



VIBRATIONS

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CELEBRATING RETIREMENT

LES CELEBRATED HIS RETIREMENT AT THE ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

We said our formal farewell to Les Barras at the annual charity dinner at the Overstone Manor. We hope he'll still join us at Northants TOMCC events to catchup with old friends without all of the responsibilities of the club secretary.

Now that the weather is picking up the events list is starting to get busier. 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 this week on Wed 20th of March, at 8pm at The Crown, Hardingstone. 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 retiring 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.

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our recent new members

Paul Scammell - Rushden

Nicola Turner – Great Oxendon

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

MARCH			
Sat 16th	10.00am	Breakfast meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Branch AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 24th	1.00pm	Mega-Meet - Eastern Area regional branch meeting Ride-out to be shared via Facebook	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, 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
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 12th	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	1.00pm	Mega-Meet, Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
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	1.00pm	Mega-Meet Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
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	1.00pm	Mega-Meet Eastern area regional branch meeting	Ferneley's Dairy Cafe, Melton Mowbray
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

IMPORTANT REMINDER NORTHANTS TOMCC Branch, AGM 2024

To be held at The Crown, Hardingstone, **Wednesday 20th March 2024, 8pm start.**

All branch members are welcome to attend. Please submit any additional propositions and/or agenda items, prior to the meeting, by email to the Branch Secretary -

leslie.barras@btinternet.com

PLUS DON'T FORGET.....

TOMCC MEGAMEET



**Ferneley's Cafe, LE142XJ
Sunday 24th March**

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Conveniently placed rear brake pedal.



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POWER UNIT.—Engine: 5.40 h.p. Triumph, single cylinder, 84 x 99 m.m. bore and stroke, capacity 548.5 c.c., side by side valves, adjustable tappets, decompressor (Patent No. 281104) and exhaust lifter, aluminium piston, full floating gudgeon pin, roller bearing big end with pressure oil feed. Semi-dry sump lubrication, integral spur gear delivery and scavenging oil pumps, oil feed indicator and regulator, oil mist feed to primary and magneto chains.

Silencer: Single pipe 1 1/2 in. dia., 35 in. long, leading into large size expansion chamber, fishtail outlet, tubular baffles, easily detachable for cleaning.

Carburettor: Amal, adjustable throttle and air slides, device for starting and slow running.

Ignition: High tension magneto, variable control.

TRANSMISSION.—Chains: Front, 3/4 in. pitch x .305 in. wide; rear, 3/4 in. pitch x .378 in. wide. Cover to front chain, guard to rear chain. Shock absorber in rear wheel. Front and magneto chains lubricated by engine breather and rear chain lubricated by oil tank release pipe.

Clutch: Hand controlled, ball thrust operation, dry multi-friction disc type with three springs.

Gearbox: Three speeds, hand controlled gear operating mechanism, with quadrant location on frame giving definite middle gear position. Combined oil filler and oil level. Main and layshaft supported on roller bearings. Enclosed kickstarter mechanism. (Patent Nos. 237461, 249972, 243851.)

Standard Ratios: Solo, 4.56; 7.38; 12.70. Comb., 5.46; 8.86; 15.22. Close gear ratios can be supplied if required.

FRAME.—Cradle shape, straight tubular type, incorporated sidcar lugs, low saddle position. Complete loop formed by extended base stays, straight triangulated top and bottom struts.

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Footrests: Adjustable, detachable foot pads.

Rear Stand: Spring-up type, fitted with anti-rattle device.

Carrier: Sturdy steel construction, well forward.

Tanks: Petrol tank extra strong, welded steel construction, saddle pattern, capacity 2 1/2 gallons. Oil tank, welded steel construction, separately attached to seat tube, oil return sight feed, capacity 3 1/2 pints. Quick release filler caps.

STEERING.—Forks: Triumph pattern, single tension spring, bridged links, independent girder construction, fitted with steering damper, stabiliser, lock and depression stops. Lamp attachment to fork crown.

Handlebar: Registered design, No. 748756. Adjustable sports pattern, 1 in. dia., ignition and throttle twist-grips, integral levers, enclosed cables. (Prov. Patent Nos. 29302 and 29303.)

Front Stand: Light tubular construction.

WHEELS.—Tyres: Dunlop, 26 in. x 3.25 in., wired type. Mudguards: Domed section, 6 in. wide.

Brakes: Front and rear internal expanding double pivot shoe type, with special tangential brake anchorages to relieve stresses on front girder tube and back stays.

Hubs: Taper roller bearings, large diameter spindles, locked adjuster nuts.

FITTINGS.—Saddle, spring seat, with nose fitting into rear of tank. Pannier bags. Tool roll with complete kit of tools. Tyre inflator. Oil pressure gun. Knee-grips.

FINISH.—Frame coat-lacquered and enamelled in black. Rims, hubs, and spokes enamelled black with gold lines to rims. Chromium plating. Tank distinctively panelled. Alternative tank colour schemes are available at an extra cost, see page 19.

For extras and particulars of the Triumph "Pay-as-you-ride" plan, see page 19.

(For Great Britain and Northern Ireland):

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The primary drive side of the 5.40 h.p. Model C.S.D. with electric lamps



I always wanted a vintage bike, and finally the opportunity arose to buy one as a retirement toy. A real beauty of a Triumph CSD 550cc side valve single with a whopping 5 1/2 HP of 1930 vintage. It also has the new Lucas dynamo lighting set and electric horn.

The options were no lights or speedo; acetylene lights and rubber bulb horn no speedo; or dynamo lights electric horn still no speedo. Speedometers were not compulsory until 1937.

I bought it off a mate, who bought it 9 years ago from a Bonhams auction of a private estate collection. It had sat idle since the 70s so needed a bit of work: tyres, cables wheel bearings etc. The carb and mag were beyond help so Amal carbs built a brand new one and an uprated mag/dynamo was fitted at great expense. The cush drive in the rear wheel was replaced which we found out were Royal Enfield units that Triumph used back then.





It also has the Triumph patented clean handlebars fitted which not many CSD's have still fitted. It seems to have all its correct parts still on it. Rear wheel had some spokes replaced by local man Dick Waldren who coincidentally is the same age as the bike (94).

I have fitted a GPS bicycle speedo and mirror which makes it a lot better to ride and next job will be to have the brake shoes relined with woven linings to improve braking.

I can honestly say the first time I rode it was frightening and the brakes are useless, but with practice it's improved.

If you're interested in owning a piece of motorbiking history why not investigate going vintage

Steve



TEST RIDES & TIGERS

TRIUMPH TIGER GT PRO 900



First thing to say is that I am by no means an expert on Triumph bikes but in my time, I have ridden a few of all marques. Some may have read my recent article in 'Vibrations' regarding the launch of the latest, redefined Tiger Adventure Pro 900 at the end of which I said I had been offered a test ride by Nic Green at Pure Triumph. So it was that on a dry, breezy Wednesday afternoon that I took a bike out for a spin lasting about two hours.

Nic explained the controls to me of which there are quite a few and the TFL screen that displays all the options of which there are a goodly number. After this briefing and with the triple all fired up and 'bubbling' beneath me I set off into the traffic of Wellingborough.

The bike felt nicely balanced from the start and handled easily. The six-speed gearbox with unexpected 'slip shift' gear change up and down the box functioned well and met my aspirations particularly when changing down. I had the engine settings for normal riding rather than the sport mode and even so the motor gave a lively response with acceleration that would get you out of trouble if the need arose. This Tiger has sharp claws! Likewise, the traction control and suspension settings were all set for dry on-road conditions.

Leaving the town traffic behind I took to a country lane knowing I could find a few fast but quite tight bends and the bike was nimble and surefooted, in fact a delight to ride as it purred merrily along into the next village before I turned off heading for a blast down the A14. Heavy traffic here to start with and performing lorries demonstrating that one was 0.5mph faster than the other! How I hate this lack of consideration by the 'professionals'.

Soon enough I had lane 2 to myself and was travelling along at the national speed limit with the cruise control set and all I had to do was keep an eye in the mirrors and aim the machine. The rear view was excellent in the large rectangular mirrors





and I was sure to see any mad brains racing up behind me. The TFL display shows the electronic tachometer in the normal circular dial with the speed displayed in digital form in the centre of the circle. Although the bike has only a small 'fly screen' it was comfortable and not affected by the rather blustery wind conditions.

The many and varied riding and information settings are changed by depressing the 'mode' button with the right thumb and operating the small 'joystick' (below the indicators switch) with the left thumb. Quite a fiddly operation especially with winter gloves and not recommended with the bike in motion. The selected settings are displayed on the TFL along with the time and air temperature.

Then a bit more on country lanes, passing through villages with several good bends, the bike dealt with the potholes in our roads like a true off roader, a tribute to the suspension if one was needed and then it was back to Wellingborough and Pure Triumph with a grin on my face.

It is always difficult when riding a different machine not to make comparisons with what one usually rides. It was no different for me this time and there were a few things I did not like, whilst hoping not to sound too negative. The seat although it is heated and no doubt very robust was quite hard and I did not think it would be comfortable for me on a long run. The controls for the left hand I found to be quite cluttered and possibly awkward to manipulate in winter gloves. The seat at its lowest setting requires quite a long leg to swing over it when climbing aboard and climbing on the pegs first appears to be an option.

Overall, it is a sound machine and reasonably priced with all the whistles and bells included except the red colour scheme which is a £200 extra.

Paul Ollett



ANNUAL CHARITY PARTY

NORTHANTS TOMCC ANNUAL MEAL & RETIREMENT FOR LES BARRAS



The 9th of March saw the hordes of Northants TOMCC branch members gathering at Overstone Manor to celebrate another year, but more importantly to celebrate the retirement of club secretary Les Barras.

The food was plentiful and tasty, as we all enjoyed the well-priced carvery. The room was buzzing as old friends and new chatted and joked with each other.

During the evening the members participated in a charity raffle, with a great selection of prizes. Thanks to all for your generous donations, and particular thanks to Kevin and Pure Triumph Wellingborough. During the evening, we raised an additional £335-00 to add to the existing collection. As a result, Les was able to handover a cheque for a grand total of £555-10p. After the event this increased to a final charitable donation to the Air Ambulance of £633.84. This is the largest donation to date since records began in 2010.



This sum was in addition to the sum raised at the Pure Triumph-Northants Branch Triumph Day last Summer, which was allocated to Pure Triumph as the Host. Believed to be around £250.

Steve Rattley offered all of our thanks to Les for his enthusiasm, devotion, dedication and hard work put in over the years. He noted that Les has been a key member for a long time and gave thanks for friendship and help and support in the running of the club and assisting in growing it to the level we now are. We all agree that Les' retirement is going to leave a massive hole that will take some replacing.

Kirstie





Les we wish you all the best for all of your endeavors and enjoy some free time following your retirement. You'll be missed by all at Northants TOMCC



VISITED MOTORCYCLE LIVE NEC

ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL AND A FEW WEIRD & WONDERFUL



Rally Pro 900's were there along with a smart Thruxton finished in green.

The stand was very busy and a queue developed at a machine where we were invited to 'spin' a disc to win a prize and I actually won a pair of ear plugs. Seemingly Triumph's generosity knows no bounds.

The National Motorcycle Museum occupied a large area with four separate enclosures displaying groups of bikes through the ages. An original Triumph from 1902 with a Belgian Minerva engine rated at 2.25 horse power in showroom condition leading up through the years to the Bonneville built in 1959. Many other traditional marks were displayed through what might be thought of as the 'Golden Years' of motorcycling,



he recorded two wins at Donington Park in support races for the British round of Moto GP.

A replica of Steve McQueen's mount from the 1963 film the Great Escape (there must be several of these) was on display. On this occasion the bike used had started life in 1961 as a T110 although the original used by McQueen was a TR6 of 1963 painted olive drab.

Having visited Motorcycle Live at the NEC in November I must confess that the MCN London Motorcycle Show (16th – 9th February) was not on my Radar and it was only upon the insistence of my grandson Sam that I decided to visit Excel London on the Saturday to experience the delights on display with him.

I pre-paid the £25 charge, parked my car in the multi-storey car park attached to the exhibition hall and found Sam nearby. I have to say that although the show was smaller than its Birmingham counterpart there was a lot that was of interest to hold our attention for the day.

The Triumph stand was very busy with machines from across the range including the nimble new 250cc off roader aimed at a specific market, but others including the Rocket III GT if you are particularly well heeled and can afford the £23,595 price tag. The recently launched Tiger GP & Tiger



Bonhams, the classic vehicle auctioneers were promoting their business and a forthcoming sale at The Shuttleworth collection. On display was a 'one off' Guinness world record holder the 2003 Whitelock 4.2 litre 48 cylinder 'Tinker Toy'. It has the most cylinders of any motorcycle engine constructed from 16No Kawasaki KH250 3-cylinder engines and estimated to be worth between £40,000 & £60,000.

Machines ridden by the late and great Barry Sheene bearing the famous crossed 7, perhaps the most famous of these being Suzuki RG500 – XR22A from 1978. The fairing on the bike had 'winglets' to improve stability, helping to keep the weight forward and the front wheel planted on the track. Years after his Suzuki days Sheene returned to the track in 2002 to compete in races on a Fred Warmsley built classic replica of a Manx Norton, also displayed on which



An Enduro course was set up in the middle of the arena and the riders raced firstly against the clock and again in pairs over a collection of obstacles at crazy speeds sometimes dropping their bikes or clattering into each other but fortunately no damage to either bikes or riders.

In a class of its own an ABC Innengine concept bike built by ABC Motorcycles in conjunction with Spanish Innengine based around its e-REX 1stroke with a capacity of 700cc and 8 pistons. This literally revolutionary engine produces 120hp but weighs only 38 kgs around 70% less than a conventional engine of this rating.

Henry Cole had a stand with some of his buddies including Allan Millyard, the talented and partly self-taught engineer. Millyard gave a presentation on how he had built a replica of Mike Hailwood's 6-cylinder Honda RC374.

I have heard Allan Millyard described as a Maestro and that is pretty close to the truth as far as I am concerned. He described how he had taken two Honda 4-cylinder engines and using a hand hacksaw had cut one cylinder off from the end of each block and 'married' the remains of the two blocks together to form the basis of his 6-cylinder engine. His illustrated talk took us through the manufacture of all components, even the fuel tank made from sheet aluminium including manufacture of the fuel filler cap.



John Parrish, former team mate to Barry Sheene and pundit for nearly all things motorcycle conducted the interview with Allan Millyard which culminated with ear plugs being handed out and the bike being fired up. I can tell you that if you haven't heard it the noise is deafening.

Charley Boorman had a stand presenting his travel company Adventure Basecamp sponsored by Ducati's DRE Adventure Academy. When I was there, I saw no sign of Charley but I was minded to listen to a fascinating biography from a young Pakistani girl named Guliafshan Tariq who had a desire to break away from the restrictions placed upon her by her family and travel the world on a motorcycle.

This is one courageous woman who had met and married her husband on her travels and has since had a child of their own. Her mission is to educate women to reach their potential even in the repressive environments of the middle East, including exploring the Taliban held regions. She is a trail blazer and an inspiration earning recognition from governments and I was in awe of her achievements.

We didn't see everything by quite a long chalk but Sam and I agreed that it had been a worth while day having spent five fascinating hours at the show

Paul Ollett



MEGA-MEET

MIDLANDS TOMCC GROUPS MEET

This is the first of the new quarterly meets commencing at 1pm at venue below. These have been organised so you can meet and mingle with fellow branch members, make new friends from the Eastern area region and grow relationships between branches share rideouts and events and give you all a better and bigger TOMCC experience. Food available with a discounted bap and a drink deal followed by some glorious ice cream. We will do a rideout there for those who are interested . Branches involved at present are Northants, South Lincs Leicester, Nottingham, Peterborough, and MK.

TOMCC MEGAMEETS

***Multi Branch meetings
on the
24th March, 23rd June,
22nd September and
24th November from
1pm at***



FERNELEY'S

***Whissendine Road, Melton Mowbary
LE142XJ***



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:-

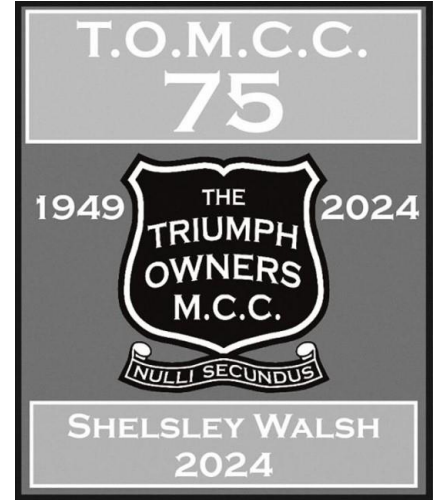


- Best Pre-1949
- Best 1950s machine
- Best 1960s machine
- Best 1970s machine
- Best 1980s machine
- Best 1990s machine
- Best 2000s machine
- Best 2010 onwards machine
- There will also be a trophy awarded for the Best Branch display.

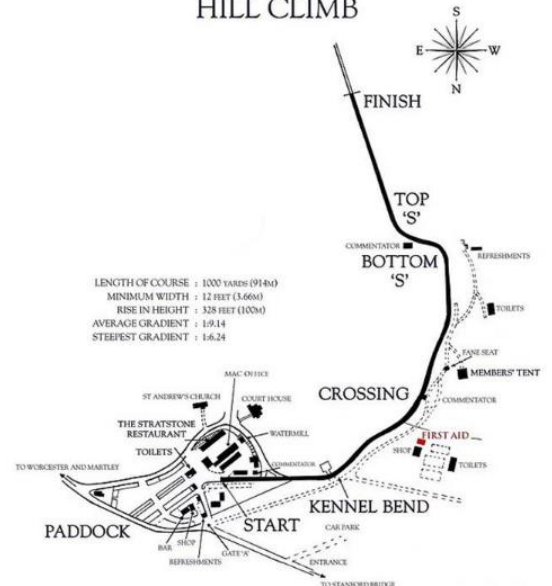
This is the big one in the TOMCC History, a taste of what to see, have a look at this on YouTube Shelsley Walsh Bike Bonanza 2023 Part 1

Henry

Events Coordinator



SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB



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



11th-14th October

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



NORTHANTS 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 **Alan Price** at one of our club nights. Your selection should then be ready for collection at the next club night.

HAVE YOU EVER

Filled your bike with diesel?

Once again the winner of the double digit is due to miss fueling. I hope the bike has recovered and you're back on two wheels now Mick

Kirstie

