

VIBRATIONS!



Jeff Wilkins taking part in the Cup of Tea Challenge

September 2021



Triumph Owners M.C.C.
Northants Branch



Scribblings

The last two months or so have seen the branch ramp up its activities, with club nights at the Crown, a display at Founders Day, a breakfastmeeting at Pure Triumph and a number of rideouts.

One of the July club nights was given over to the long-delayed annual general meeting, the minutes of which can be found at the end of this newsletter. There have been a number of changes to the branch officers; with plenty of ideas for what we can do in the future. However, we still welcome suggestions from branch members for additional activities.



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New Members

Welcome to the following new Branch members, who have joined in the last couple of months.

Ian Dutfield of Northampton

Tim Kitchin of Isham

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 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.



Refreshments at Turweston Airfield on 1st August

Northants Branch Info and News

	Events List
Wed 1 st September	Club Night at The Crown. 7.30pm. Theme night: best of Meriden Triumphs (i.e. pre-1990).
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 . Not a branch event, so make your own way there.
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
Sun 12 th September	Run to Ramsey Motorcycle Show. Depart 9.30am from Market Square, Higham Ferrers at 9.30am.
Wed 15 th September	Club Night at The Crown. 7.30pm. Theme night: best of Hinckley Triumphs.
Sun 19 th September	Triumph Owners MCC National AGM at The Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis, LL55 4TY – next door to the highest mountain in Wales. Registration from 10am with meeting starting at 11am.
Sun 26 th September	Rugby Motorcycle Festival. Meet at the Oval Filling Station on the A45 just west of Junction 16 of the M1 at 8.30am for a run up to the A5 truck stop and then into Rugby.
Wed 29 th September	Extra Club Night at The Swan, Newton Bromswold. 7.30pm.
Wed 6 th October	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm
8 th -11 th October	Skegfest. Sold out so if you haven't booked it's too late to join the lucky branch members who will be there.
Wed 20 th October	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm. Games night (provisional)
Wed 3 rd November	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm
Wed 17 th November	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm
Wed 1 st December	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm
4 th -12 th December	Motorcycle Live at the National Exhibition Centre. Possible branch trip.
Wed 15 th December	Club Night at The Crown, Hardingstone. 7.30pm. Christmas Party & Music Quiz

In addition to the above calendar, many ad hoc rideouts are being arranged via the branch's Facebook page.

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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.

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 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

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.

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NORTHANTS BRANCH - THE TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

44rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 21st July 2021 (postponed due to the Great Pandemic from the Previous year)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at The Crown Pub, Hardingsstone, Northants

Meeting Open.

- The meeting opened at approximately 7.30pm with 27 members and 3 guests present.
- The Chairman Phil Barton opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 44th AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and furthermore asked for the 2019 AGM minutes to be approved. He then followed the Agenda of the night.

Apologies.

- Apologies were received from; -
Les Barras, Chris Dickens and Philip Tobbutt

Previous AGM minutes.

- The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated previously & read and were accepted as a true record of that meeting, proposed by a show of hands 27 for

Matters Arising. None.

Executive Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report: -

The last 18 months have been very difficult for everyone not least our club with events and club nights postponed. However, we have done quite well thanks to several members who have put pictures and comments on our Facebook page and those who have organised covid safe unofficial ride outs, put reports in Vibrations and the Nacelle mag have all helped to keep our branch ticking over and ready to restart. Thank you all for your sterling efforts.

This will be my last AGM as chairman, after 15 years in the hot seat it's time to stand aside and hand over to someone else. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my time as chairman. There are too many to list but thank you all so much it has been a most enjoyable journey .

Finally, I am sorry to end on a sad note, but our fellow member and ex treasurer Keith Day has passed away. Some 20 bikes 10 of them Triumph's turned out for the funeral.

Thanking you all, signing off

Phil Barton, Chairman

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Treasurers' Report:

Year end 2020 accounts. I can confirm that these have now undergone full scrutiny, by means of audit, from Neville Colvin and can now go on record.

	YE 2019	YE 2020
Nationwide	£2758.85	£3280.75
N S & I	£1005.65	£1013.70
Club CASH	£109.70	£74.70
CHARITY CASH	£456.50	£97.50
BADGES STOCK	£130.30	£115.80

Major outgoings were payment made to our Charity, the Air Ambulance since we have had very few charitable donations and we should make this a focus through remainder of year. Additionally, we purchased the Bike Show trophies for the 2020 Skegfest event, with has now been moved out to October 2021.

Action - Phil Short and Bob Swann to work together to close the NS&I account. If this continues to prove difficult then we will withdraw a cheque for the max amount possible whilst leaving the account open and transfer the proceeds to the main Nationwide club account.

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

Bob Swann-Treasurer Northants TOMCC

Secretary Report; -

There has been little 'official' activity to note during the pandemic. However individual members had used great initiative to ensure unofficial activities had safely continued wherever possible, with runs and trips etc.

Paul Humphries had been a source of enjoyment and information with his Facebook activities which added greatly to club morale.

The present Secretary is stepping down and the post will be voted on during this meeting

Philip Wallington Secretary Northants TOMCC.

Election of Officers:

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- The Secretary noted this.

The Branch Chairman opened the Election

Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded
Chairman	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann	Barry Gambrill
Secretary	Les Barras	Philip Wallington	Steve Rattley
Treasurer	Bob Swann	N Waples	Paul Humphreys
PRO	Henry (John Richards)	Steve Rattley	Bob Swann
Webmaster	Les Barras	P. Wallington	Barry Gambrill
Membership Secretary	Ian Sargent	Phil Barton	Norman Waples
Scribe (Nacelle)	Henry (John Richards)	Ian Sargent	Phil Barton

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Position	Elected	Nominator	Seconded
Scribe (Vibration)	Ian Sargent	Paul Humphreys	Phil Barton
Runs Captains /	Chris Dickens/ Barry Gambrill	Phil Barton	Norman Waples
General Purpose Officers	Chris Dickens	Phil Barton	Norman Waples
	Barry Gambrill	Philip Wallington	Phil Short
	Phil Barton	Ian Sargent	Paul Humphreys
	Phil Short	Phil Barton	Norman Waples
	Paul Humphreys	Steve Rattley	Ian Sargent
Auditor	Neville Colvin	Phil Short	Bernard Giller

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

This year we saw 1 new face come into the Branch committee Paul Humphreys

Runs Captain: Runs will be led by Barry Gambrill and Chris Dickens in turn, as we normally have these organised to a set place, time and dates to be published.

GPO: They will be taking on various duties to assist the running of the Northants Branch TOMCC well done and thank you.

Presentation of Awards:

Trophy	Nominated	Nominator	Seconded
1) Triumph Trophy	Phil Barton	By record of Attendance	
2) Navigator Trophy	G Holmes	By record of Attendance	
3) Triumph Rider's	Steve Rattley	By record of Attendance	
4) Club person of the year ¹	Paul Humphreys	By vote unanimous	
5) Double Digit ²	Bob Swann	Steve Rattley	Paul Humphreys
6) Honorary Member	Francois Rossi		

¹ Club Person of the Year: Paul Humphreys, by show of hands

² The Double Digit (a.k.a. Cock-Up Award): Bob Swann after tipping his beautiful Bobber upside down on his garage floor (photographic evidence was seen)

Well done to all the worthy winners.

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Any Other Business:

- Suggested overhaul of club rules (to be looked at in committee.)
- Philip Wallington to undertake responsibility for MCN show organisation
- To look at attendance of Rugby show.
- Music quiz to be organised by Paul Humphreys
- Memorial run for Keith Day during the next year?

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 20:48 pm.

Philip Wallington, outgoing Secretary TOMCC

