



VIBRATIONS

MARCH 2023

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NORTHANTS TOMCC AGM

Elections and awards at the club AGM on 15th March

SAMMY MILLERS

TOMCC members visited the Sammy Miller Museum



BIG QUIZ NIGHT

TOMCC MEMBERS BIG QUIZ

Club night on the 15th of Feb saw TOMCC Northants members taxing their brains in the Big Quiz. A mix of General knowledge and motorcycle related questions, set by our tasking quiz master Chris Halford. Phil Barton took the coveted trophy - The Hole in the Piston - with a magnificent 15 points, well done.

Club chairman took the opportunity to award Bob Swann with the less coveted Double-Digit Award for his recent fuelling disasters. I'm sure you'll all enjoy celebrating the award with Bob 😊

Once again, a busy month for Northants TOMCC members, with the Sunday 100 club arranging a variety of ride outs. Why not join a ride, or even lead one.

This Saturday saw the return of Westy's Triumph bike events, attended by at least 14 club members. Great to catchup with Lesley and Andy whilst the sun shone.

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

Benjamin Jones of Irthlingborough

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

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

MARCH

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Charity Dinner	The Elwes Arms, Billing Village
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
Fri19th to Mon22nd		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

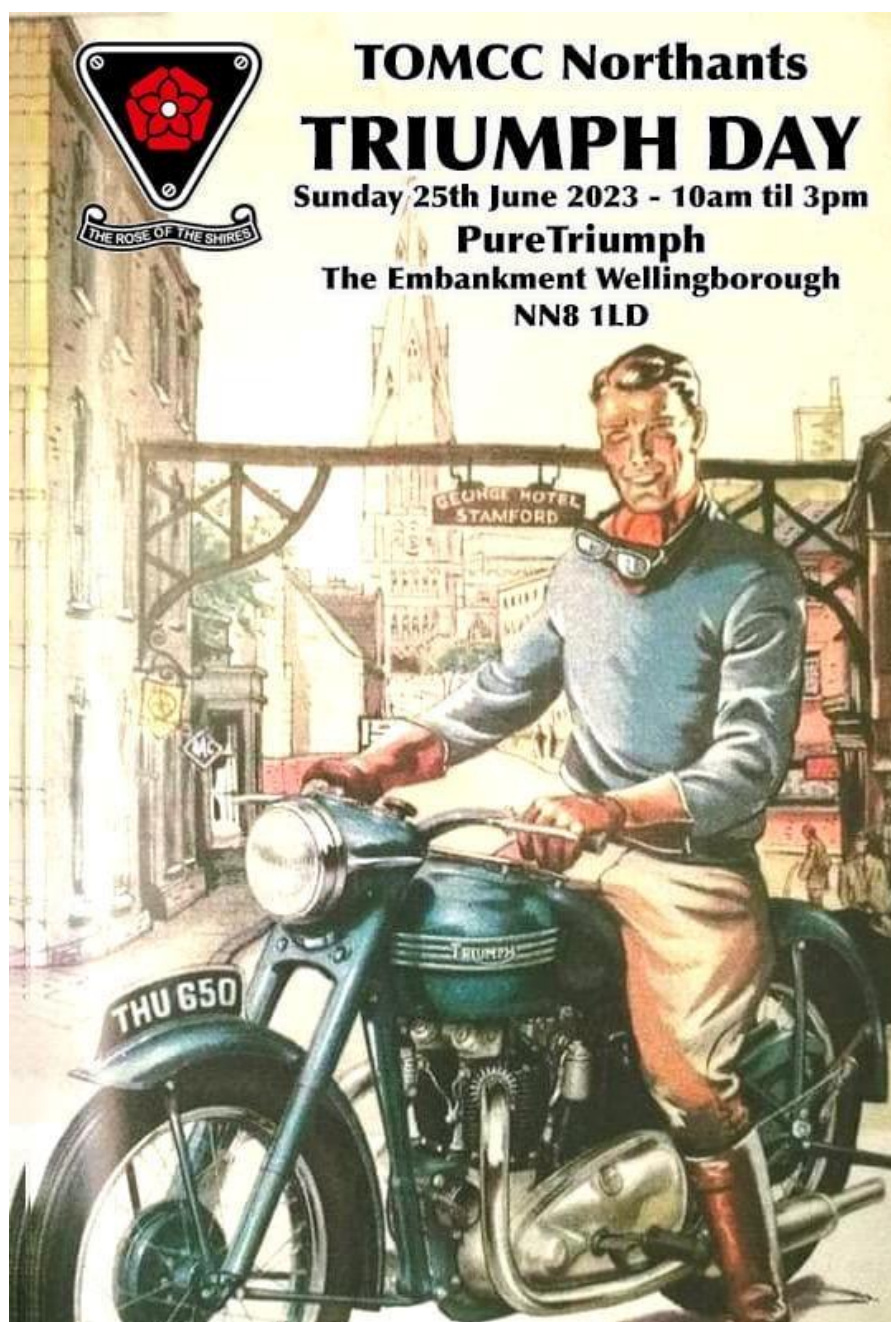
Sun 1st	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
TBC		Skegfest	Richardsons Skegness
Sun 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Pottesperry
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone

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



SUNDAY 100

ENJOYING WINTER SUNSHINE RIDE OUTS



The Sunday 100 is an informal ride out with a group of friends who just happen to be members of Northants TOMCC. A cross between an organised ride and a last minute.com jolly, the Sunday 100 grew its legs during Covid to blow away the cobwebs from what seemed to be the longest enforced period of legal solitude any of us will probably ever experience.

A few of our longer toothed members packed up their butties, filled their flasks and set off for a few cross-country rides that maintained social distancing and ticked all the legal boxes, of course!

As with all good things, it grew legs and although the Covid restrictions eased, the Sunday 100 continued to thrive. February has seen some good (dryish) weather and back-to-back ride outs venturing into neighbouring counties.

MELTON MOWBRAY – HILL TOP FARM CAFE

First weekend in February 10 of us headed over to Melton Mowbray Hill Top Farm Cafe (LE13 0SP).

The weather was chilly but bright, perfect for a cheeky little ride out with some nice grub in Melton, and Kirstie's first lead.

Although we didn't manage any controlled knee downs, the pace was good and everyone got home safe.



LONG ITCH DINER

A week later and Toby took us on a jolly out towards Bicester, eventually stopping at Long Itch Diner for a cheeky fry up (CV2 9QZ). Whilst not the most spacious of cafes, grub was good, and the staff were ace. With only 6 of us daring to follow Toby, the weather held again and another Sunday notched up.

SUNNY ST NEOTS

Step up Coops and his plan to ride out to St Neots. Not quite as far as some of the other rides, but a few nice twisties later and a cheeky little market town cafe (PE19 2AA) delivered on some wholesome biker nosh.



With 8 1/2 of us riding out (Jason's son doesn't quite qualify as a whole rider, just yet), we had a guest appearance from Philip who joined us at the cafe. Without tempting fate, another dry weekend ride out. And a big thanks to Matt who not only organised the ride, but highlighted a cheeky new [route tracker app](#) that allows photos and actual route taken to be shared with friends. 🍺 🍺 🍺 🍺

So, with thanks to the Sunday 100 founders, let's keep the wheels rolling and gets some new volunteers to pick a destination and lead a ride out. The only thing that matters is a safe ride and preferably somewhere to get some cheap and cheerful tea and toast.

Who's next?

Mark





Triumph Owners M.C.C. Northants Branch



TOMCC NORTHANTS AGM

TOMCC NORTHANTS AGM 15TH MARCH

TOMCC Northants Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at the Crown in Hardingstone on 15th March 2023. A number of annual awards that will be presented at the AGM, please put some thought into who you may want to nominate for the club person of the year.

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- a) **The Triumph Trophy** - awarded to the branch Full Member with the highest attendance points from official branch events during the year.
- b) **The Triumph Riders Trophy** - awarded to the branch Full Member with the highest attendance points from official branch events during the year whilst on a Triumph engineered motorcycle.
- c) **The Navigator Trophy** - awarded to the Associate Member with the highest attendance points from official branch events during the year.

d) Club Person of the Year - awarded by vote at the AGM to the Branch Member who has done most for the Branch during the previous year.

Attendance records shall be maintained by the Branch Secretary. All of the above will be awarded annually at the Branch AGM. Other awards are issued throughout the year.

- e) **The Double Digit** - awarded at any time, by the Branch Committee to the Branch Member who is considered to have made the worst mistake or had the worst breakdown.
- f) **Concours Trophies** - awarded annually, at the Concours Bike Night (by members vote) to the Branch Members who's Meriden era and Hinckley era Triumph engineered machines are considered to be in best overall condition.
- g) **Quiz Night Trophy** - awarded annually to the Branch Member achieving the highest number of points in the General Knowledge quiz.



During the meeting there is an opportunity to stand for election or re-election for Branch committee positions. There is a list of positions and their responsibilities below.

We have already received prior notification that, Ian Sargent (Membership Secretary) and Neville Colvin (Financial Auditor) will resign their position at the AGM and no longer wish to be considered for re-election. All wishing to be considered for any role on the Branch Committee should have a proposer and seconder and it will be put to vote.

Chairman – ensure smooth running of the branch in accordance with National club rules and the branch constitution, and along with the Branch Executive and be answerable to the National Club. Ensure the provision of a calendar of events at which members may ride their motorcycles and meet socially in a friendly atmosphere.

General Secretary – document and maintain all branch meeting records, Committee, AGM, Attendance and EGM. Act as branch contact to National Club secretary.

Treasurer – document and maintain all branch financial records and control branch banking. Provide auditable accounts for yearly audit. Act as branch contact to National Club treasurer.

Additional committee members;

Membership secretary – document and maintain branch membership data. Act as branch contact with the National Club membership secretary. Act as the custodian of personal data and ensure its protection.

Public Relations Officer (PRO) – produce and publish branch external and internal communications. Act as branch liaison with local Triumph dealership.

Financial Auditor – perform annual audit of branch accounts to ensure accuracy.

General Purpose Officer (GPO) – perform a variety of tasks in support of the smooth running of the branch e.g., Editing and publication of “vibrations”, Branch trave, event planning and support.

Webmaster – Edit and maintain branch Webpage.

WESTY TRIUMPH

BIKE MEET AT WESTY TRIUMPH WITH ROMAN WAY BREWERY – WEEDON BEC



At least 14 Northants TOMCC members and significant others ventured out to explore what Weedon Garrison has to offer.

There were bikes of all kinds, from little 125's with learner plates, to some real classics. Wickes made an appearance and as usual, his stunning Tiger stood out against the backdrop of sports bikes in his row.

Saturday 25th February saw the return of bike meets with at Weedon Bec Garrison with Westy Triumph and Roman Way Brewery.

Turnout was excellent, shown to best effect via Mark's drone footage of the event. Whilst there is always a vast array of makes & models, it does seem as though our beloved Triumphs were the most represented brand.

The weather started off chilly but fine, which brought many out for their first ride of the year.





MORE FROM WESTYS

The burger van produced some excellent wares, fresh salad and extra tasty burgers, much better than the average type we so often get palmed off with at similar events. Roman Way do a great cider, and there was copious free coffee and tea on tap from Westy's.

For those more discerning coffee drinkers, Industry & Supply coffee shop provided a jolly nice flat white and comfortable sofas (and some much needed heater when the weather took a cold spin). They also sell some rather delicious looking cakes and sausage rolls.

The local celebrity sidecar dog made a guest appearance. The lovely Dalmatian pup drew a small crowd of appreciative bikers and the bespectacled dog looked cool as he was chauffeured about.



Westy does regular bike evenings throughout the summer, with the brewery supporting a live band. When the weather is warmer, it's a great meeting place and local for many.

Kirstie



SAMMY MILLER MUSEUM TRIP

NORTHANTS BRANCH WINTER OUTING



This year's chosen destination was to The Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum.

As always, we come up with an adventurous idea and then circulate the information to all our Northants TOMCC members and guests.



Support was very slow for this event, numbers gradually built up; we needed at least 20 to make this outing a viable trip by Coach. Alas we did not get the required amount and a decision was made to go by our own transport.

On a bright chilly morning we set off on our journey from Pure Triumph at Wellingborough, Les Barras, Bob Swann, Tony Parker, Phil Barton, Chris Halford and Phil Short. The convoy of two cars made their way across country to The Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum. Arriving at the destination in the late morning, we settled for a light breakfast snack from the resident Café.

It was a first time visit for the majority, who knew of the famous museum but never had the chance of getting to see it.

To summaries, as told by our Museum Guide, Sammy Miller's life has always been dedicated to motorcycles. As a boy he followed motorcycle racing in Ulster, Ireland and then went on to compete and win his first race in 1953. To date he still demonstrates and parades bikes today, over 69 years later. He won many British and European Championships from Racing to Trials.

Sammy was a leading figure in the development the Ariel World famous trial bike ridden by Sammy, he moved onto Bultaco and eventually Honda.

During this time, he still found time to restore rare and exotic bikes. His private collection of bikes was the start of the museum.





limelight through The Scottish International Six Day Trials. A five times winner Sammy Miller MBE.

The Isle of Man featured with a great display of Manx Norton and Vincent's, this brought back several memories for Chris Halford and Phil Barton and Les Barras regular visitors to the Isle.

The group by this time had spit up into pairs and individuals making their way around the building, which had started life as a farm with lots of outbuildings. It forms the shape of a large quadrangle covering probably two acres. Including the historic Workshop used to restore and maintain the wonderful exhibits.

We had taken something like 4 hours to get around the area, stopping to reflect on the bike we had all owned or ridden over the years.

I was particularly impressed with the knowledge of my fellow guests, coming out with splendid information, how do they know this?

As we tired again it was time for an afternoon Tea and Cake, before preparing for the 130-mile journey home.

An earlier recognizance of the route had directed us to The Plough Pub in Brackley, here we had a meal and a pint and reflected on the day.

Our final goodbyes were exchanged and we made our way back to home. All in all a very good trip had by the Northants TOMCC Members.

We can only recommend it as one to put on your bucket list.

With Thanks to Bob Swann, Tony Parker, Phil Barton, Chris Halford and Phil Short.

Les

SAMMY MILLER MBE - THE SAMMY MILLER MUSEUM
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There are somewhere in the region of 375 to 500 motorcycles in the collection, the earlier number always on display, All working and running apart from we are told 4. When we took the tour around the eight Gallery areas, the visitors saw unique one off and the only one in existence of quite a few machines. As early as 1876 through to current day, Triumph-BSA-AJS-Norton, Vincent, Ariel, Velloccette and lots more from around the World. Some of which we had never seen or heard of.

Then there was the Racing Gallery Section, displaying the likes of NSU-Ducati-BMW-Honda-MV Augusta- Suzuki, Bianchi. Ridden by Famous Racing Motorcyclists from the past, Barry Sheene, Freddie Spencer, Kenny Roberts, Sammy Miller, Giacomo Agostini, John McGuinness to name but a few.

Not forgetting the Off Road Gallery, here we saw Trials Bikes making the



RIDE OUT & DELICIOUS LUNCH

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

Depart Pure Triumph, The Embankment, Wellingborough, 10.30 am for a cruise around the lanes of North Northamptonshire and Leicestershire for our lunch stop at Bulwick around 12.30pm. Guided return or make your own way home.

Menu for 2023:-

Ploughman's Lunch	£10.75 (<i>Pork pie or sausage roll, Cheese, Pickle, Pickled onion, Apple or grapes, Salad garnish</i>).
Ham, Egg & Chips	£10.45
Jacket potato	£8.75 (<i>Fillings:- Beef Chilli or veg option, Taw Valley cheese, Baked Beans or Gammon Ham</i>).
Beef Burger and Chips	£13.50
(vegetarian option) & Chips	£14.75

£5.00 Deposit for food required with reservation paid to Bob Swann



New Lodge Farm, Bulwick, Northants

The farm has been owned by the Singlehurst family for over 100 years focusing on cattle and sheep production by using traditional organic methods of farming.

Over the past 20 years the farm has evolved from livestock production to a highly respected provider of leisure and event catering services.

The farm is run by husband and wife team Simon and Sarah Singlehurst who have developed an award-winning farm shop, butchery and eatery as well as an adults only site for camping and touring caravan enthusiasts.

They have made use of redundant farm buildings thoughtfully brought back to life to house the shop, café bar and camping facilities and there is an eatery that delivers classic hearty cooking to satisfy all appetites.

Situated near the old market towns of Stamford, Market Harborough and Uppingham and set in beautiful countryside there is plenty to see in the area.

For more information contact Paul Ollett

Tel: 07599 209745 or pauollett@btinternet.com



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, 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



MOLE-GRIPS:

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



OXYACETYLENE TORCH:

Used almost entirely for igniting various flammable objects in your shop and creating a fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.



TABLE SAW:

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal !!

HAVE YOU EVER

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?

Tim

