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BREAKFAST MEETS

PITSTOP CAFÉ REOPENS

Don't forget to take a look at the events list for breakfast meets and other occasions to ride out with other TOMCC members.

Also, a reminder that the TOMCC Northants AGM is coming up soon, at The Crown, Hardingstone, Wednesday 20th March 2024, 8pm start. Make sure to come along for annual awards and an opportunity to shape the club.

Please submit any additional propositions and/or agenda items, prior to the meeting, by email to the Branch Secretary - leslie.barras@btinternet.com

Thank you so much for your contributions this month. Now that we are heading towards spring please share your experiences, journeys and adventures, or even things that you may think of as mundane experiences, if you enjoyed it then others probably will too. 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.

A final reminder for help please before he stands down as Secretary - Les B is putting together the final chapter of the HISTORY STORY UPDATE of the Northants TOMCC. He is missing the Years 1990-1994, can old friends assist with some input, please, from Vibrations and or Nacelle or even Memory Lane. Contact Les at leslie.barras@btinternet.com

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our recent new members

John Turner - Burton Latimer - full member

Elaine Merritt - Desborough - associate member

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

in addition to the events below find out more about ad hoc ride-outs via the branch's Facebook page

FEBRUARY

Sat 17th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Quiz Night - Phil Barton	The Crown Hardingstone

MARCH

Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Mon 4th	7.30pm	Committee Meeting - Pre AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 9th	7:00pm	Charity Dinner / Les Barras Retirement	Overstone Manor
Sat 16th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Branch AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 24th		Eastern Area regional branch meeting	Fearnly Farm, Melton Mowbray

APRIL

Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 7th	10.00am	National Club AGM	Gate Hangs Well - Syston, Leics
Wed 10th	6.00pm	Triumph Bike Night	Visitor Centre, Hinkley
Sun 14th	10.00am	Ride to Riverside Park Café	St Neots Cambs
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 20th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 28th	09.30am	Guest Member ride out (Shuttleworth) - S. Rattley	Old Warden Café, Beds

MAY

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 4th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 5th	10.00am	Ride to Triumph Factory visitor centre	Hinkley, Leics
Wed 8th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics

MAY cont...			
Sun 12th	10.00am	Ride to Hungry Pilot & Red Lion Thornby	Husbands Bodsworth, Leics
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Twins	The Crown Hardingstone
17th to 19th	12.00am	TOMCC - 75 Anniversary Celebrations	Shelsey Walsh, Worcs
17th to 19th		YORVIK Vikings route 66 rampage	Barnard Castle, Durham
Sun 19th		DGR Charity ride	TBC
Sun 26th		Guest Member Rideout - ?????	TBC
Mon 27th	5.00pm	South Lincs club night	The Goat, Frognal, Cambs
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
JUNE			
Sat 1st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 2nd	10.00am	TRIUMPH DAY	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Mon 3rd	6.00pm	Milton Keynes club night	The Station, Woburn Sands
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 12h	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Sat 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 16th	9.30am	Ride to Unicornz and Riders	Long Sutton
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 22nd	09.30am	County Tour with Lunch Stop - P. Ollett	
Sun 23rd		Eastern area regional branch meeting	TBC
Sun 30th		Guest Member Rideout - ???????	
JULY			
Wed 3rd	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night - Bring your ANY MAKE Classic	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 10th	5.30pm	Peterborough club night	The Bull Newborough, Cambs
TBC		Essex Treffen Rally	TBC
Sun 14th	9.30am	Hickling Wharfe Café	Melton Mowbray, Leics
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club - CONCOURS	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 20th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 21st	10.00am	Founders Day (VMCC)	Stanford Hall, Leics
Wed 24th	7.30pm	Summer BBQ Night	The Crown Hardingstone
27th to 28th	TBC	Branch Camp out	Grendon Lakes
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
AUGUST			
Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 4th	08.00am	TOMCC Triumph Day - Sammy Miller Museum	New Milton. Hants
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 10th	10.00am	Silverball café - S. Leadbetter birthday ride out	Roysten, Herts
Wed 14th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar Park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
16th to 18th		South Lincs - TOMCC Rally Big Branch Bash	Greetham Ctr. Oakham
Sat 17th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Night - Meriden	The Crown Hardingstone
24th to 25th	TBC	Branch Camp out	Grendon Lakes
Sun 25th		Guest Member Rideout - ????????	
Mon 26th	10.30am	Rushden Classic Bike Festival	Tramshed Rushden
Sat 31st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough

SEPTEMBER			
Sun 1st	09.00am	Fish & Chip Run	Hunstanton, Norfolk
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
9th to 13th		Yorkshire Dales - Todber Valley Holiday Park	Clitheroe, Lancs
Wed 11th	09.30am	Ride to Hoar park classic meet	Nuneaton, Leics
Sat 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 22nd		Guest Member Rideout - ???????	
Sun 22nd		Eastern area regional branch meeting	
Fri 27th 24th	09.00am	McMillan Coffee Morning	Salford Village Hall, Beds
OCTOBER			
Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 5th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
11th to 14th		Skegfest	Golden Palm Resort Chapel St Leonards, Lincs
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 19th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 30th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
NOVEMBER			
Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 16th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 24th		Eastern area regional branch meeting	
DECEMBER			
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 14th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 18h	7.30pm	Club Night XMAS PARTY	The Crown Hardingstone

Notification of Northants TOMCC Branch, AGM, to be held at The Crown, Hardingstone, Wednesday 20th March 2024, 8pm start.

All branch members are welcome to attend, see attached Agenda and previous year AGM meeting minutes, together with the AGM guidance notes.

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PHILIP REMEMBERED

A DIGNIFIED TOMCC NORTHANTS SEND OFF



The 29th of January many TOMCC members gathered amongst the 44 other bikes of every type, vintage and modern, Triumph and others, to escort the motorcycle hearse, Philip's wife Rita and his family, on his final journey.

Rest in peace our friend from all at Northants TOMCC. We will always remember Philip as being a gentleman & a scholar.

**In the haze of our fumes, and the roar of our engines, you will be with us always.
Never forgotten.**

Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club Northants





CHILLY WILLY 10

BEHINDS THE SCENES AT THE 10TH CHILLY WILLY

“You are having a laugh” was our response, when in late 2013 Rich Moore suggested organising a January ride out to try and raise a bit of money for the Air Ambulance. Rich, however, was a persistent little bugger and convinced us it would be fun. Dave Webb, biker and owner of All Seasons agreed we could use the café as a start/finish point so a plan was hatched. We figured if we could get a few dozen bikes to turn up, we should raise a couple of hundred quid. On the 24th of January 2014 we were chuffed to bits when a grand total of 64 bikes set off from All Seasons Café at Billing. We headed out on a circuitous route to Grafham Water for refreshments before riding back to All Seasons. That first year we raised £400 for the Air Ambulance.

The Chilly Willy is born.



As the event has grown, so has the effort needed to organize the things that are needed to ensure the event runs smoothly and is safe for those attending. We now start planning around September and meet regularly to prepare for the event.

In recent years, managing to fit 500+ bikes into the carpark at Billing had become increasingly difficult. A number of issues had arisen, including increasing friction with some of the traders, new site owners and the loss of additional parking following the opening of Costa and Greggs across the road.

A chance meeting with the manager of the Waterside Café at Northampton Active gave us the potential to switch venues, but there were plenty of hoops to jump through to make it happen. Northampton Active is a charity and has trustees and has a number of users on site. It also presented us with a delicate situation as we had used the All Seasons, Now Sycamore, Café, as our base for the previous nine events (2021 didn't happen due to Covid). They had always been great hosts and we knew they were looking forward to the 2024 event. Several weeks later, an agreement to use the new site was agreed, we had spoken with Sycamore and we now had a new venue for the 2024 Chilly Willy. We could now start to plan properly.

We had used the same route since Chilly 2 and had introduced the figure of eight ride on main roads after we had to make last minute changes to the first event as there was ice and frost on the planned route.

Unfortunately, last year we had a couple of riders have oops moments at the top of Hardwater Road and the ride back along the A45 was becoming a bit of a ‘Willy Waver’ for some of our younger sports bike riders with the procession losing its form. The new venue gave us the ideal opportunity to review the route and make some amendments to ensure the safety of our less experienced riders and avoid the A45 dual carriageway.



The Organisers (AKA The Dirty Dozen)

Special thanks to Paul Nicholls (yellow hat)

Who worked his socks off to co-ordinate the whole thing.

The cheque shows the total raised on the day in 2023

With a new venue and a new route in place, all that was left to do was put it all together and get some bikers to brave the January cold. Emails, phone calls, posters and, new for this year, an Official Chilly Willy Facebook page with a QR code for our Just Giving page. We chat with the rugby club, rowing club and businesses close to Northampton Active, explain

what we are doing and discuss parking arrangements on the day and do our best to minimise disruption to people in the area. Paul and Dave do most of the printing, Tony makes the direction arrows and Pete acquires the cones (he works for a builders' merchant). We all have our roles and do our bit to help the event run as smoothly as possible.

We meet regularly (in a pub of course!) to ensure we are on course and everything is going to plan.

Most importantly, we need to make sure the Air Ambulance volunteers are on board as they control the collections and money raised. We just organize the event and get people to turn up.

Dave P is our spokesperson and does most of the press interviews and the riders' briefing before we set off. Next year, I will be joining him. We contact all the villages on route and many of the villagers come out to cheer us on our way. In a first for 2024, we got the Mayor of Olney on board so had Air Ambulance volunteers out with their collecting buckets in the town as we passed through. We hope this will continue in years to come.

Saturday afternoon we start to cone off parking areas and get the site ready for an influx of motorcycles.

Sunday morning, we arrive on site early and finish setting out cones, set out the signage and revisit our parking strategies to ensure we all know what we are doing (we don't!!!).



The new venue 8:30am

The calm before the storm



11.58am - Briefing completed, suited, booted and ready to run.

The plan was to park trikes and classics together and have them leave first, followed by the bikes in roughly the order they arrived. First in, first out. It almost worked, but feedback tells us that we didn't do too badly and the procession left in an orderly manner.

As always, I am Tail End Charlie. I bring up the rear and I am usually the last bike out and take the role of sweeper, stopping to check that any stationary bikes are OK and letting the corner marshals know they can stand down or move to their next post. I can report

that for two years running we have managed to have no-one run out of petrol.

825 bikes, many with pillion passengers (including Louis the Sidecar Dog), left the Waterside Café for the procession. Some riders continued on their way at the end of the procession, but many returned to Waterside to grab a brew and wait for the day's total to be announced - £6627 on the day.



Villagers along the route came out to cheer us on

Over six and a half thousand pounds raised on the day with more to come

Whilst the Air Ambulance volunteers count the amount raised on the day, we start the clean up operation. Cones collected and stacked, signs taken down and a carpark litter pick. And this is where it's our turn to thank you lot. Less than half a bag of rubbish collected after over a thousand people on site (We realised part way through the morning that we had a lack of bins around the place). So thank you. Bikers are awesome.

The final total for Chilly Willy 2024 including cash and online donations was **£8200.10**.



Since the first Chilly Willy in 2014 we have raised £35,958.83 for the Northampton and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

We are already planning next year's Chilly Willy and having taken your feedback into account, we are hoping it will be the best ever. Watch this space. Put the date in your diary, Sunday 12th January 2025. Come along and get breakfast even if you are not riding.

Thank you for your support.

Dave Grundy



TWINS & TRIPLES

PURE TRIUMPH LAUNCH THE NEW 900 ADVENTURE BIKES



The stars of the evening were set up side by side covered with black sheets awaiting the grand unveiling which was undertaken by an attractive TOMCC member and a slightly less attractive staff member of Pure Triumph. No fanfare unfortunately, but there they were all gleaming chrome and shiny paint, The Tiger 900 GT Pro and its twin brother Tiger 900 Rally Pro.



These 'twin brothers' share many components but it is clear that the 900 Rally Pro is designed to perform much more off road than the GT Pro. This is underlined perhaps by the tubeless spoked wheels (21" front – 17" rear), 45mm inverted style front forks with 240mm of travel and the rear suspension allowing 230 mm of travel and a rugged looking belly pan.

There is some adjustment of the saddle height varying between 860 – 880 mm on the Rally Pro and you need to be fairly long in the leg to mount it, even allowing that the displayed models had no luggage attached.

Having received my emailed invitation to the launch of the new Triumph 900 Adventure bikes scheduled to take place on 25th January 2024 it would have been rude to have turned it down. So it was that I made my way to Pure Triumph on Wellingborough's Embankment to view the spectacle.

The parking areas were packed with cars and bikes and when I entered the familiar showroom it was no great surprise to see so many of our branch of TOMCC there. In fact, it was so well attended that it could have been a club night being difficult to walk around without jostling others but naturally all good naturedly.

Some light refreshment was available with vegetable soup and bread rolls and never ones to miss an opportunity a raffle was in progress for the benefit of that most noble of causes the Air Ambulance.





adjustable rear suspension unit, the wheels are cast. The seat height is lower but also adjustable between 820 – 840 mm. It appears that the GT Pro maybe better suited to road touring than off road adventures.

The examples at the launch were finished in Carnival Red/Saphire Black for the GT Pro and Ash Grey/Orange for the Rally Pro. There are three options for colour finishes for each bike but with both bikes a £200 surcharge added to the price is applied for two of the paint options. As for the price the GP Pro will set you back £13,895 and the Rally Pro £14,495 and there are finance deals available with the spread over 36 months at a rather hefty representative APR of 9.5%.

Whichever model lights your lamp they are both good looking machines, real head turners you could say and I hope to have a test ride on the GT Pro sometime soon. I'll let you know how I get on.

Paul Ollett

The 'wet' weight is given as 219kgs which is equal to the BMW GS 900 so it is not a lightweight and its power output at 106.5 bhp at 9500 rpm also matches the German competitor (105 bhp at 8500 rpm).

Both of the new Triumphs come with a 20 litre tank and a claimed fuel consumption of around 60 mpg but for off road riding one could naturally expect the fuel usage to increase. However, for road use and considerate riding 260 miles on a tankful could be achievable.

Both bikes are powered with the liquid cooled 12 valve Double Overhead Camshaft engine of 900cc capacity mounted into a tubular steel trellis main frame with a bolt on aluminum sub frame.

For the 900 GT Pro there are significant variations with the suspension. For example, less travel on the front forks and only 170mm travel on the rear wheel from the Marzocchi electronic



THE ACCIDENTAL RACER

2024 RACE DATES AND PLANS

Greetings lovers of all things Triumph. I'm looking forward to another season of Drag Racing and Sprinting on my Street Triple 765RS.

Those of you that followed my exploits will know that last year I finished third in the ET Bike national drag racing championship, which means I have a new race number for 2024. My race number for 2024 will be **ETB 3**. The 3 denoting my championship position in 2023 and ETB referring to the ET Bike class. It is unlikely that this year I will contest any of the rounds of the Straightliners Championship or race at Melbourne.

I will also be completing a couple of sprints again at Hoghton Tower near Preston. I ran at this for the first-time last year and had a ball. Great event, great venue and a great atmosphere. This year I will enter two classes, B.E.A.R.S and up to 1000cc Modern Superbike.

Watch for updates throughout the year.

The bike will remain pretty much as it was last year mechanically, just a tweak to chain and sprockets, but look out for a new paint scheme. The bodywork is currently with WAC at Broughton and should be ready soon.

Santa Pod Championship dates are:-

Rounds

- Festival of Power 29th – 31st March
- Springspeed Nationals 27th – 28th April* *not competing at this event*
- Sportsman nationals 8th – 9th June
- Summer Nationals 29th – 30th June
- Greenlight Nationals 17th – 18th August
- National Finals 20th – 22nd September

Other events:

- Hoghton Tower Sprint 5th May
- Shelsley Walsh TOMCC 17th – 19th May* *Hillclimb demo runs*
- Pure Triumph Day 2nd June* *display only*
- Hoghton Tower Sprint 8th September
- Flame and Thunder. Santa Pod 26th October* *demo runs*

Follow me on Facebook "The Accidental Racer"

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Dave Grundy





Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Northants Branch of the Triumph Owners M.C.C. will take place on Wednesday 20th March at The Crown, Hardingstone. All members are asked to attend. The meeting will start at 8pm. Prompt.

Agenda

1. Chairman to open the meeting and take apologies.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising. From 46th March 15th 2023.
3. Executive Officers' Reports:
 - a) Secretary b) Treasurer c) Chairman
4. Election of Officers:
 - 4.1. ALL Committee members stand down for re-election.
 - 4.2. Are there any new proposals for becoming a committee member?
 - 4.2.1. Secretary, Webmaster, Proposed Tim Kitchen / Kirstie Lloyd.
 - 4.3. Are ALL remaining positions willing to stand again.?
 - a) Chairman b) Secretary c) Treasurer d) PRO e) Webmaster, f) Membership Secretary, g) Scribe (Nacelle), h) Newsletter Editor i) General Purpose Officers
5. Election of Branch Auditor
 - 5.1. Alan Price
6. Election of Branch Honorary Members

TBA
7. Presentation of Awards:
 - a) Triumph Trophy (for general attendance at a branch event by a full member)
 - b) Triumph Rider's Trophy (for attendance at a branch event by a full member on a Triumph)
 - c) Club Person of the Year
 - d) The Double Digit
8. Propositions (taken from the floor or, preferably, in writing in advance, submit to General Secretary.
9. Any Other Business

Les Barras

General Secretary



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone, Northants

Meeting Open

- The meeting opened at approximately 0750 pm with 33 members and 1 guests present.
- The Chairman Steve Rattley opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 46th AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and furthermore asked for the 2022 AGM minutes to be approved. He then followed the Agenda of the night.

Apologies

- Apologies were received from members.
- Dave Teden
- Paul Ollett

Both are long standing members in Australia on visiting families and thought it hard to get back and attend the meeting.

- Sally Sargent

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 Phil Tobutt.

Matters Arising.

- None, from the previous minutes of 2022.

Executive Officers' Reports

Secretary. Treasurer. Chairman.

- **Secretary Report;**

The Secretary Les Barras commented on the achievements of individuals and the efforts of the Chairman to continue to make the Branch as active as possible 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.

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

Les Barras (Myself) is Retiring from active roles in the Northants TOMCC after some 21 years on active duty and membership from 1986, to date that makes it 37 Years, hopefully I will make it to 50 Years.

Again we are looking for others to come on board to replace me, I will be in station for the next 12 months handing over my experiences and guidance.

General Secretary (Mark Lloyd), Webmaster 4 (Kirstie Watson) , Regalia (Paul Humphreys) post are up for grabs.

Thanks must go to our retiring Membership Secretary Ian Sargent, whom LB suggested an Honorary Membership should go to, but Sarge declined.

- **Treasurers' Report:**

Year-end 2022 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 2021	YE 2022
Metro Bank	£4568.34	£4761.81
Branch CASH	£42.20	£93.75
CHARITY CASH	£252.50	£171.50
BADGES STOCK	£92.30	£81.90

Our branch membership income from the National Club remained strong and our branch expenditure continues to remain modest, with highest income and costs attributed to: -

INCOME	
National Club Subscriptions	£716.60
Football Card Cash	£300.00
EXPENDITURE	
Triumph Day Costs	£288.00
Xmas Party	£200.00
Internet – printing - admin	£139.90
AGM-Bike Show Trophies / Engraving -	£126.24
Founders Day Branch Stand	£80.00

Our club night “football cards” has continued to prove successful and allows part of the proceeds for the collection of donations for our Branch Charity-The Air ambulance Service. Members and the charity dinner grand raffle, provided for additional donations. At the 2022 branch charity dinner we provided a **donation for the sum of £501.30** BIG THANK YOU to you all.

As we proceed through 2023, it remains the intention of the branch committee to continue to manage our finances prudently and to continue to focus our expenditure for those activities that provide benefit to the branch membership.

However, as we continue to ramp up, our branch activities and events we do forecast a modest increase in spending for this year.

Robert (Bob) Swann- Branch Treasurer 2022-2023

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

Chairman's Report: -

Welcome to the Northants TOMCC 46th AGM 15th March 2023 at The Crown Pub, Hardingstone

The last Year has been a GREAT Year than previous, we have done quite well thanks to several members who have put pictures and comments on our Facebook page and Paul Humphreys who have organized alternative ride out's and Gala Events to Wales and Skegness, and Kirstie Watson and Mark Lloyd for reports in vibrations and John Richards (Henry) for the Nacelle mag have all helped to keep our branch maintain a good presence. Thank you to Tim Kitchen for a good effort being put into the T120 2023 Event. Thanks also go to our GPO's Phil Tobutt and Steve Patenall. Thank you all for your sterling efforts.

We must not forget Neville Colvin our Auditor for the last few years, who is retiring from the post due to illness, we wish him well and speedy recovery, the post is taken by Alan Price, who joins the Northants committee.

We are going to The Big Branch Bash again. Breakfast meets, seaside visits all part of club activities. Thanks also went to Pure Triumph Wellingborough, & Kevin Lington & Staff for there continuing support.

Thanking you all

Steve Rattley, Chairman Northants TOMCC 2022-2023

Election of Officers:

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- This year we loose Ian Sargent retiring and Neville Colvin retiring
- The Secretary (Les Barras) offered his retirement this year and will be ending 2024 or before should the post see a volunteer take on the role The Branch Chairman opened the Election

Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded
Chairman	Steve Rattley	Les Barras	Bob Swann
Secretary	Les Barras - OPEN	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
Treasurer	Bob Swann	Les Barras	Steve Rattley
Membership Secretary	Bob Swann	Steve Rattley	Les Barras
Scribe (Nacelle)	Henry (John Richards)	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
Scribe (Vibrations)	Kirstie Watson & Mark Lloyd	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
GPO	Paul Humphreys	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
GPO	Phil Tobutt	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
GPO	Steve Patenell	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
GPO	Tim Kitchen	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
GPO	Mark Lloyd	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
Auditor	Alan Price	Bob Swann	Paul Humphreys

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

This year we welcome 3 new faces come into the Branch committee Tim Kitchen, GPO, Mark Lloyd, GPO, and Alan Price GPO, Auditor.

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	Seconded
(1) Triumph Trophy	Bob Swann	By record of Attendance	
(2) Triumph Navigator *	Rickie Anne Gee / Sue North	By record of Attendance	
(3) Triumph Rider's	Bob Swann	By record of Attendance	
(4) Club person of the year **	Kirstie Watson	By show of hands unanimous	
(5) Double Digit ***	Bob Swann		
(6) Honorary Member	Ian Sargent	Declined	

* Navigator Trophy. You will note Rickie Anne Gee and Sue North are nominated as the Navigator Trophy Joint Winners; this is because of a technical error recorded on the associates list. Sue North was named as Susan Dent. Steve Patenall made Les Barras aware of this, and an executive committee decision has been made. Both Ladies are named as joint winners.

** Club Person of the Year - This year we had Ian Sargent, Bob Swann, Kirstie Watson, Tim Kitchen and Paul Humphreys in for the Club Person of the Year. We are pleased to say Miss Kirstie Watson has taken the Trophy for her outstanding transformation of the Branch magazine – Vibrations – Well Done young Lady.

*** Cock Up Award Double Digit - Bob Swann is holding the `double Digit for filling his tank with diesel not once but twice.

Well done to all the worthy winners.

Any Other Business:

Proposal No1

- Constitution. Northants TOMCC be adopted.

Branch Constitution now written and has been issued out to Committee. A full update to REV 2 is published in February 2023 for ALL members to review and copies were handed out before the AGM 2023 in March 2023. By a majority of votes, show off hands on the night, the proposal was carried and will be adopted.

- Visits to Swann still on the 5th Wednesday 2023

- Mid Week runs and weekend rides are now known as The Sunday 100
- With the retiring of Sarge from Membership Secretary, who is going to become the archivist for the Northants Branch. LB has taken some documents from Sarge.
- Sarge brought to the notice of the meeting members; the membership figures are at an all time high with 171 full members and 9 associates.
- Their being no other business the Meeting closed at 21:16 pm.

Les Barras (Retiring) Secretary Northants TOMCC 2023-2024

Next committee meeting on – Monday 24th April 2023 at The Crown Pub Hardingstone. Northampton

AGM GUIDELINES

8. General Meetings:

- a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the committee. Normally this would be at the Branch's club room sometime in March.
- b) Branch members shall be given 28 days' notice of the impending meeting.
- c) The meeting shall be held under the jurisdiction of the retiring Chairman.
- d) A minimum of ten Branch members must be present.
- e) Only Branch members may vote.
- f) Voting will be carried by a simple majority.
- g) In the event of voting being non-decisive, the Branch Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- h) The AGM shall be held for the following purposes:
 - (i) To elect a new Branch committee (all nominations must be proposed and seconded, and have the nominee's approval).
 - (ii) To consider the Branch executive's reports.
 - (iii) To consider any Branch member's proposals (all proposals must have a proposer and seconder).
 - (iv) To consider any such business as the committee may bring before the meeting.
 - (v) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the committee; or by any member of the Branch provided that he/she can furnish the General Secretary with a written proposal and a minimum of five signatures from Branch members supporting that proposal.
- j) The General Secretary shall call an EGM within 28 days of receiving any such proposal.
- k) Rules of quorum and voting shall be the same as that of an AGM.
- l) Only tabled proposals may be discussed at an EGM.



**Triumph Owners M.C.C.
Northants Branch**



INVITATION

Annual CHARITY Party

--Les Barras Retirement--

Would love to see Old & New Friends

Saturday March 9th 2024 18:30pm

**Overstone Manor
Ecton Lane, Sywell
Northampton
NN6 0BB**

Carvery (only)

DISCO - Party Atmosphere – Prize Raffle

In Aid of the Air Ambulance

Derby - Leicester

Warwick & Northants Air Ambulance

BOOK YOUR RESERVATION TO ME

leslie.barras@btinternet.com 07789518100 --- 01604 830177

To book your place at this special do, see you there



TRIUMPH OWNERS' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Triumph Day at the National Motorcycle Museum

On 27th April 2024. We're thrilled to announce an exclusive event at the NMM, in collaboration with TOMCC. And guess what? The legendary Norman Hyde will grace us with his presence and give a talk on Triumph Experimental's Racing Secrets. Open to all Triumph enthusiasts to ride in, park up, and chat to other like minded bikers.

The venue will be open from 10.30 until 4.30pm and will include a presentation/ talk by TOMCC Patron Norman Hyde commencing at 1.30pm.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day in the museum.

[More Information](#)



On the 22nd September 2024, from 10pm to 4:30pm at Lacon Childe School, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8PE. The organisers this year have kindly decided to make this a Triumph themed show as part of TOMCC's 75th year celebrations. This is one of the friendliest shows and the bike park alone is always worth a visit. Could anyone wishing to display their bike for the day please contact Ken Talbot (chairman@tomcc.org) or phone 01782 398275.

[More Information](#)

Visit us at: www.tomcc.org

TOMCC 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

SHELSLEY WALSH MAY 17TH-19 2024

Our branch is attending this international event TOMCC 75th for the weekend, 9 members have already booked their place to display their bikes. Members can book in advance to demonstrate your bike for FREE up the famous hill climb track, by emailing the Nacelle editor at editor@tomcc.org

If you like to stay for the weekend, there is FREE camping for tents, vans, campervans and motorhomes. On site food, bars, and live music on Saturday night or just visit for the day. The branch will discount pre-booked tickets by 50% from the entry price of £35, you will receive a commemorative program and badge of the event. There are plenty of places to stay in the area, more details of the event can be found in issues of Nacelle. We have now 7 bikes booked for a demonstration ride up the hill, you get one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Machine displays will be taking place in the covered paddock, there will be trophies to win. Categories will include:-

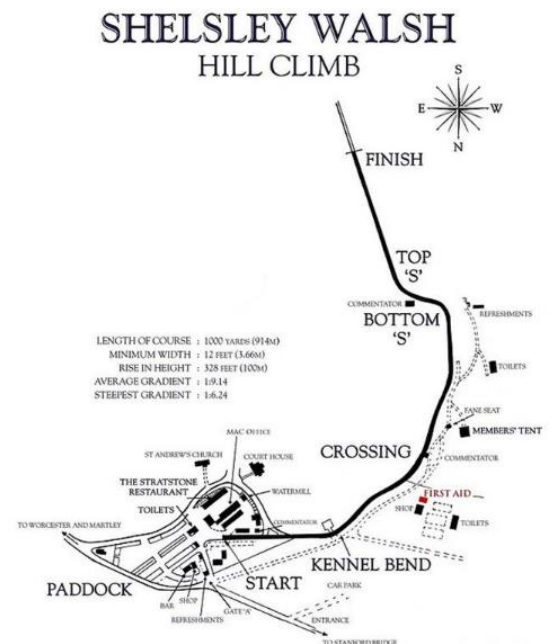
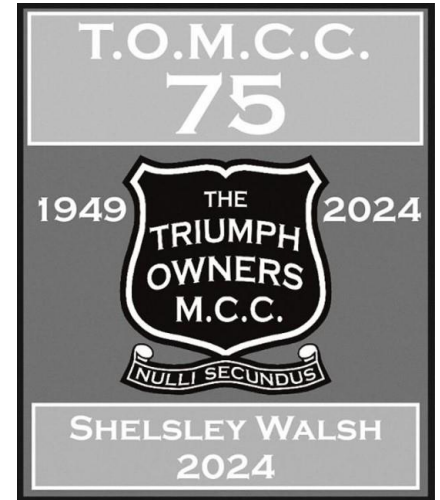


- Best Pre-1949
- Best 1950s machine
- Best 1960s machine
- Best 1970s machine
- Best 1980s machine
- Best 1990s machine
- Best 2000s machine
- Best 2010 onwards machine
- There will also be a trophy awarded for the Best Branch display.

This is the big one in the TOMCC History, a taste of what to see, have a look at this on YouTube [Shelsley Walsh Bike Bonanza 2023 Part 1](#)

Henry

Events Coordinator



MORE FUN FOR 2024

The Mayor of Huntingdon's Community Charity Event

Free Entry!

Scooter and Motorcycle show

10.00am to 2.00pm on the Market Square



PLUS

an **Auction** with **Amazing** prizes!

in the Town Hall Assembly Room from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Due to limited space please confirm your attendance
with the Mayor's secretary on 01480 411883.

and.....

**Top UK DJ playing live from 11.00am
on the Market Square.**

Saturday 23rd March 2024 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

For further information contact the Mayor at the Town Hall

All funds raised will go to support the Mayor's charities

THE MAYOR OF HUNTINGDON'S COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT – SCOOTER & MOTORCYCLE SHOW 2024

Here's another local event that you may enjoy as the spring sunshine starts to make an appearance in March.

DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE 2024

Pop it in your calendar now, and start tapping up your sponsors, it's time to start thinking about what you're going to wear for the Distinguished Gentleman's ride 2024. Will it be tweed, where's your waistcoat got to and how long will it take to perfect your classic tash.



SKEFEST 11TH – 14TH OCTOBER 2024

And don't forget to put dates in the diary for next year's Skegfest. Enjoy sunny 'Skeg Vegas' what more could you ask for but fish and chips by the seaside, pleasant company and plenty of enjoyable bike routes.

Skegfest 2024



TOMCC TRIUMPH DAY

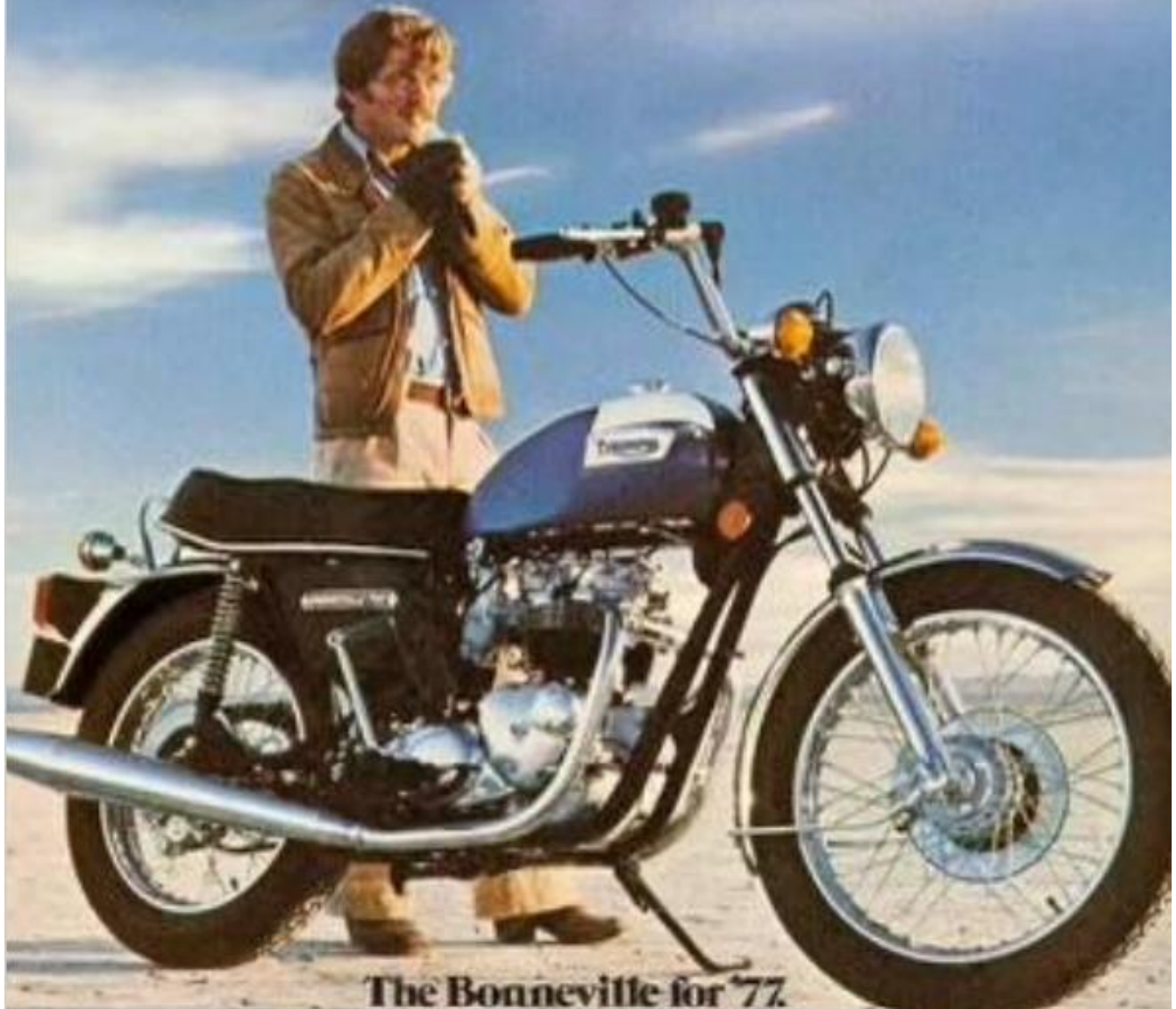
PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH - JUNE 2ND 2024

The 1937 Speed Twin introduced a long line of world-famous parallel twin motorcycles. And now...

TOMCC Triumph Day

2nd June 2024 10am-2pm

Pure Triumph
Wellingborough



The Bonneville for '77

NORTHANTS TOMCC SUMMER CAMP

GRENDON LAKES 26TH – 28TH JULY

The first Northants Summer camp will be held at Grendon Lakes 26th to 28th July.

Admission from 12 noon 26th depart by noon 28th only £15 per pitch to cover costs.

4 electric hook up points room for a limited amount of caravans and campers plenty room for tents, 24hr toilets and showers clubhouse on site for hot drinks and bar. BBQs and small fires allowed raised off grass. Small local bike run on Saturday. Bring your own food for the BBQ and drinks. Open to all members and families, fun and games beer and banter.

Should be a good event.

Steve



TOMCC YORK DALES

YORKSHIRE DALES TRIP 9TH – 13TH SEPTEMBER

Book now as space is limited for this 4 night stay at Todber Valley Holiday Park, in one their self- catered caravans prices start from £208.

Tucked away in the Ribble Valley near Gisburn, Todber Valley is a perfect base for exploring locations such as the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. We're located in the heart of walking country – a perfect base close to historic towns such as Skipton and Harrogate.

Facilities on site are The Steamer Inn bar and restaurant with its beer garden, and offering takeaways, a convenience shop and launderette. Guided ride each day depending on the weather, to places like Tan Hill Inn, Masham is home of the Theakston and Black Cat Breweries, Hawes and the Wensleydale Creamery Visitors Centre for some cheese of course. Grassington where the TV series All Creatures Great and Small is filmed, if you are interested in social history the is Ripon that has a small cathedral, the old police station and cells, the old courthouse and the Victorian workhouse. Spectacular view of rolling hills, waterfalls, and time just to take pictures of the Dales, always open to suggestions for a destination, so come and join the fun on your Triumph.



Henry

Events Coordinator



TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC CHALLENGE

ANY EXCUSE FOR A NICE RIDE



Following on from the success of the previous year's TOMCC GREASY FRY UP challenge we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2024 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 **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**.

For example – the **T** from **TRIUMPH** could be a picture at **TOWCESTER**.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 16 Photographs for each letter of **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC**, 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 2024 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 **TRIUMPH OWNERS MCC** Challenge will be awarded a certificate of achievement.

Any questions please ask any of your Branch Committee

Steve





NORTHANTS BRANCH INFO



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Any queries about membership or other matters you can reach us via northantstomccmembership@btinternet.com

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.

HAVE YOU EVER

Have you ever decided that that noise really is the big ends?

Have you ever been please that you got it going but sold it quick anyway?

Have you ever bought an old bike that had been rebuild with hammer, chisel and a hilman minx manual?

Have you ever had to give in and decide it's too fast and too heavy?

Have you ever thought that BSAs were better?

Have you ever had to call the AA out during a TOMCC ride out?



Tim

