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A great turn out from TOMCC Northants members to support WNDLR Air Ambulance. What a way to start the year with a ride out with friends on behalf of a good cause.

This year has already been packed full of activities and ride outs for those that are not afraid of the cold and the event calendar is rapidly filling up for the year. Take a look at some of the events from last year that may pique your interests for the year to come.

For those that have ordered wristbands for the Big Branch Bash they have now been received and will be issued to members over the coming weeks.

Bob is going to place a second order for wristbands so if any additional members would like to join us on this fun event please let Bob know within the next two weeks. The cost is £25 for onsite camping.

Don't forget to 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. Your contributions are always appreciated.

Kirstie & Mark

TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NORTHANTS BRANCH





INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Just the one new member in December, welcome to the club

Mark Groom of Weldon
Stuart Marlow of Desborough

John Morris of Desborough

EVENTS LIST – THE BIG LIST

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

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Quiz Night - Chris Halford	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 25 th	TBC	Bus Trip to Sammy Miller Museum Hampshire - all day	
Sat 26 th	10:00am	National Club EGM – Proposal for Limited Company bring your membership card	Heart of England Club, Meriden, Coventry, CV7 7LB

MARCH

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Charity Dinner	TBC
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club AGM	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold

APRIL

Sat 1st	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 16th		National TOMCC – AGM	Pavilion, Wolverhampton
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Cafe Pottesbury
Fri 28th to Mon 1st		TRIFEST Somerset	FULLY BOOKED !!!!!!!
Fri 28th to Mon 1st		Despatch Rally	Nettlecombe Dorset
Sat 29th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 30th	10.00am	Leader - Bob Swann	Sunday 100 ride out

MAY

Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Twins	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 6th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 14th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Stoney Cove
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Tiger	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 19th to Mon 22nd		YORVIK Vikings in the Valley	Barnard Castle
Sun 21st	10.00am	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	TBC

Wed 24th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park & Huggies Speed Shop
Sat 27th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 28th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout
Mon 29th	7.00pm	South Lincs TOMCC	The Morden Brook, Morden
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold
TBC		Peterborough TOMCC	3 Horseshoes, Yaxley

JUNE

Sat 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Woburn
Sun 4th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Two Flags Diner
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Club Night Triumph Triples	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 10th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sat 10th	10.00am	Daventry Bike Festival	Daventry Centre
Mon 12th to Fri 16th		Northants TOMCC Club Trip	Borth West Wales
Sun 18th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Wymondham Windmill
Mon 19th	7.00pm	Meriden TOMCC	H of E Social Meriden
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 24th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 25th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout

JULY

Sat 1st	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	The Square St. Neots
Mon 3rd	7.00pm	Milton Keynes TOMCC	The Station Inn Woburn Sands
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Club Night - Concours	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 9th	09.00am	Triumph Day	TBC
Sun 9th	TBC	Grimethorpe Classic	Bourne
Wed 12th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park / Huggies Speed Shop
Fri 14th to Sun 16th		Essex Treffen Rally	Dog & Partridge Orset
Sun 16th	09.00am	Dambusters Flight	Woodhall Spa
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Founders Day (VMCC)	Stanford Hall
Wed 26th	7.30pm	Summer BBQ Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 29th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 30th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout

AUGUST

Wed 2nd	7.30pm	Club Night - Scramblers	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 9th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park
Sun 13th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Rutland TT
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Fri 18th to Sun 20th		South Lincs - TOMCC Rally (Big Branch Bash)	Greetham Ctr. Oakham
Sat 26th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 27th	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100 rideout
TBC		Rushden Bike Festival	
Wed 30th	7.30pm	Club Night – Meriden	The Swan Newton Bromswold

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough
Sun 3rd	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	GILKS Garage Kinton
Sun 3rd	10.00am	ABF Charity Event	Triumph Factory Hinkley
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone

Sun 10th	09.00am	Fish & Chip Run	Hunstanton
Wed 13th	9.30am	Breakfast Meet	Hoar Park
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Sat 23rd/Sun 24th		Piston & Props	Sywell Aerodrome
Fri 29th	09.00am	McMillan Coffee Morning	TBC
Sat 30th	10.30am	Breakfast Meet	Pure Triumph Wellingborough

OCTOBER

Sun 1st	10.00am	Volunteer Leader	Sunday 100
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
TBC		Skegfest	Richardsons Skegness
Sun 15th	10.00am	Breakfast Meet	Super Sausage Pottesperry
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 15th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 29th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Swan Newton Bromswold

DECEMBER

Wed 6th	7.30pm	Club Night	The Crown Hardingstone
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Club Night - Xmas Party	The Crown Hardingstone



See Bob for tickets to the Big Branch Bash at £25 for onsite camping

STONY STRATFORD

FIRST RIDE OUT OF THE YEAR ON NEW YEARS DAY

Whilst many were still nursing poorly heads after new years eve, a few hardier souls mounted their faithful steeds and headed to gloriously sunny (but rather chilly) Stony Stratford for their vintage car and bike show.



CHILLY WILLY 2023

CHARITY RIDE OUT FOR WNDLR AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE



For many bikers in Northamptonshire, the first ride of 2023 was the annual Chilly Willy ride in aid of WNDLR Air Ambulance, which I'm sure you'll all agree is a valuable resource especially for bikers. *(WNDLR - Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland)*

The Sycamore Café, Little Billing saw some 800 riders (Chronicle reports) of all types congregate to support the charity ride and brush off some festive season cobwebs. The youngsters & learners just starting out were welcomed with open arms from the old sweats on bigger, powerful machines who made up the bulk of the pack, all gathering to show support.

Prior to the organised ride out, riders, pillions & spectators had the opportunity to view the wide variety of bikes on display, many with fantastic artwork or expensive mods. Our very own Worms' Harley saw a large amount of attention, mostly from those bikers 'in the know' who appreciated his own kind of bike TLC.

TOMCC Northants had a great turnout considering the cold; Dave Grundy donning his hi-viz coat as part of the event team ensuring there was a semblance of orderly fashion and safety in the meet area.

Mr Barras didn't fail to deliver on his usual standards and sported a top



hat from his obviously well used morning suit! 20+ club members attended in support of the event which was an incredible turnout, especially those riding pillion as it was a cold one.



With marshals out on the route and supporting the ride, this year's event seemed much more organised (with less crashes).

The weather held for the duration, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. With a good fry up available, loads of people to catch up with or meet a new, a cheeky ride out and all in the name of a great charity; brilliant day!!!

And to top it all off, a cheque for over £5,000 was presented to Air Ambulance, which was an outstanding fund raiser from such a small group of people.

Roll on next year, let's see if we can get more TOMCC members our for the day, and let's see if we can smash this year's total!

PS Can't believe Kirstie Watson blew us out for a friends' birthday party, how ignorant ☺

Mark



JANUARY BREAKFAST MEETS

SUPER SAUSAGE ON A FROSTY MORNING 22ND JANUARY



Just a few hardy souls made their way to the Potterspurty Super Sausage on a very frosty Sunday morning. The car park was empty apart from one other bike when our five bikes arrived. The chill certainly put many bikers off as the carpark gradually filled with cars including a few TOMCC members who opted for 4 wheels to enjoy a tasty breakfast.

Mark enjoyed taking a trip on his new bike but I was glad to be on knobbles given the amount of ice on the road.

SUPER SAUSAGE & A CIVILISED BREAKFAST AT CASTLE ASHBY JANUARY 29TH

What a difference a week makes, with the carpark half full with bikes this week, probably due helped by the balmy 6 degrees temperature.



But the group decided on a nice little ride out and a rather classy breakfast at Castle Ashby Deli.

I can highly recommend the sausage roles and scotch eggs. Mark & I looked longingly at some delicious looking baclava and Portuguese custard tarts but resisted this time.

Sounds like a good excuse for another visit to me.

Kirstie



THE ACCIDENTAL RACER

2022 SEASON REVIEW

2022 saw me on the drag strip again competing in the Blood Cancer UK ET Bike Championship, determined to improve on my 4th place finish in 2021 (and every other year bar one since its inception).

The championship is run over six rounds at Santa Pod Raceway, between Easter and the end of September and is open to any bike which can run no quicker than 6.70 seconds over the standing quarter. To level the playing field the races are run on a handicap basis, the slower setting off first by the difference in their predicted times. i.e. If one bike predicts 10.00 seconds and the other 9.00, the slower bike gets a 1.00 second start dialed into the start lights.

Round 1. Festival of Power

What a disaster!

Despite being only 0.09 of a second off my dial in, I qualified in a disappointing 11th place. A couple of years ago, this would have been good enough for a top three. And then to add insult to injury, the bike died on the line as the lights changed to green. Game over!

At the end of round one I sat languishing at the bottom of the points table.



Early Season Interlude. Best of British.

Two weeks later, St George's Day as it happens, Santa Pod hosted a 'Best of British' day which included a British car and bike Static displays, stunt driving team, club camping and a RWYB event for British machinery. Ideal testing after my poor showing at Easter. Loads of track time (enough to have a play on the Exploder too!) and a PB at the end of the day.

Oakley Bike club has a static display and there was a great selection of British cars and bikes old and new. If you are into old British transport it's well worth a visit – next years event is 12th August alongside the Kit Car Show and Transit Mania. It promises to be a great weekend.

It would be great to have a Northants TOMCC day out for the 12th of August Best of British



Round 2. Springspeed Nationals

Consistency in qualifying – 0.09 of a second off my dial in again, left me down P12. It's tight at the top these days, but a holeshot win in elimination one had me feeling a little better.

Close, but no cigar the saying goes. Elimination 2 saw me red light (set off too soon) and break out (run faster than my predicted time). By close, I mean setting off 0.0081 seconds too soon and I went too quick by 0.0045 of a second.

Still, the earlier win meant I moved up a few places in the championship, but not enough to jump up and down about just yet.

Round 3 Summer Nationals

Qualified 12th again. This is becoming a habit. A habit I would like to change.

An easy win in E1 when my opponent's bike broke. E2 was against Gary Hester on his stunning old skool Suzuki who got to the line 0.06 ahead of me. Damn. Still 12th of 33 in the championship.

Rounds 4 and 5. Greenlight Nationals

Greenlight Nationals are run on a 'Double Header' format, qualifying and racing on both Saturday and Sunday.

As with most events, Friday is a test day open to racers. Normally I am working, but August is school holidays so I took the opportunity to get a bit of practice in. That's when I found the bike had acquired a misfire at low revs, getting worse as the bike got hotter.

Tank off, plugs, coils, filter all checked with no obvious reason discovered. Times were OK, but keeping the bike running meant changing my startline routine significantly, but at least the bike was running fairly consistently. A few 10ths down on ET, but consistently so.

Pod Raceway	
speed Nationals	
ET BIKE - E2	12:52:56 02/05/2022
Class	ET/B
Race #	4
Name	DAVE GRUNDY
Index	10.69 (-0.0045)
Reaction	-0.0081
60' ET	1.9201
330' ET	4.7682
594' ET	6.6088
1/8 ET	7.0218
1/8 mph	108.96
934' ET	8.6253
1000' ET	8.9906
1000' mph	123.17
1254' ET	10.3459
1/4 ET	10.6855
1/4 mph	132.50
Result	1ST
Remarks	Foul
ing Tickets AutoSlip info tickets @ETSlink.co.uk	



Saturday qualifying saw a mediocre effort 0.18 seconds off dial in only good enough for P9. A first round win against Nygel Lichtenburg one of the Dutch competitors, then round 2 had me running against Carl Hester (Gary's son) with just 1/2 a bike length between us at the line. Next up, Michael Gooding on his Turbo TL1000 who was off his usual form, so on to the semi-finals against ex junior racer Liam Holgate and despite shutting off before the line, I broke out with my quickest run of the weekend. Bugger.

And on Sunday, we had it all to do again. With a bike that was still running badly, the misfire steadily getting worse and not running at all under 3 thousand rpm. So I qualified in P3. Splendid. First round win against Alfie Udall on his beautiful Harley, and 2nd against Trevis Merite another of our Dutch racers meant we met Michael Gooding



again. Except this time he was back on form. Quicker reaction time and closer to his dial in, the complete reverse of Saturday. Mike went on to win the event. Well done Mike.

All in all a great weekend with enough points earned to move me up to fifth in the championship.

Round 6. The National Finals

Unfortunately, the weather was against us this weekend and the meeting only managed to get as far as the semi-final stage in our class. But as Scott and Gary were knocked out in the early rounds, this meant that Phil Pratt was once again ET Bike Champion. Well done Phil.

I also finished 5th in the points which means that once again I finished 4th in the Championship. At least I get to keep my race numbers for next year!

An unexpected bonus this weekend was a PB in qualifying. 10.31 with a 1.70 60ft time (on the back wheel). Usually, pulling a wheelie off the line and drifting towards the wall adds a couple of tenths onto your time, not run a PB!

Roll on the 2023 season. No mods to the bike, just a good clean, service and a decent dyno set up again should suffice this year.



And finally...

I'm not the only person currently drag racing a Triumph, Al Smith and the PBR Drag racing team have been developing a Rocket 3 powered Top Fuel bike, culminating at the National finals with their first 5 second pass – 5.93 at 230 mph.

Well done Al and all involved in this monumental achievement.

Dave



2023 Season

If you want to come and spectate this year, event details and tickets are available on the Santa Pod website. <https://santapod.co.uk/index.php>

I will be competing at the following events at Santa Pod:

April 1st - 2nd Straightliners (non championship)

April 7th – 9th Festival of Power. Round 1

April 29th – 1st May Springspeed Nationals. Round 2

June 17th- 18th Sportsman Nationals. Round 3

July 1st – 2nd Summer Nationals Round 4

Aug 12th Best of British (practice day)

Aug 19th – 20th Greenlight Nationals Round 5

Sept 22nd – 24th National Finals Round 6

Oct 14th – 15th Straightliners (non championship)

CAMPING FOR BEGINNERS

A CHILLY NIGHT UNDER CANVAS FOR THIS NOVICE CAMPER

A few years ago a colleague inspired to explore the camping life, and I took the opportunity whilst my wife was away to have a go.

I bought a tent which cost me a tenner from Halfords and as I had some gear already, so soon had enough stuff together to plan a trip away. I hadn't been to Cornwall for many years so thought it would be a good destination and booked myself onto a campsite down there. But sensibly I decided to have a dry run to see if all would go well before setting off to my destination.

I was aware that they have a 40's weekend centred on the North Norfolk Railway at Sheringham so I loaded up the bike with all the kit and set off alone. In spite of the possible dangers I think the bike is a great way to travel for camping expeditions.



BASE CAMP – KELLING HEATH, NORTH NORFOLK

I pitched up at Kelling Heath, near Weybourne on the Saturday and the weather was terrific. I set about visiting the heritage steam railway and all the many attractions of the weekend that included a flying display by a Spitfire.

At the end of the day I crawled into my little bivouac and read until my eyelids grew heavy then settled down. The sky was clear and the stars shone brightly and the temperature went down like a rock thrown off a cliff. I put on everything I could find and with the sleeping bag drawn tightly about my neck I froze my nuts off!!

Ah the joys of sleeping in the wild with all the pleasures it brings. Things you don't realise like cockerels kicking off at 05.30hrs and Muntjac deer joining in with their repetitive barking which can be heard for miles, it's good to be alive!!!!

Well I learnt a lot in a short while and with the trip to Cornwall looming a week later it was time for some joined up thinking. I have a friend, whom we shall call Brenda, because that is her name, who is a manager in an outdoor shop and she found me a more substantial sleeping bag.

Then a few adjustments to the booking reducing three nights down to two and changing the campsite for a less basic one, also arranging to stay at Cheddar in a proper bed at a YHA hostel on the way down there.

I have another friend who has been camping under canvas for years so called her for advice and my next shopping trip took me to Super Drug for a hot water bottle. My friend also suggested that a woolly hat is a good idea, (are you getting a good idea of how this is all looking)?

Another suggestion was to place a layer for insulation between sleeping bag and air mattress so I had a scout around at home and the best I could find was a small fleecy blanket that is kept for tucking the borrowed dog Barney up at night. With Margaret away the dog has found alternative accommodation, well until Monday at least, so I half hitched the blanket thinking that I might bring the dog a souvenir or something just to say thanks for the loan.



BASE CAMP - PADSTOW, NORTH CORNWALL

Well the trip to Padstow, Cornwall was a great success and I was a toasty with all the knowledge gleaned and the additions to my camping kit, and I now know why Barney the dog is slow out of his basket in the mornings.

I did all the touristy bits in Padstow, wandering about, eating delicious giant pasties, a bit of sitting on the beach, hired a push bike and rode to Bodmin and back and even got ripped off for Fish & Chips from Rick Stein's place (plaice)? The weather was terrific and most importantly I stayed warm. The ride back including stops took 7 hrs which for 292 miles was respectable.

So that's the camping thing out of my system for this year at least but who knows? I might even give it another go next year, we'll just have to wait and see.

Paul Ollett

SAMMY MILLER MUSEUM TRIP

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2023

A days outing to the Sammy Miller Museum Hampshire, 4 hours duration looking around and chance to get excited

COST COACH £25 / £30 per person (depending on Numbers)

COST MUSEUM £12

NAMES TO -- Les Barras or a Committee members ASAP

CLOSING DATE -- FEBRUARY 1ST 2023

Leave 0830AM at PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOUGH

Return Journey leave Sammy Miller Museum at 1600PM

There will be a stop for recreation on the way home

Arrive approximately 2030PM at PURE TRIUMPH WELLINGBOROUGH



RIDE OUT & DELICIOUS LUNCH

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

Depart Pure Triumph, The Embankment, Wellingborough, 10.30 am for a cruise around the lanes of North Northamptonshire and Leicestershire for our lunch stop at Bulwick around 12.30pm. Guided return or make your own way home.

Menu for 2023:-

Ploughman's Lunch	£10.75 <i>(Pork pie or sausage roll, Cheese, Pickle, Pickled onion, Apple or grapes, Salad garnish).</i>
Ham, Egg & Chips	£10.45
Jacket potato	£8.75 <i>(Fillings:- Beef Chilli or veg option, Taw Valley cheese, Baked Beans or Gammon Ham).</i>
Beef Burger and Chips	£13.50
(vegetarian option) & Chips	£14.75

£5.00 Deposit for food required with reservation paid to Bob Swann



New Lodge Farm, Bulwick, Northants

The farm has been owned by the Singlehurst family for over 100 years focusing on cattle and sheep production by using traditional organic methods of farming.

Over the past 20 years the farm has evolved from livestock production to a highly respected provider of leisure and event catering services.

The farm is run by husband and wife team Simon and Sarah Singlehurst who have developed an award winning farm shop, butchery and eatery as well as an adults only site for camping and touring caravan enthusiasts.

They have made use of redundant farm buildings thoughtfully brought back to life to house the shop, café bar and camping facilities and there is an eatery that delivers classic hearty cooking to satisfy all appetites.

Situated near the old market towns of Stamford, Market Harborough and Uppingham and set in beautiful countryside there is plenty to see in the area.

For more information contact Paul Ollett

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GREASY FRY UP CHALLENGE

ANY EXCUSE FOR A NICE RIDE

Following on from the success of the 2021 National TOMCC challenge event "CUP OF TEA", and 2022's "PINT OF BEER" challenge we have arranged a similar challenge event to run through 2023 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 **GREASY FRY UP**.

At each location take a photograph of your bike adjacent to the town/village sign which denote the letter in GREASY FRY UP.

For example – "F"RY could be a picture at "F"LORE.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

When you have completed your route through Northants and have taken all 11 Photographs for each letter of **GREASY FRY UP**, 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 2023 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 "GREASY FRY UP" 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 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).

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 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.

TOOLS AND HOW TO USE THEM



DRILL PRESS:

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.



HACKSAW:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.



ADJUSTABLE PLIERS::

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

HAVE YOU EVER

Have ever spend 10 minutes hunting the last bolt to find it between your teeth?

Have you ever watched the only washer you have drop and spin slowly in the dirty oil bowl on the floor?

Have you ever lost your keys in the house and find them in the seat lock on the bike?

Have you ever put your helmet and gloves on before remembering your phone on the table?

Have you ever led your mates down the short cut you remember from years ago and get lost?

Have you ever ridden your first bike again and wonder why?



Tim