

# VIBRATIONS!

**TRIUMPH BREAKS WORLD RECORD**

**TRIUMPH  
WORLD  
NEWS**

**214 MILES  
PER  
HOUR!**

**WITH UNBLOWN 650 THUNDERBIRD**

**January 2017**



**Triumph Owners M.C.C.**

**Northants Branch**



## Scribblings

This month's cover picture comes from a special "newspaper" that Triumph produced to celebrate world speed record achievement at Bonneville Salt Flats in 1956. Last year was the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that event and the only commemoration of it that I can recall was the limited edition T214 Bonneville (see right).

The Triumph Owners celebrated the speed record's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1996 with an event at the National Motorcycle Museum – the record breaking machine being the centrepiece.

The club waited 13 years to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – that's because we focussed on the introduction of the Bonneville model range rather than the speed record from which it took its name.



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## New Members

Please welcome the following new members, who have joined the branch in the last couple of months...

Peter Cavill of Northampton

Karl McCarthy of Olney

Dave Chapman of Rushden

Paul McCulla of Northampton

Stephen Fitzgerald of Harbury

Joerg Pissowptzki of Northampton

Dave Grundy of Great Doddington

David Sheehy of Wellingborough

Alex Irving of Kettering

Gin Williams of Northolt

Jiri Langer of Weedon

It's likely that a number of you signed up at on the Club Stand at the NEC Motorcycle Show. Welcome to you all and we hope to see you at our branch events during the course of the year.

## Membership Renewals

The Branch only sends membership forms off to HQ for processing twice a month (normally on the weekend after a club night). So, if you are posting off your renewal it will generally be quicker for you to send the form and cheque direct to the HQ address in Horley rather than to the Branch Membership Secretary.

Don't worry about the money as the Branch receives the same amount per person regardless of the method used to renew.

Alternatively, you can renew on-line via the club's website: <http://www.tomcc.org/Membership.aspx>; paying by credit card or PayPal account.

And if you do send your renewal to me make the cheque out to Triumph Owners MCC and not to Ian Sargent!

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Non-club members are welcome at all events unless specifically marked otherwise. Listen out for details at club nights, or check with committee members beforehand in case of short-notice alterations or cancellations. Except where indicated, club nights start at 8pm.

<b>Events</b>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown. 8pm onwards
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Committee Meeting: If you have anything to put forward please talk to Phil Barton or Les Barras, e.g. Rideout suggestions for the Spring/Summer
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Quiz Night</b> at The Crown. 8pm onwards. Questions on motorcycles and other matters set by Sarge.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Ladies Night</b> at The Crown, 8pm onwards. Gentlemen: bring your better half.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown. 8pm onwards
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Branch Dinner</b> Details to be announced shortly. Donations of prizes for the raffle would be appreciated.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Branch AGM</b> at The Crown. See agenda at the end of this newsletter
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party</b> at AJs Diner, Wellingborough
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Triumph Owners National AGM, Wellingborough. Northants Branch is hosting the event this year so we will require the services of some members on the day. Contact Chris Dickens if you are prepared to help.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Guest Speaker: Jim Lee</b> at The Crown. 8pm onwards
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Ear Plugs Promotion</b> at The Crown. 9pm onwards
Sat-Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April-1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Rushden Cavalcade.</b> The first of the year's branch displays. Talk to Phil Barton if you would like to put your Triumph on the stand.

Other proposed branch displays...

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Triumph Day at Jacks Hill Café

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Ton up Day at Jacks Hill Café

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August: Brackley Festival of Motorcycling

Sat-Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September: Pistons & Props at Sywell Airfield





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## Branch HQ:

The Crown, Senwick Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1NJ. The pub is on the south-east side of Wellingborough, a 5 minute ride from the A45 and the southern section of the A509. It's only a few hundred yards away from Pure Triumph, so if you know where the dealer's showroom is our HQ will be easy to find.

Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 8pm. Please park motorcycles in that section of the car park to the right of the pub's front door.

## 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.

Steve Haughton has made a few changes to the website recently. If you have any content for it please have a word with him.

We also have Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/northantstomcc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/northantstomcc/)

If you go on any branch events please make a conscious effort to take a photo (mobile phone OK) and send it to Sarge. This will ensure the newsletter and website have something to show when writing the reports.

## 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 website: [www.tomccstore.com](http://www.tomccstore.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)

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

## Bike Nights in Northamptonshire:

Jack's Hill Café Bike Night, A5 north of Towcester: First Friday of each month.

[www.jackshillcafe.co.uk](http://www.jackshillcafe.co.uk)

Earls Barton Classic Car and Bike Meet, Whites Nurseries, Clay Lane: First Wednesday of each month April-September, 4.30pm to 9pm. [www.classicbikemeet.co.uk/](http://www.classicbikemeet.co.uk/). £3 per person admission

Billing Bike Night, Billing Garden Village, The Causeway, Great Billing. Every Wednesday from April. [www.allseasonscafe.co.uk](http://www.allseasonscafe.co.uk)

AJs Diner Bike Night, 141 Leyland Trading Estate, Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough: Every Thursday 7pm-10pm. [www.ajsdiner.co.uk](http://www.ajsdiner.co.uk)

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## Northants Branch Clothing Range

All items come with the branch logo embroidered on the front, as shown here. Items 5 & 6 also include the large back-print (though this can be left off if requested). Items 1, 2 & 3 can have the back print added for an additional £7.50 per item.

	Item	Price
1	T-Shirt	£12.00
2	Polo Shirt	£14.50
3	Business Shirt	£25.00
4	Fleece	£25.00
5	Sweatshirt	£26.00
6	Hoodie	£29.50
7	Baseball Cap	£12.00
8	Sew-On Patch	£6.00



Clothing should be ordered via Les Barras at one of our club nights. All being well, what you order at one club night will be available for collection two weeks later.



Northants Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patch that will be available shortly.

## Triumph Owners MCC 2017 National A.G.M.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 the Northants Branch will be hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club at the Wellingborough Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Ground, Sywell Road, Wellingborough. The event shouldn't cost the branch a penny as HQ give us a budget for room hire and catering all we have to do is organise and host the meeting. The room is booked and will be set out ready for us. To further the burden on the committee and branch members we have decided to go for outside catering so, along with the onsite bar, all aspects of feeding and watering our visitors is covered.

Where we will need assistance from our members is erecting direction signs to the venue and car parking duties, a couple of hours either Saturday or Sunday is all that will be needed. The committee will be asking for volunteers nearer the date so keep your eyes peeled for the request in a future edition of Vibrations.

This year is also the 40th anniversary of the Northants Branch and it was suggested that we put on something to celebrate this. Rather than have a separate event we will do this as part of the AGM weekend, with a Rock & Roll night at AJs Diner in Wellingborough on the night before the AGM. All AGM delegates who are stopping over will be invited to join us.

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### **Kevin Hosler 1963-2016**

Northants Branch member Kevin was a regular visitor to our meetings and was well known to many of our members, and a Triumph rider for many years.

The funeral will take place on Friday 20th January at 2pm, at Nene Valley Crematorium, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2NX. Family flowers only. Anyone who would like to pay their last respects to Kevin will be made most welcome.

Followed by a reception at The Compasses, 127 High Street South, Rushden, NN10 0RB

For those going on bikes who wish to join the escort, the meeting places are Masefield Close, Wellingborough, NN8 3RH at approx 12.15 or the cross in Irthlingborough at approx 13.00. If anyone can help with the marshalling of this can you please message Cab Clayton on 07872-172219.



## Three Go Mad in Crantock

We met at Towcester on a bright sunny morning, towards the end of July 2016, fuelled up and on our way. Off we sped and made good time, M5 at Bristol: filtering was the buzz word, rammed traffic for 25 miles.

Got to Crantock in good time, beer and chill evening.

Next day, sunshine, so we decided a cliff walk to Polly Joke and then to Crantock beach. Really lovely walk, great scenery plus a game of frisbee on the beach to boot. Now when I said sunshine we are talking Cornwall, it was very strong and Steve and Barry forgot the advice I said. Well Steve was nearly on life support and Barry 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns!

Next day was easy one, messing around and both recovering.



Tuesday we had more Cornish weather: rain. So me and Steve decided to get wet and new walk around the Gannel river. I found a place to pick samphire from Penpol creek, me planning a meal later on.

Wednesday we decided to have a trip to Land's End, so weather looked good and off we sped. Land's End was quite busy but bikes parked and a walk around was in order, large queue for photo next to sign post so give that a miss, but we got a good one with our bikes next to the main sign.



Off we went again and found some lovely bays around the coastline, all in all a cracking day.

Thursday, Steve and I had a trip into Newquay, I bought a nice large glass framed picture which Steve managed to get back home in one piece on the back of my bike!

Friday saw us having a trip to Bethuran Steps, we lost Barry through Newquay and he couldn't find where we were going, so only Steve and I got there. Lovely place, I picked mussels from the beach and we had a cream tea at the National Trust cafe!

That evening we had our foraged meal of mussels and samphire which was superb.

Saturday pack and home day.

Thanks to Barry Gambrill and Steve Haughton for a relaxing and enjoyable week, this year's trip to Cornwall already been planned.

Paul Anderson

# 2017 Northants Branch Annual General Meeting

The 41st Annual General Meeting of the Northants Branch of the Triumph Owners M.C.C. will take place on Wednesday 15th March at The Crown, Senwick Road, Wellingborough. All members are asked to attend.

The meeting will start at 8.30pm.

## Agenda

1. Chairman to open the meeting and take apologies.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting\* and matters arising.
3. Executive Officers' Reports:
  - a) Secretary
  - b) Treasurer
  - c) Chairman
4. Election of Officers:
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) P.R.O.
  - e) Scribe
  - f) Runs Captain
  - g) Membership Secretary
  - h) General Purpose Officers
5. Election of Branch Auditor
6. Election of Branch Honorary Members
7. Presentation of Awards:
  - a) Triumph Trophy (for general attendance by a full member)
  - b) Navigator Trophy (for general attendance by an associate member)
  - c) Triumph Rider's Trophy (for attendance by a full member on a Triumph)
  - d) Club Person of the Year
  - e) The Double Digit
8. Propositions (taken from the floor or, preferably, in writing in advance)
10. Any Other Business

## Notes:

All Officers posts are open for nominations (self-nomination is permitted) and may be filled by any Branch Member. Any Branch Member may put forward propositions. All nominations and propositions must have a seconder.

7a, 7b and 7c are awarded by points accumulated throughout the year. 7d is awarded by vote of members present on the night.

\* Last year's AGM minutes were published in the May 2016 issue of Nacelle. If you do not have that a copy can be obtained from Ian Sargent. Copies of the current Branch rules and constitution may also be obtained from him.