



VIBRATIONS

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Northants TOMCC joined with other TOMCC branches to celebrate the 75th anniversary at the classic hill run at Shelsley Walsh

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TOMCC members joined with the Yorvik branch for their annual rally

TOMCC SUMMER CAMP OUT

The first summer camp out for TOMCC Northants took place at Grendon Lakes. Fun in the sun for all, and my first game of bike poker



TRIUMPH DAY 2024

TOMCC NORTHANTS & PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH HOSTED TRIUMPH DAY

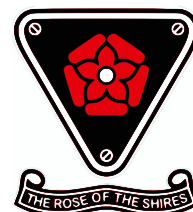
June saw a truly triumphant Triumph Day with hundreds of visitors to our annual event, enjoying the food and drink and all things bikes in the sunshine.

I'd like to apologies to you all for the delay in this edition of Vibrations. June and July seemed to be so full of events with our Wales trip, the Adventure Bike Riders Festival, our adventure across Europe to Croatia via 9 countries and the TOMCC camp out at Grendon I struggled to find time to get an edition out. On the positive side we have loads of material for the next edition. Back to normal for next month.

Thank you so much for your contributions to this edition. Now that we are in the midst of summer 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

Ken Jeffs – Grendon
Dave Robertson - Northampton
Deborah Prigmore - Great Doddington
Tom Westley - Northampton

Philip Knight – Towcester
Bev Tobutt – Great Doddington
Kelly Fox - Woodford

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

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
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 – Phil Tobutt	Old Warden Café, Beds
Sat 31st	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough

SEPTEMBER

Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
9th to 13th		Yorkshire Dales - Todber Valley Holiday Park	Clitheroe, Lancs
Sat 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 22nd		Guest Member Rideout – Tim Kitchen	
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

BIG BRANCH BASH 2024

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, LE15 7NG ON 16-18TH AUGUST

TOMCC branches from across the country will be making their way to Greetham in Rutland to join South Lincs in their fabulous annual event, the Big Branch Bash.

The event see's dozens of branches coming together to camp out, ride out and make merry. There is live music on both Friday and Saturday night, and if previous years are anything to go by the Northants members will be making good use of the dance floor to strut their stuff.

Food and drink are plentiful and good value.

On Saturday there is a group ride out to the Newark Air Museum. Over 100 riders joined the ride out last year.

On Saturday evening there is the much-awaited awards. Last year Northants took two of the 7 awards, Toby for 'Best Naked' and Linda for 'Best in Show' which was an awesome result. So don't forget your cleaning kit, we have honour to uphold!

If you haven't already got your wristband speak to Bob ASAP and join us at this brilliant event.

Kirstie



TOMCC 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT



SHELSLEY WALSH MAY 17TH-19 2024

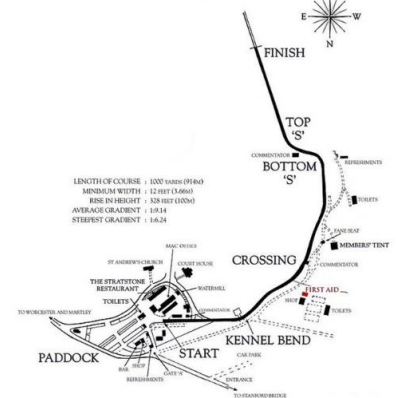
The build up to the 75th Anniversary at Shelsley Walsh was for the best Triumph party ever, it was going to be a ball. The final few miles driving down the steep narrow tight bend tarmac farm lane, that runs past the fields and the hill climb would have been great on a bike, but with a fully loaded motorhome with my bike on the trailer there were a few scary moments I can tell you. The view of them there Malvern hill looked amazing, our field in the valley with tree topped hills all around us. The lush long green grass just nice for the campers to bed down on, and easy getting the tent pegs in. I did hear that this field was flooded only days before our arrival, some camped with the vans that were our basecamp for the weekend.

Some riders did miss our flag that was high about the hedge on the right, they saw a red gazebo on the right thinking it was ours and headed for that. Into the camping field with all that noise, and the groups of riders from many countries, like Italy, Germany, France, The Netherlands, even some from Sweden.

We got set up, and then rushed over, with our bikes, to bag a good spot in the paddock for our branch display. We all came together for a meal that our Kaz had prepared by request, washed down with plenty of beer. Not going all out on the first night as we usually do, as Dave, Wick, Les, Bob, Splodgy and myself would be racing, sorry, sorry, on a demonstration ride up the hill climb. That evening we all walked up the courtyard to check out the bar and see who was here. It was just a disco; the beer had got Les up shaking a leg or was he just staggering about?

We had a good night's sleep at base camp, but unfortunately those camping over the road didn't have such a good night, apparently the Germans are early risers, hmmm. As hosts Kaz and myself had left out a stove and all you needed to make yourself a cuppa anytime. The catering on site was open early for those wanting a full English. We were having breakfast just as the sun came out and then it happened the first bike fired up in the paddock, it sounded like one from the Dick Shepards collection the 1946 PG500

SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB



prototype, rarr rarr rarr rarr, that was the loud sound echoing down the valley. The excitement was building, we had a quick look around the paddock the night before to see what bikes had already arrived, and we all had already signed on and got out numbered bibs. Time to get kitted up and head over to the courtyard for the briefing at 9am. With the sun beating down on us, I got halfway and then realized I had left my bike key in the motorhome.

I am a lucky boy, I am to ride two bikes, Chairman Steve's 1930 CSD 550. I am number 3 in the program for that, then out on my TT600 wearing number 61.

There were some beautiful bikes, rear ones and some that had been taken out of museums for a run up the hill. The paddock was full of the sound of open pipe twins, growling triples and the singles going duf dufs.





Before I ride up the hill Steve says, ride my bike round the paddock a few times, as I should have had a go before coming here. Well, the throttle is about half a turn of slack, from the handlebars to the front looked as long as the Southend pier. You turn the bars and wait for it to turn, the seat a big soft sprung saddle that not only went up and down, but side to side. They call 30 riders at a time, send them in turn up the hill, when we all get to the top then we all come back down.

There I am on the line waiting for the green light, and I am off, it's an incline for the first part and the flat with a blind lefthander. With 5 and a bit of horsepower it was scary, do I keep in first or try for 2nd, oh no I am going too slow and wobbly, will it stall, will I topple over. I am still in sight and still going, there is a video that is great. Someone says I can still see him; I can still see him; I made it out of sight still holding on for grim death. Then I came to the scary off camber over 90 degrees lefthander climb up as steep as your grannies' stairs, it was banked one side then a blind 90 right then it's the short blast to the finish and breath.

Everyone had a beaming smile on their faces, the riders, the spectators, those on the branch displays.

Thanks to Mark for the great pictures and Kirstie for all the videos, many are on Facebook. Dave riding ASBO has a video that is on YouTube, it gives a riders view of the place.

[YouTube - Bob](#), [YouTube - Dave G](#), [YouTube - Steve L](#), [YouTube - Henry](#), [YouTube - Les](#), [YouTube - Wicke](#), [YouTube - Coming down the hill](#)

Even the legendary Norman Hyde in familiar red leather, on board an ex-Percy Tate works Trident that made everyone watch and listen as roared off up the hill.





They kept running bikes most of the afternoon, around 5 pm it was Concours and Awards prize giving. Our Bob walked away with the best 2010-decade bike for his bobber, another one to his collection. To finish what was a great day, we went back to basecamp to change and eat, then back to the courtyard for a few more drinks and a dance as the live band played.

Big thank you goes to Kaz for looking after us over the weekend, the team who rode there, those that had their bikes on display, the riders taking to the hill, you sure missed a once in a lifetime event. Thanks goes to the organizers Steve Jackson and the TOMCC team, for the chance to come, belong and experience this club at its very best.

Henry





TOMCC TRIUMPH DAY

PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH - JUNE 2ND 2024



What an amazing day. This year's Triumph Day really was a triumph, you only have to compare this year's group photo to the previous year's picture to be able to see just how well attended the day was. 51 TOMCC members joined us, and through the day over 200 Triumph bikes arrived at Pure Triumph Wellingborough to celebrate with us, alongside countless bikes of other makes and models.

The weather was wonderful and that brought out bikers, friends and families to join us, admiring shiny and glowing bikes of all ages.

Thanks so much to everyone that helped to make this a memorable day, particularly to those that donned the high viz tabards to help direct traffic and to those that manned the gazebo helping to sign up new members. Thanks also to Kevin and all at Pure Triumph Wellingborough for hosting this event, what a great event.





YORKVIK RALLY 2024

JOINING THE YORVIK TOMCC BRANCH FOR THEIR RALLY

Myself, Maria and blue thunder (on the trailer) set out from Raunds to the Morrirt hotel, near Barnard Castle Scots corner. The others that were going Geoff, Alan, Sue and Paul had already gone up on the Thursday where they stayed at Keighley and did a tour of 6 TT pubs and a curry. We arrived midafternoon to find the others basking in the sun with pints in their hands, we quickly joined them.



Paul introduced us to the TOMCC group, some that I recognised from Skegfest last year they were a very friendly and jovial group. We enjoyed a tasty evening meal and a few shandies that night.



Saturday, we got up to a full English then met up for 10{30am for the ride out. The main group was doing a very long route, so we decided to do our own little route which Paul organised. We set off for a ride to tan hill inn, the highest pub in England.

A bit of a shock for me as pulling off dual carriageway on to a one-horse road, Paul led and Al and Sue where tail end Charley's with me and Geoff in the middle, it was a great run up to the inn.

After a few shandies and some pictures, we left the inn traveling down some beautiful roads to a town called Richmond. Halfway over a hill, I had the shock of my life and had to braked hard as I discovered Paul had stopped in front and was doing a bit of sheep whispering to some lose creatures wandering in

the middle of the road. I don't know what he said but it was very effective as they took off pretty quickly.

We pulled into the centre of the town and parked up by a tavern. Just as we sat down a load of American cars and trucks drove by followed by a group of scooters, with very small flags on (they need to up their game). Meanwhile Sue disappeared for some serious shopping.

Saturday night was the main function night for their club with raffles and games, all to raising money for their chosen charity, prostate cancer.

It was a lively, entertaining night and with a club with the same values as our own, all in all it was a great night.



Sunday morning after a low calorie, low cholesterol breakfast, just kidding, we had the full English of course, Paul judged the bikes and gave out 3 trophies:

- Best twin - CATH MAWSON
- Best triple - NEIL CASS
- Best triumph - ROB HUXTABLE.

Maria asked if she could come on the ride out this morning, I spoke with Paul (many thanks) who organised a good route, with less goat tracks and some lovely scenic Yorkshire Moors suitable to take a nervous passenger for a gentle ride out. We all set of and drove across the Moors to where Paul knew of a great little cafe in a town called Middleton in Teesdale which also had good parking for the bikes. The cafe was small, but



the food and service were first class we all sat outside to watch the world go by.

Finally on Monday, after another tasty breakfast, we all returned home, Paul and Geoff setting of earlier to miss the traffic.

Many thanks to Paul Humphreys for organising this trip and the friendly reception we received from the organisers of the event.

Al Sanders

FUN IN THE SUN

RALLY AT LES HAUTE ALPES, SOUTHEASTERN FRANCE 7 – 13 MAY 2024



Every year a Motorcycle rally is held in France for 3 days always commencing on Ascension Day which is a public holiday in France, always on a Thursday about 6 weeks after Easter.

The organisers are a French group of BMW motorcycle enthusiasts from all over France and each year they choose a different location in the country for the meeting. This year the rally was held near the town of Gap in Les Haute Alpes region, an area more famous for skiing holidays.

I left home with my bike fully loaded with all my camping equipment at 06.30am meeting up with two Buddies near Cambridge for the ride to Folkestone and the Channel Tunnel. The weather was dry but there was a lot of traffic for us to filter through.

The train left on time at 09.50 am and in about 45 minutes we were riding on the French roads with our Sat Navs set to avoid toll roads heading for our night stopover at Chalons en Champagne, Southeast of Paris. The roads were good, with near perfect surfaces and not a pothole in sight. The traffic was light as we made initially for Dunkerque then turning South for Lille and onwards towards San Quentin and Reims we completed the first leg of the journey 366miles by 4.45 pm.

The hotel was in a Premiere Classe chain, and it was basic, it looked like a prison but at least it was clean with a shower and a good bed. After a couple of beers and a basic meal it was time for bed and a good night of sleep.



On Wednesday we started early to continue our journey but this day using the auto-routes for which we paid tolls. The speed limit is 130 kms per hour about 80 mph and the 420 miles to our destination was covered in around 10 hours including rest stops. I could tell we were getting well South with towns like Tourino and Milano appearing on the road signs. We arrived at a community ski lodge, a little like a Youth Hostel at the tiny hamlet of Charbottes, but for this event taken over by the 120 participants of our group. There was a camping field in front of the lodge for those like me who preferred the open air.

My first task was to erect my tent and set up camp although I did not have to do any cooking for the whole three days as all the catering was provided by the organisers. We were a day early in arriving, so I had the pick of places to pitch the tent before the other campers arrived.

Thursday is registration day, and we are given a souvenir polo shirt and must pay for the accommodation and catering but at 120 euros it is not overly expensive. It is a time to greet our acquaintances, the majority are French but there are many Germans, some Belgian, quite a few British and even two Irish bikers there for the party.

Our three-day programme consisted of organised ride outs, or we could do our own thing and social events in the evening after our meal. The food was fairly basic, but it was substantial and there was a lot of beer, mostly fizzy lager which is not to my taste, and comes out much the same colour as it goes in!

The scenery was fantastic with snowcapped mountains visible from the front of my tent and a rushing river of melt waters running through the floor of the valley about 200 metres away. The sun shone brightly every day, and the temperature soared to the high 20s but dropped dramatically in the evening. I made sleeping in the tent more



comfortable with a hot water bottle bringing a touch of luxury, tucked into the sleeping bag with me.



To ride in such areas is challenging with mountain roads being narrow, twisty and many 180-degree hairpin bends on the ascents and descents up to the mountain passes some 1660 metres altitude. The reward is the view from the summits and seen in perfect weather as well as the sheer joy of cranking the bike around those amazingly tight bends.

Three days passed very quickly, I was allowed to pack up my tent on Saturday afternoon and load my bike spending the night in one of the hostel beds to save time and packing a wet tent on Sunday morning. I was returning on my own as my two friends were taking a more leisurely route with an extra day for their return.

Leaving at 08.00hrs on Sunday heading for Grenoble where I joined the Autoroute heading onwards to Lyon with again an overnight stop at Chalons en Champagne. It was Sunday evening and everything was closed except for a Chinese restaurant that did a

superb buffet for 21 euros.

Monday dawned with an overcast sky but still no rain and I had another early departure for the route back to Coquelles and the Channel Tunnel. This time I was riding the minor roads through small towns and villages until I got fed up near to Cambrai after 120 miles of rural delights and joined the Autoroute for last 85 miles back to the tunnel terminal arriving to get an earlier train than my booking.

Travelling on the train is quick certainly but there are no comforts, not even a seat. The bikes are parked diagonal across the carriage on the side stand leaning away from the direction of travel.

Back on the British roads with the familiar rough surfaces including potholes on the M20, three miles of tail back on the M25 for the Dartford Crossing and congestion on the M11 I finally arrived home at 17.45 hrs on Monday evening quite tired but safe and sound.

I had recorded 1762 miles on the odometer and at 61 miles to the gallon on my 1250cc BMW RT and spent £251.00 on fuel which is much more expensive in France. This was my 6th BMW Inter Rally and whatever it cost it was worth every penny.



Paul Ollett



NORTHANTS TOMCC SUMMMER CAMP

GRENDON LAKES 26TH – 28TH JULY



The very first Northants Summer camp was held at Grendon Lakes 26th to 28th July. 23 TOMCC members and family members descended together with their tents and camper vans onto the green, green grass of Grendon Lakes. We had our own dedicated area. Luckily our allocated space was plentiful, with loads of room to space out our camping areas, to park our bikes and even a big area where we could set up various outdoor games.

The weather gods were on our side, with glorious sunshine throughout the weekend, which really added to everyone's enjoyment.

We started the weekend off with a tasty fish and chip supper from a great chip shop that was virtually on our doorstep, and a small tipple or two. Everyone was very sensible as we looked forward to our ride out on Saturday, but we enjoyed sitting out and chatting under the stars (well under the gazebo, but the stars were definitely there).



After a good night's sleep, everyone gathered for our rideout. This rideout also included a game of bike poker with a chance to win a cash prize.

We all picked our first cards before setting off and collected another card in each of the 3 pub stops on the ride, with a final card collected on return to the camp site.

At our first pub stop at The Elwes, we tucked into tasty pizza, chips and curly fries before drawing our next cards. Then we all headed out for our next two pubs, navigating some of the lovely roads around Northamptonshire on our way.





On our return to camp, we gathered to draw our final cards. Mark took on the role of judge and adjudicator, reviewing everyone's final hands. Much to his glee Al Price took us all the cleaners with three of a kind.

We followed the ride with an awesome BBQ courtesy of Al Sanders, with able support from Ian in the burger flipping department.

The food was excellent, the drinks flowing, and the company was great.

Can't wait for next year already



ANCIENT VILLAGES & STONE BRIDGES

NORTHANTS RURAL RIDEOUT – 22ND JUNE 2024



I am an Essex lad born and raised where I enjoyed an idyllic childhood in a small village. Sadly, the village was in the middle of a vast expansion plan for South Essex with the fields and countryside I had always known being swallowed up with vast housing estates. At the age of 22 and then recently married, like so many even today we were priced out of the housing market and for any hope of owning our own place, it meant moving North and we settled into our new home in Higham Ferrers in 1970.

In the ensuing years I have explored the county on foot, by bike and motorcycle, even in a kayak particularly in the North part of Northamptonshire, being fascinated by its wealth of charm and history going back beyond the times of the Roman invasion in AD 50 until they departed 400 years later.

The River Nene rises in several locations close to Badby and wends its way North Eastwards through towns, villages and tranquil pastures to eventually discharge its sweet waters into the Wash on the East Coast. It was a route navigated even in Roman times and with its more recent industrial past was used for trade. It continues these days mostly for leisure use by the narrow boat fraternity.

Water is one of the vital elements of life and it is no coincidence that our prolific old stone villages were built close to the flowing stream of the River Nene and its tributaries. These charming ancient settlements tucked away in the countryside are a match for anything that the Cotswolds for example can offer its visiting camera clicking hoards and they are exclusively ours!

With my now 54 years of knowledge of the area it was not difficult to select a suitable route, starting of course from Pure Triumph at 10.00am and riding to our lunch stop at New Lodge Farm Café, Bulwick. The early threatening clouds dispersed, and warm Spring sunshine bathed the route with 11 bikes, and pillion riders making 15 in total all of the Triumph marque.

Our first bridge was at Ditchford, unbelievably this bit of the river was once a beauty spot for Sunday picnics before its current industrialization. Then on through Irthlingborough, Little Addington (round the village loop road), Great Addington and our next bridge at Ringstead mill, then Ringstead village proper and on to pass beside river at Denford into Thrapston. Now my hometown.

Crossing the Nene (Nen and never Neen)! We negotiate the potholes of Islip where we could be forgiven for thinking that the road surface was not much improved on how it would have been 200 years



ago? Our next right turn took us to Aldwincle passing the family home of Northamptonshire poet John Dryden taking the lane, which even these days can be prone to flooding to Thorpe Waterville and a left turn to Achurch & Lilford, once part of the Lilford Hall estate (a United States military hospital in WW2).



After crossing the twin bridges at Lilford we rode through the river side village of Wadenhoe continuing through Stoke Doyle to Oundle and stopped for a short comfort break and a fag or vape for those who need these things at Barnwell Country Park. Back on the road to Barnwell village, former home to the Dukes of Gloucester, occasionally visited by our late Queen. We crossed a bridge in the village centre over a lesser stream, Branwell Brook and out into the countryside with some exciting S bends descending into Polebrook, where the church clock has only an hour hand. Polebrook was home to the Ferguson Family associated with the Lifeguards and related to Sarah, Duchess of York.

Polebrook was also the winter home of the Roberts Circus family with a touching memorial to a trapeze artist in the village cemetery. We continued passing Ashton, a remarkable village entirely owned by the Rothschild financier's family and scene of a horrific axe murder still unsolved.

There are many mills along the course of the River Nene, some as you would imagine were for grinding corn, but many were 'Fulling Mills' which were used to pulverize cloth into basic fibres used in paper making. We passed Ashton Mill which was very different having been converted by a marine engineer employed by Lord Rothschild to provide pumped water, electricity and a telephone system to the tenants in his village as well as the big house at Ashton Wold. In Summer the river level would be too low to power the water wheel and a gas oil engine is installed that provided auxiliary power at these times.

Then a very short stretch of the A605 and a left turn we were crossing the bridges to enter Cotterstock passing the manor house where Daniel Radcliffe recently featured in the making of the film 'Woman in Black'. At the crossroads (with a spectacularly crashed van on its side) we turned right soon to Fotheringhay. This village was once dominated by the castle now long since gone and the college, (also demolished) that was attached to the Eastern end of the church. The 2nd Duke of York who was slain at the battle of Agincourt in October 1415 returned to the village in a barrel of brandy and was buried there. Most famously it was the scene of the beheading of Mary Queen of Scots, well that's politics for you!

At Elton we briefly left Northamptonshire for Cambridgeshire (ask Chris Dickens if you don't believe me) with a direct ride to Wansford passing the sky diving centre at Sibson Airfield and Northamptonshire's own china clay pit if you know where to look. The stone bridge at Wansford is magnificent and has been recently renovated, it worthwhile to stop when you have a moment to view its majesty in the certain knowledge that it will still be there long after we will all be long gone.

Taking the lane towards Kingscliffe my nose was instantly assailed with the smell of wild garlic emanating from the woods we passed before we were riding beside open farmland again with a glimpse to the left of the distinctive memorial for the aviators from the Royal Airforce and the American 'Eagle Squadron' who flew fighter aircraft missions from this site eighty years ago.

We arrived in Kingscliffe to the sound of church bells as a wedding was happening but as we had no invitation, we turned right heading for Blatherwycke with the long spread of Blatherwycke Lake on our left. The 58-acre lake was excavated by hand by Irish labourers brought over during the potato famine in the 19th century on the instruction of Lord Brassey who made notable national contributions to



politics, naval affairs, and colonial governance during his lifetime. Blatherwycke hall was occupied by the military in WW2 but was in such a poor state afterwards that it was demolished.

Taking the stone bridge crossing another stream, this time Willow Brook and then the last few miles to Bulwick, turning right through the village crossing an almost anonymous bridge as we left Bulwick. Bridges at this site dating from the 18th century once carried the traffic on the main A43 trunk road through the village. The original bridge was damaged by flooding and demolished in 1979 and was replaced with a functional if less pretty version in 1979.

Our arrival at New Lodge Farm at a quarter past twelve was timely and we were settled outside into the parabola shaped tent to eat our keenly awaited lunches, and I was satisfied to hear the chatter and sharing of experiences.

An easy ride avoiding the worst of the traffic with pleasant surprises along the way. No incidents and everyone stayed together admirably, using the mirror system in our group seemed to work well so well done as we left together and arrived together and you can't do better than that, many thanks for your support.

Paul Ollett



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' MOTORCYCLE CLUB



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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](#)

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MORE FUN FOR 2024

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.



MEGA-MEET

MIDLANDS TOMCC GROUPS MEET

There is a series of 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 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.

THE RIGHT TOOL

The right tool in the hand is worth two wrong one in the toolbox
A rebuild starts with a single nut
As you service your bike so you must ride it
Better the bike you know than the bike you don't
The bigger they are the harder they are to Kick start
Carpe throttle
Don't spoil the engine for ha'penth of oil
Empty exhausts make the most noise
A Harley owner and his money are soon parted
Hell hath no fury like a triumph kick back
If it ain't broke don't tune it
If you can't be fast, be careful
If you can't stand the mess, get out of the shed
It is better to have ridden and stopped than never to have ridden at all
A man with a broken bike in the shed is a biker the one with out is an ex-biker
Biking is the best medicine
Ride and the world rides with you
Never speak ill of the co-op
No exhaust without spark
Oil and coolant don't mix
Old bikes never die they just become projects
One backfire does not a runner make
The spanner is mightier than the hammer
The proof of the rebuild is in the riding



Tim