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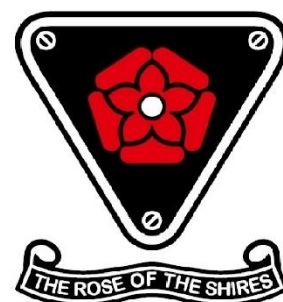
Our branch HQ basks in the late evening sun

May 2022



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



Scribblings

The minutes of the Branch AGM for March appear on page 10. For the past few years I have been standing in as the editor of Vibrations in addition to my Membership Secretary's duties but following an appeal at the AGM I am pleased to be able to say that two people offered to relieve me of the Vibrations task. All being well, one of those will take over for the July issue of this newsletter.

If you have any contributions to that edition in the way of photos, articles or other items of interest to branch members please pass them to me for the time being and I will forward them.

My Membership Secretary duties will also be coming to an end at the 2023 AGM and it looks as if we have another volunteer for that lined up. My thanks go to everyone who has offered to make my life easier.

With the demise of Jack's Hill café, our annual Triumph Day has been moved to Pure Triumph on Sunday 26th June. Listen out for announcements anoute this at brancch nights nearer to the day

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New Members

Welcome to the following new Branch members...

Robert Buckley of Rushden

Ken Chevalier of Hardingstone

Martin Cook of Brackley

Liz Dannatt of Riseley

Richard Pearson of Hargrave

Jaina Richardson of Great Brington

Mark Starmer of Barton Seagrave

Kirstie Watson of Newnham

Gary Whiteman of Higham Ferrers

Anna Willetts of Desborough

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.

Northants Branch Info and News

	Events List
Tue 10 th May	Mid-Week Run from Pure Triumph. Meet 10.30am for a 10.45am departure. To The Drovers Return café. Hunsbury Hill Country Park, Hunsbury Hill Road, Northampton NN4 9UW
Sat-Sun 14 th -15 th May	MCN Festival of Motorcycling at East of England Showground, Peterborough. https://www.mcnfestival.com/
Sun 15 th May	Breakfast Meet at the OK Diner, on the A1 at Stamford, PE9 4AD. 10.30am
Sun 15 th May	Norton Owners Club Open Day at The Wharf Inn, Welford. 11.30am-3pm
Wed 18 th May	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm. Theme night: Triumph Tigers (of all ages)
Sun 22 nd May	Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride. Details will appear on our Facebook page. https://www.gentlemansride.com/
Sun 22 nd May	Rugby Bike Fest.
Wed 25 th May	Run to Peterborough Triumph Owners, Three Horseshoes, Yaxley, PE7 3LD. 7.30pm
Fri-Mon 27 th -30 th May	Yorvik Triumph Owners "Vikings in the Valley" rally. East Ayton, near Scarborough
Sat 28 th May	Breakfast Meet at Pure Triumph, Wellingborough. 10.30am
Mon 30 th May	Run to South Lincs Triumph Owners, The Nags Head, 2 Abbey Road, Bourne, PE10 9EF. 7pm.
Wed 1 st June	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm. Theme night: Triumph Triples
Sun 5 th June	Breakfast Run to the Two Flags café on the A47 near Morcott, Rutland. Depart 10am from Pure Triumph.
Mon 6 th June	Run to Meriden Triumph Owners, Heart of England Social Club, Meriden Village, CV7 7LB. 7pm
Fri 10 th June	Mid-Week Run from Pure Triumph. Meet 10.30am for a 10.45am departure. To The Spread Eagle, Forest Road, Piddington, NN7 2DA
Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th	TOMCC Northants trip to Wales
Wed 15 th June	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm.
Thu 16 th June	Vintage Japanese MCC barbecue at The Three Horseshoes, Ecton. 7pm
Sat 25 th June	Transport Festival, Abington Park, Northampton
Sun 26th June	Triumph Day, in association with Pure Triumph. 10am-2pm at the shop. Replacing our previous events at Jacks Hill café.
Wed 29 th June	Club Night at The Swan, Newton Bromswold. 7.30pm. Talk and slide show by Paul Ollett about his trip to India.

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

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Assistance Required – Can You Help?

I am contacting you on behalf of my husband, John. He has a number of old Triumphs, in various states from ready to fire up to needing a fair bit of work. Sadly, he is now living with Alzheimer's and is struggling to work on the bikes, which is causing him some distress as he is still aware of what is happening to his mind. Old friends who might have helped live miles away and have health problems of their own.

So, I am wondering if there might be any TOMCC members living not too far away, who would be prepared to come and give John some advice and perhaps even practical help. We live in Litchborough and the bikes are all together in an old barn at the back of the house.

Many thanks. Stay safe and well in these dark and difficult times.

Maureen

If anyone thinks that they can lend a hand with this, contact Sarge – who will then let you have Maureen's contact details.

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

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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.

Recent Branch Members Shenanigans



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



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.

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...

14-15 May Llanbedr, Straightliners No Mercy shootout

28-29 May Melbourne Raceway, York. Straightliners No Mercy shootout

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>



Northants Branch Annual General Meeting

45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 16th March 2022

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone, Northants

Meeting Open.

- The meeting opened at approximately 7.45pm with 29 members and 1 guest present.
- The Chairman Steve Rattley opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 45th AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and furthermore asked for the 2021 AGM minutes to be approved. He then followed the Agenda of the night.

Apologies.

- No Apologies were received from members.

Previous AGM minutes.

- The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated previously & read and were accepted as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Bob Swann and seconded by Steve Rattley.

Matters Arising.

- None, initially then Ian Sargent put forward a proposal late in the meeting, Suggested overhaul of club rules (to be looked at in committee.) as noted in the section any other business.

Executive Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report: -

Welcome to the Northants TOMCC 45th AGM 16th March 2022 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone

The last Year has been a better year than previous, we have done quite well thanks to several members who have put pictures and comments on our face book page and those who have organized alternative ride out's, and put reports in vibrations and the Nacelle mag have all helped to keep our branch maintain a good presence. Thank you all for your sterling efforts.

Thanking you all

Steve Rattley, Chairman Northants TOMCC 2022-2023

Treasurers' Report:

Year-end 2021 accounts. I can confirm that these have now undergone full scrutiny, by means of audit, from Neville Colvin and can now go on record.

	YE 2020	YE 2021
Nationwide	£3280.75	£3554.64
N S & I	£1013.70	£1013.70
Club Cash	£74.70	£42.20
Charity Cash	£97.50	£252.50
Badges Stock	£115.80	£92.30

Major outgoings were payment made for various items, Branch meeting BBQ, Shield Engraving, Founders Day Stand, Skegfest Display x 3, Music Quiz Prizes, Xmas Buffett.

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Action - Phil Short and Bob Swann to work together to close the NS&I account along with Executive Committee.

- A proposal of this being a true account, was Proposed by, Steve Rattley & Seconded by Steve Wicks

Bob Swann-Treasurer Northants TOMCC 2022-2023

• **Secretary's Report;**

The new Secretary commented on the achievements of individuals and the efforts of the Chairman to continue to make the Branch as active as possible whilst still under Corvid19 rules for the best part of the year.

He went on to say thanks to the full committee for the combined efforts put in by all.

Overhaul very satisfied with the way things are going in the Club.

Currently we have 155 members and 3 associates

Election of Officers:

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- This year we lose Phil Barton, retiring.
- This year we lose Chris Dickens sabbatical for a period.
- The Membership Secretary (Ian Sargent) offered his retirement this year and will be ending 2023.

The Branch Chairman opened the Election

Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded
Chairman	Steve Rattley	Barry Gambrill	Paul Humphreys
Secretary	Les Barras	Steve Rattley	Phil Tobutt
Treasurer	Bob Swann	Paul Humphreys	Norman Waples
PRO	Henry (John Richards)	Steve Rattley	Dave Grundy
Webmaster	Les Barras	Neville Colvin	Paul Humphreys
Membership Secretary	Ian Sargent	Bob Swann	Norman Waples
Scribe (Nacelle)	Henry (John Richards)	Alan Sanders	Jeff Wilkins
Scribe (Vibration)	Ian Sargent	Alan Sanders	Jeff Wilkins
Runs Captains	Barry Gambrill	Ian Sargent	Steve Wicks
GPO	Phil Short		
GPO	Paul Humphreys		
GPO-New	Phil Tobutt		
GPO-New	Steve Patenall		
Auditor	Neville Colvin	Bob Swann	Norman Waples

Northants Branch Annual General Meeting

- The election of the above officers was granted by a show of hands and all had a unanimous vote.

This year we welcome 2 new faces come into the Branch committee Phil Tobutt, Steve Patenall
Runs Captain Runs will be led by Barry Gambrill in turn, as we normally have these organised to a set place, time and dates to be published.

General Purpose Officers (GPO) - They will be taking on various duties to assist the running of the Northants Branch TOMCC well done and thank you.

- **Presentation of Awards:**

Trophy	Nominated	Nominator
Triumph Trophy	Henry-John Richards	By record of Attendance
Triumph Navigator	TBA	Carried Over from 2021
Triumph Rider's	Tim Kitchen	By record of Attendance
Club person of the year	Steve Rattley	By show of hands unanimous
Double Digit	Alan Sanders	
Honorary Member	Phil Barton	By show of hands unanimous

- Club Person of the Year: Steve Rattley by show of hands
- Cock Up Award Double Digit: Alan Sanders for following the wrong group on the Chilly Willy.

Well done to all the worthy winners.

Any Other Business:

- Visits to Swan, Newton Bromswold still on the 5th Wednesday 2022
- Mid-Week runs to continue as raised by – NW
- Brew house visit to continue as Swan only 5th Wednesday.
- With the retiring of Sarge from Membership Secretary, who is going to become the archivist for the Northants Branch.
- Members about the Flags flown by Alan sanders raised HSE issues.
- There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

Les Barras Secretary Northants TOMCC 2022-2023