



# VIBRATIONS

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## REMEMBRANCE 2022

### TOMCC NORTHANTS REMEMBER

Many of the Northants TOMCC riders joined together at Sycamore café in Great Billing to remember the fallen, to ride out and to enjoy a tasty breakfast (more on page 5).

As we head into the winter months there are fewer ride outs and events but we can start to prepare for next year. The summer months are already starting to fill up with a variety of events for 2023.

Don't forget to come along to the Christmas Party on the 21<sup>st</sup> December at The Crown Hardingstone.

In the meantime keep your contributions coming in, if you attend an event you want to share with other Triumph riders why not put down a few words, fill up the gaps with some interesting pictures and send it off to [TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com](mailto:TOMCC-Vibrations@hotmail.com). Your contributions are always appreciated.

*Kirstie & Mark*

## TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





# INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Sue Ashby of Daventry  
William Nall of Brigstock

Kaz Preston of Holcot

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## EVENTS LIST

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

### DECEMBER

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Club Night XMAS PARTY	The Crown Hardingstone

### JANUARY

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Sycamore Café	Chilly Willy ride 2023
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### APRIL

15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April		Adventure Overland Show	Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse
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### MAY

Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBC	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2023	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
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### JUNE

12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>		Wales Trip	Details to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	ABR Festival	Ragley Hall, Warwickshire

### AUGUST

18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>		TOMCC Big Branch Bash	Greetham Community Centre
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# UP AND COMING FOR 2023

## TIME TO START PLANNING FOR 2023 WITH A SUMMER OF BIKE RELATED FUN

During these cold months it's time to start thinking about finer weather and your plans for the new year.

### 2023 CHILLY WILLY

It starts early in the year with the Chilly Willy ride on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. The Sycamore Café does an excellent breakfast and the Air Ambulance is a worthwhile cause if you need an excuse for a nice ride out to blow away the Christmas cobwebs.



### 2023 WALES TRIP

Last years Wales trip has been much talked about amongst those that attended and is back after much demand.

Paul Humphreys will provide more details of next years 4 night Wales trip, 12th – 16th June at the next club meet .

Take up the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful Welsh countryside, curvy lanes and glorius weather (I can't promise the weather though!).

Arrive from 10am 8th January 2023 At The Sycamore Café NN3 9EX



**IT'S**

**CHILLY 2023**

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**Ride starts at 12 noon. All donations welcome.**

**Sycamore Café**

Welcome to the Annual Chilly Willy charity Ride, In aid of the WNDLR Air Ambulance this year in association with the Sycamore Café.

You will be directed by Marshalls to the appropriate parking spaces on arrival. Please remember that this is more of a procession than a rideout lasting about 1hr.

your local air ambulance

Derbyshire · Leicestershire · Rutland  
Warwickshire · Northamptonshire



# THE BIG BRANCH BASH 2023

TOMCC ARE JOINING THE BIG BRANCH BASH AGAIN NEXT AUGUST

Once again the Big Branch Bash is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August in Greetham, Rutland.

The event involves bands, beer and bikes - what's not to like? TOMCC members are already registering, and at £25 per head for camping for the weekend it's a great value trip away. We need to uphold the tradition of successful award-winning bikes. Northants managed to swoop 3 awards – Bob Swann with best overall bike, his fastidiously clean Triumph Bobber, Paul came away with the best custom and Mark with best adventure bike (still on display at home!).

I'm sure there will be stiff competition next year, but Bob can give us all a swift lesson on shining up any chrome bits!

This year Northants branch rallied about 20 riders, probably the

largest turnout of all the attending clubs. From pop up Pringle tents, to posh vans & motorhomes, everyone had somewhere dry to lay their heads after each day's ride and participation in evening festivities. It was also a great opportunity for some of the 'Better Halves' to enjoy the weekend and relax in the sun.



**TOMCC  
BIG BRANCH BASH**



# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2022

TOMCC REMEMBERED THE FALLEN WITH THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'



You don't need to be a veteran or have a family member who has served in the Armed Forces to know how deeply embedded Remembrance Sunday is in UK culture. An opportunity to reflect & pay respects to those who went before us, and stand shoulder to shoulder in unity to thank those who gave their lives in military conflict.

2022 saw this tradition honoured in exemplary style with The Christian Motorcycle Association organising a small service & local ride from Sycamore Café, Great Billing Northampton. Some 100 riders attended the short service and bowed their heads in respect whilst CMA shared some words of reflection.

TOMCC Northants had some of our own veterans attend, and our beloved Al Sanders stood proud, front and centre and rightly attracted many comments of gratitude from many a rider present and proudly displayed his regimental flag on his bike (for part of the ride at least 😊).

The local ride was short and sweet but did blow off some of the cobwebs and slightly teary eyes from who attended.

Personally, it was brilliant to see so many people from so many different backgrounds and age groups attend to pay their respects and mingle with fellow riders over a good cup of tea and bacon butty.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them."*

Per Ardua Ad Astra

*Mark*



# NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

## A GREAT DAY OUT AT THE MUSEUM IN BICKENHILL, SOLIHULL

We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful resource as the Motorcycle Museum just a few miles away and almost on our doorstep, under an hour using the M1, M6 and M42 and even better that they have a weekend of free admission to bikers on the last weekend in October.

I have visited the museum on several occasions and this year made the short trip on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, a day of fair weather making the 110-mile round trip ride very pleasant indeed.

There are literally thousands of bikes on display, for the greatest part British marks some that I have never heard of. It would take at least many months to fully appreciate what amounts to the evolution of British two wheelers from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the late 1980s.



The event is attended by celebrities from the world of motorcycling and this year we met TV personality Henry Coles from 'The Motorbike Show' and 'Shed & Buried'. Henry was accompanied by his team of expert engineers; Sam Lovegrove, Alan Millyard and Guy 'Skid' Millison who were interviewed on stage along with racer/pundit Steve Parish by TT winner Steve Plater, 2009 Senior TT winner. The presentation included Alan Millyard's magnificent 'Viper' machine that he built using a Dodge Viper V10 engine of 8 litres.

Other celebrities included Brian Crichton (Norton rotary engine development engineer) and Norman Hyde (Triumph Development Engineer and author) and many others. Free guided tours of some of the exhibits were led by Rick Parkington (Classic Bike magazine's 'Ricks Fixes').

Of particular interest to myself as a Triumph owner were the gleaming examples of Meriden built machines I had known in my formative years which naturally included two early Bonnevilles. An original 1959 example in sky blue and red paint and a slightly more refined Blue and silver version dating from 1961. Both splendid machines and a world record holding Triumph 'Streamliner' from 1956 with a power unit from a 1950 Thunderbird using an alcohol/nitromethane mix fuel and ridden by American Stormy Mangham. This long cigar shaped bike reached 214 mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah and the Bonneville legend was borne with a record lasting until 1962 when it was eventually exceeded by another Triumph.



Another splendid machine is the 1949 Triumph TR5 finished in silver, this 500cc parallel twin cut its teeth as a trials machine, much appreciated by the works riders. The bike has a lightweight, short wheel base frame and good ground clearance which made it very manoeuvrable and in the right hands the winner

of many long distance and one day events.

The engine was all aluminium and the cylinder head owed much to one produced for the RAF fitted on auxiliary power generators used in Lancaster bombers.



For those interested in classic race machines there is a whole hall permanently displaying iconic machines from the history of track and road racing and in addition there were live 'Fire Ups' of a goodly number of bikes that were stars in their own right, back in the day with all the smoke and open throated racket that goes with them. Far too many to list but as a sample from 2005 John Reynolds BSB 1000cc Suzuki and from 1966 the Honda RC 166 6-cylinder 250cc ex Ed Fenwick.

The catering at the museum was reasonably priced with a variety of fast-food options but card only payments which is fast becoming the norm these days although cash could be used in the souvenir shop.

All in all a well spent day with so much going on but don't go in a car as you will be charged £15.00 to park whereas bikes are for free.

*Paul Ollett*



Alan Millyard's 8 litre 'Viper'



Slightly refined edition from 1961



Trophy TR6C from 1967 popular at home and in the USA

# SATURDAY BREAKFAST MEET

A GREAT MEET UP AT PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH

On possibly the last sunny Saturday of the year a small group gathered at Pure Triumph Wellingborough for an excuse for a little ride out and a tasty breakfast



It was a nice excuse to try a few more Triumph bikes out for size, decision made, the Tiger it is!



# PINT OF BEER CHALLENGE

## ANY EXCUSE FOR A NICE RIDE

Following on from the success of the 2021 National TOMCC challenge event "CUP OF TEA", we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2022 just for Northants Branch members.

### The Challenge

Ride your Triumph in and around Northamptonshire, including adjacent villages and towns, where their first letter forms part of the spelling of PINT OF BEER.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in PINT OF BEER

For example - PIN **"T"** could be a picture at **"T"**OWCESTER.

### ENTRY SUBMISSION

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 10 Photographs for each letter of PINT OF BEER, send them in an e-mail to Branch Secretary Les Barras at: [secretary@northantstomcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@northantstomcc.org.uk). Please include the date that you finished the challenge.



## EVENT TIMING

You have until December 2022 to complete the challenge. It's up to you whether you do it all in one day or over a number of rides. If you have more than one Triumph then you can use different machines for different sections.

## CERTIFICATE

All Northants Branch members who complete the "Pint of Beer" Challenge will be awarded a certificate of achievement

Any questions please ask any of your Branch Committee

*Les*





# NORTHANTS BRANCH INFO



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If your club membership is due for renewal here are the best ways of dealing with it...

- 1) Renew on-line via [tomcc.org/Home/Membership](http://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, Hardingsstone, Northampton, NN4 6BZ.

The main access to Hardingsstone village is from the roundabout at the junction of the A45, A508 and A5076 (ring road). Other access from the Newport Pagnell Road (B526).

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month, starting at 8pm.

For those months where there is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/northantstomcc/)

## OTHER INTERNET LINKS:

Triumph Owners MCC national website: [www.tomcc.org](http://www.tomcc.org)

Triumph Owners MCC events website: [www.tomccevents.co.uk](http://www.tomccevents.co.uk)

Triumph Owners Clothing: [www.tomccmerchandise.com](http://www.tomccmerchandise.com)

The club also has a page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/).

British Motorcyclists Federation: [www.bmf.co.uk](http://www.bmf.co.uk)

Motorcycle Action Group: [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

Triumph Motorcycles: [www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk](http://www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk)

### Northants Branch Clothing Range

The range of Northants Branch clothing: T-Shirt, Polo Shirt. Sweatshirt, Hoodie, Fleece, Business Shirt and Baseball Cap; can be purchased on-line.

Some items can also be done with a large back-print for an additional fee.

To order click on this link:

[www.customkit.co.uk/northants-triumph-owners-club-52-c.asp](http://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 had to listen to a friends tales of riding pillion on a mates 6-cylinder Triumph?

Have you ever had to co-workers assume you have a Harley?

Have you ever bump started a bike with the stop switch on?

Have you ever held the wrong end of the plug when testing for a spark?

Have you ever got told the story about the mate of a mate who found Elvis' Harley?

Have you ever been told you can only ride one bike at a time?

Have you ever scheduled the branch BBQ on the one raining night of the summer?

Have you ever stopped grinning during your first big bike ride?

Have you ever followed the wrong group ride?

Have you ever visited another group on the wrong night?

Have you ever wondered how your old bike became a classic after you gave it away

Have you ever got to old for clip-ons?

Have you ever drawn a chopper on your exercise books?

Have you ever wished your dad/grandad had kept their old bike/s?

Have you ever tried speedway after hitting the wet diesel on a roundabout?

*Tim*