes TOMCC at The Lakes Great Linford at 7.00pm |
| Wed 6 th Jul | Club Night - CONCOURS at The Crown Hardingstone at 7.30pm |
| Wed 13 th Jul | Breakfast meet at Hoar Park at 9.30am |
| Sun 17 th Jul | Festival 1000 bikes at Mallory Park at 09.00am |
| Wed 20 th Jul | Club Night - AGM at The Crown Hardingstone at 7.30pm |
| Sun 24 th Jul | Founders Day (VMCC) at Stanford Hall at 10.00am |
| Wed 27 th Jul | Club Night - BBQ night at The Crown Hardingstone at 7.30pm |
| Sat 30 th Jul | Breakfast meet at Pure Triumph Wellingborough at 10.30am |
| Sun 31 st Jul | Breakfast meet at Diner Long Itchington at 10.30am |
| Mon 1 st Aug | Bedford TOMCC at Red Lion Wilstead at 7.00pm |
| Wed 3 rd Aug | Club Night - SCRAMBLERS at The Crown Hardingstone at 7.30pm |
| Wed 10 th Aug | Breakfast meet at Hoar Park at 9.30am |
| Sun 14 th Aug | Brackley Festival of Speed venue to be confirmed, meet at 09.00am |
| Wed 17 th Aug | Club Night at The Crown Hardingstone at 7.30pm |
| Fri 19th to Sun 21 st Aug | South Lincs - TOMCC Rally (Big Branch Bash) at Greetham Ctr. Oakham |
| Sat 27 th Aug | Breakfast meet at Pure Triumph Wellingborough at 10.30am |
| Wed 31 st Aug | Club Night at The Swan Newton Bromswold at 7.30pm |

In addition to the above calendar, many ad hoc rideouts are being arranged via the branch's Facebook page.

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.

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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.

The Pint of Beer Challenge 2022

Following on from the success of the 2021 National TOMCC challenge event "CUP OF TEA", we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2022 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 PINT OF BEER.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in PINT OF BEER

For example - PIN"**T**" could be a picture at "**T**"OWCESTER.

Entry Submission

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 10 Photographs for each letter of PINT OF BEER, 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 December 2022 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 "Pint of Beer" Challenge will be awarded a certificate of achievement

Any questions please ask any of your Branch Committee



The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride 2022



After a 2-year absence due to the dreaded C word restriction, the 8th Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Northampton was back. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 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. Thankfully, the event has moved to May for the first time making it a more enjoyable ride in warmer weather, as opposed to a chilly September in previous years.



Co-hosted Kevin Lington and I with the team from Pure Triumph (Wellingborough), we set about a plan for a route around the local roads and lanes of the county to showcase our wonderful apparel and motorcycles.

All we needed was a local event to gate crash as our destination and put on a bit of a show with some fantastic looking bikes and well-dressed, dapper gentlemen. With just a week to go before announcing the full details, it came to our attention that the Woodford Vintage Festival was scheduled for the same day as our ride! As this was their inaugural event, they were more than happy for us to attend, as

they had classic vehicles, stationary engines, live music, and a local brewery on site for a well earned pint after the ride. Of course, we added the extra element of class and panache.

Come the day, Sunday 22nd May 2022, and with over 100 registered riders online to raise money for these wonderful charities, we all turned up at the start location, Pure Triumph Wellingborough.

With a 10am start time, 21 miles of local roads and the lead rider Kevin setting the pace, we were scheduled to arrive at the Woodford show by 11.30 just in time to watch a low-level flyby of the WW2 Lancaster; and what a sight and sound that was!

So that was that, about 100 riders raised over £6,000! We had a really great day; everyone enjoyed the ride, and the weather was kind to all those gentlemen who went the extra mile and really did turn out a distinguished gentleman (and women).



Thanks to all our members that came along for the ride, and a big thank you to those members that helped mark some of the difficult junctions on the route. So, if you would like to be part of this fun event next time, the DGR 2023 is Sunday 21st May, you can pre-registration online now, we look forward to seeing more riders and more distinguished clobber next time!!

Henry



ADVENTURE BIKE RIDER FESTIVAL 24-26 JUNE 2022 RAGLEY HALL, WARWICKSHIRE

I can't say Spring 2022 started well, in fact personally it was quite the kick in the teeth from a bike riding perspective. 'Er In Doors, 'the clever one', the good looking one, only went and managed to break her ankle by falling off my Honda CRF250; on our own drive and just before all the scheduled dates!

Long weekend in Wales trail riding – *cancelled!*

BMW Off Road Skills weekend – *cancelled!*

Adventure Bike Rider Festival – *cancelled!* Well nearly. Bikes still in the garage, we set off to ABR 2022 in the car, if we can't ride our own bikes, we can at least drink beer and croon over others' machines.

Ragley Hall, Warwickshire is the home of the ABR Festival. With 10,000 guests of mostly riders and pillions, the ABR is the annual pilgrimage of adventure riders or those who aspire to Dakar Rally racers.



Starting on a Thursday for VIP ticket holders, the early bird entrants get the best camping areas closest to the main festival areas (allegedly). With a welcome BBQ and drinks on Thursday night, the VIP early access gives a head start of booking trail rides on manufacturers bikes for the Friday ride outs. With big hitters like Triumph (of course), Yamaha, Honda, Harley Davidson, Suzuki, and many others offering a selection of bikes for group road or trails rides. Triumph was sporting the new Tiger 1200 as well as Tiger 900, Tiger 660, Scrambler 900 for organised group rides.

Harley Davidson offered road and trail rides on one of their latest models, the Pan American. The heavy-set frame and 1250 V twin engine is apparently very capable, as on road as you don't have to pick the bloody thing up (or shouldn't have to!) It's bulky 245kg running weight is a lump and was commented on by virtually everyone we knew who'd took it out for a spin. But hey, a free ride out on a brand-new bike isn't to be sniffed at.

Yamaha sported the largest fleet, proudly displaying their Tenere range. The group rides were massive with even bigger queues waiting to test ride them.

New bikes weren't the only displays at the festival. A few vintage stands popped up proudly displaying their somewhat battered bikes. The couple of old Brough's caught the eye and although they weren't in a great state of repair, they were the stars of the vintage bike stand.

The ABR festival is carefully balanced between getting out on the trails or testing a manufacturers new bike, and good old fashioned social interaction. Whilst we never got to ride any trails due to Hop Alongs' ankle, we did fully immerse ourselves in the 'social' culture.

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With stages in each of the main tents, a selection of guest speakers rotated through the tents giving their take on motorcycle riding, their great adventures, travel tips and mental well-being. Guests such as Elspeth Beard, first solo female to circumnavigate the globe on a motorcycle way back in 1982, the YouTube sensation that is The Missenden Flyer talking about growing your own vlogging empire and loads in between like The Girl on a Bike, Venessa Ruck, Richy Vida the VFR man, Ryan Fort9 all the way from Canada and our personal favourite, Joey Evans talking about his trials and tribulations from being paralysed to competing in the Dakar Rally. Afternoons of 'light refreshment' and listening to tales of

exotic places, mechanical hitches we'd all encountered and would rather forget, to good old banter and japes you experience on the road.

Whilst the main stage tents are largely surrounded by bike manufacturers and equipment suppliers' stalls such as Touratech, Outback Motortech, Scott, Alpinestars and many more bargains and goodies, there are strategically placed 'refreshment' stations within easy reach. After a careful site assessment and ground appreciation exercises, we opted to stay in the Tenere tent which funnily happened to be the closest to the food & beers tents! How very odd!

With a decent assortment of beers, and Carlsberg being just £3 a pint, most people engaged in a beer or several. The mood was further lightened by the selection of cover bands who were absolutely fantastic. Tables set out in massive, long rows emanating from the stage, the layout reminded me very much of an Oktoberfest vibe and everyone appreciated the ability to interact with adjacent groups if they wanted.



The beer tents were well surrounded by food vans & stalls, from your basic burger and chips to some very exotic paella or brisket vendors. It really did appear most tastebuds were catered for with pizza, fish and chips, currywurst hotdogs, curries, breakfast baguettes, waffles and desserts, crepes, and plenty of ice cream vans.

Able supporting the beer and food areas were the festivals facilities (bogs to us older, uncouth gits). Several hundred strategically placed portaloos gave bikers a quick and easy option to break a seal and return to the party quickly.

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Whilst I had a mild panic moment as my last experience of a portaloos was in Afghanistan in searing heat and sharing with several hundred other squaddies who'd rather use toilet paper to draw pictures on than keep clean; these prestige loos were clean and well kept, but more importantly, had attendants stationed by each block to keep them clean and well stocked. Whilst I know you may encounter what could only be described as 'a bacteria rich breeding ground' that was a rarity and virtually every trip was to clean facilities.

Shower blocks were evenly distributed between the various camp sites and whilst there was the odd queue, nothing that a little bit of time appreciation and management wouldn't overcome.

One thing Kirstie commented on was the general feeling of safety. Yes, security officers were high profile, and the age group on average was 35+, but the behaviour of every festival goer seemed to be exemplary. Going to the loo's wasn't an escape and evasion exercise dodging drunk leary bikers. It was noted by many of the women we spoke to that the overall feeling of safety & security was outstanding, further giving the biker community a great name. Vanessa Ruck was keen to encourage more women to attend the event in future years and arranged a photograph of female attendees in front of the beautiful Ragley Hall.

Whether an adventure bike rider, pillion, road biker or just interested in 2 wheels, whether camping, glamping, using a camper van or just visiting for the day, the Adventure Bike Rider festival was an absolute buzz and a must for anyone enjoying 2 wheels. The organisers did a great job at creating the event, but my biggest standout of the whole weekend was the outstanding welcoming attitude, and light-hearted spirits of all age groups of everyone we encountered, sober or not. A true testament to the quality of personalities within the UK biker community.

We've just booked for next year, so if anyone wants to join us, or just visit for the day visit, do let us know and we can organise a group weekend.

<https://www.abrfestival.com/tickets/>



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A reminder - Ploughman's Lunch – 28th July 2022

So, what is Melton Mowbray famous for? Of course, the answer is simple pork pies and Stilton Cheese. Pork comes from pigs and Stilton starts its journey to maturity with milk.

Clawson's Stilton is up there with the very best that can be had and the milk from which it is produced comes from the lush pastures of farms in the area with a huge volume coming from Alma Bank Farm at Somerby, just a few miles to the South of Melton.



At the farm the Mark and Jane Barnes are producing around 9,000 litres of top-quality milk every two days from their herd of pedigree cattle.

The family including son Harry and daughter Charlotte are justifiably proud of their achievements in developing and increasing their farm and their plans are continually evolving to keep the farm fully sustainable.

As with so many ventures these days farming is no exception and Jane has a career delivering talks around the community with her 'Tales of a Dairy Farmers Wife' and these are very interesting and amusing



The farm has a 'Cow Classroom' where school groups and organised parties can visit by arrangement to learn about milk and stock animals that are produced at the farm.

There are catering facilities for groups visiting the farm and we have arranged for a Ploughman's Lunch on Thursday 28th July 2022.

The food on offer will be Clawson Stilton, Pork Pies, Biscuits, Nuts, Grapes, Cherry tomatoes, Crisps, Bread, Ham Sandwiches, Beef Rolls, Lemon Drizzle Cake, Shortbread Biscuits, Fruit Bowl, Pots of Tea and Filtered Coffee.



We will depart Pure Triumph at 10.30am to arrive at 12.00pm. The cost is £15.00 per head and we need a minimum of 12 attendees and up to 25 max. Register your interest with Bob.

A reminder - The Accidental Racer Rides Again

Dave Grundy will, once again, be testing his Triumph against other straight-line specialists and welcomes support from other branch members. Here are the dates of the meetings he will be taking part in for the rest of 2022...

2-3 July Summer Nationals at Santa Pod (ET Bike R3)

30-31 July Melbourne Raceway. Straightliners

20-21 August Greenlight Nationals at Santa Pod (ET Bike R4 and 5)

24-25 Sept. National Finals at SPR (ET Bike R6)

15-16 Oct. Straightliners No Mercy Shootout at Santa Pod

Being just down the road, the Santa Pod meetings will be Dave's priority. He may fit in a few more of the Straightliners events elsewhere, finance permitting.

At the beginning of May he took part in a Best of British festival at Santa Pod, which also included vehicles displays off the track. A good weekend by all accounts and one that we might consider for the branch calendar if it's repeated next year.

If you've not been to a drag race before a taste of what you might expect can be found at the Santa Pod website: <https://santapod.co.uk/index.php>

Triumph Day 2022



On June 26th Northampton TOMCC held their most recent Triumph day.



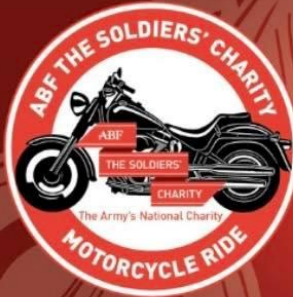
A great time was had by all, thanks to all that attended.



Many thanks to the organisers for all their hard work.



ABF Triumph Factory Visit 2022



SUNDAY 4TH SEPT 2022

Start/Finish: Triumph Factory Visitor Experience
30 - 40 Mile Group Ride
Sunday 4th September 2022 | 10.30am - 4pm



With Special Guests:

- Titch Cormack
- John Nelson
- Graeme 'Billy' Billington
- From BBC Two's The Speedshop
- &
- British Army Motorcycle Road Race Team



Tickets
Single Rider: £25
Rider with Pillion: £35
Open to all motorcycle owners

REGISTER:

<https://bit.ly/ABFMotorcycleTriumph>

ENQUIRIES: motorcycleride@soldierscharity.org



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Wales Adventure 2022

Didn't we have a lovely time the week went to Borth. Ok! It doesn't quite fit the song but it WAS lovely.



The sun shone and the company was most pleasant. From a pillions point of view (and someone who doesn't really frequent club nights), I have to say I was made very welcome. I did 2 of the three ride outs and we had some great coffee (and cake) stops.



Everyone managed to keep together and on the whole other road users were very accommodating to the group.



Wales Adventure 2022

The icing on the cake was the beautiful sun set at the beach bar and the spectacle of one hardy member serenading us before taking to the sea for a late evening swim.



It was a most enjoyable time and special thanks to Paul for all his efforts.

Carol Tuckley (Simon's wife)

