



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of branch member Keith Day. For the last year or so Keith had been suffering from Myeloma, a type of blood cancer. It's not a cancer that can currently be cured but various treatments are available that can control it in some circumstances. Regrettably, that did not work for Keith and he passed away, at home with his family, over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend

Keith had been a member of the club since 2013 and had been the branch treasurer for a few years, standing down from that position 12 months ago when he began his course of treatment.

Of Keith's two Triumphs, the Newchurch Bonneville has been sold to another branch member; whilst his T10 scooter has been donated to the Coventry Transport Museum. If you still have the July 2020 issue of Nacelle you will find an article about the T10 therein.

The branch offers its condolences to Carole and the family. We will all have fond memories of a genuinely nice man.



IT'S NOT A TINA IT'S A T10!



**BY KEITH DAY
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A slightly tongue in cheek response to Andy Fleet's excellent article about his Tina in the May issue of Nacelle. It's great to see some of the smaller (and perhaps less desirable) models that came out of Meriden get a mention and they don't come much smaller than these 100cc two-strokes.

My T10 was manufactured in 1966 and was fully restored a few years ago as you can see in the photograph. It is still in great condition, runs very well and sits in the garage alongside my Bonneville Newchurch.

The scooter was designed by Edward Turner starting life as the Tina in 1962 and has automatic transmission by belt, with expanding and contracting pulleys. The engine is a 100cc two-stroke, with a forward facing cylinder, Amal carburettor and Wipac electrics.

The T10 came out in 1965 as an updated version of the Tina, with all the teething troubles cured. Well most of them anyway and when everything is right it works well.

Bob Curry wrote in the *Motor Cycle* of October 1965 when he road tested the machine: 'Open the throttle; away it glides, smooth as silk. Shut the grip, apply the brakes and she stops with the engine already in neutral, ticking over gently, waiting for your next command. Don't you wish the Triumph T10 was around when you were learning to ride?'

You may not agree with that last bit, but the bike certainly does buzz up to it's cruising speed of 40 mph very smartly and stops pretty well, although you have to remember that the front brake lever is on the left hand side of the handlebar! The scooter was manufactured for 8 years and went out of production in 1970.

As Andy says it does put a smile on people's faces when they see it, but my mates still insist in calling it a Tina! ●

	Events List
June	No official branch events, but keep an eye on the Facebook page for information about weekend rideouts.
Everything shown from here on is dependent on the government confirming the date for Step 4 (currently scheduled for 21 st June)	
Wed 7th July	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. As this will be our first club night back this will include a free barbecue for branch members.
Sun 18 th July	Triumph Owners National AGM at Llanberis. All full members will get the details from HQ nearer to the date.
Sun 18 th July	Founders Day Rally, Stanford Hall. www.foundersday.co.uk This event is going ahead at the time of going to press, but keep an eye on the website nearer the time. We understand that admission is £10.
Wed 21st July	Branch AGM. Starts 7.45pm. At The Crown, Hardingstone The agenda and minutes of the 2019 AGM will be sent out to all branch members in advance of the meeting. Several of the current committee will not be standing again, so there will be some vacancies to fill if you fancy having a greater involvement in the running of the branch.
Wed 4 th August	Club Night at The Crown
Sun 15 th August	Brackley Festival of Motorcycling : cancelled
Wed 18 th August	Club Night at The Crown
27 th -30 th August	West Wales Branch Rally. www.tomcc.org/Home/Branch/WW
3 rd -12 th September	Trifest France : cancelled
Wed 1 st September	Club Night at The Crown
Sat-Sun 4 th -5 th September	MCN Festival of Motorcycling at Peterborough. Last year's tickets are still valid for this. www.mcnfestival.com Again, keep an eye on the website nearer the time to confirm that it is still going ahead.
Sun 5 th September	ABF The Soldiers' Charity Motorcycle Ride, with Milton Keynes TOMCC. Charity ride to the Triumph Experience. See below. https://soldierscharity.org/events/abf-the-soldiers-charity-motorcycle-ride-2021/#event
Wed 15 th September	Club Night at The Crown
8 th -11 th October	Skegfest. Several branch members have already booked. Are you going to join them? Northants Branch is sponsoring the concours trophies.

We are not advertising the Wrinklies Runs for 2021, but that's not to say that someone might decide to do a mid-week run. Look to our Facebook page to see what's what.