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Some of the Christmas Jumpers at the club night
on 19th December

January 2019



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



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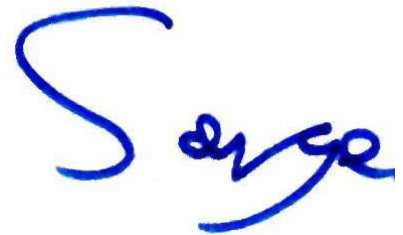
Following the plea in the November issue, Dave Grundy has volunteered to take over as webmaster, so hopefully soon our website should be up to date again. In the meantime keep an eye on the Facebook page for news and reports of branch events.

One other important change for 2019, as from January our branch meetings will be split between two venues:

The 1st Wednesday of each month meeting will remain at The Crown in Wellingborough.

The 3rd Wednesday of the month meeting will now be at The Crown in Hardingstone, on the south side of Northampton.

Don't get the two Crowns mixed up. Double-check before you set off from home!



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New Members

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

Mark Atkinson of West Haddon

John Martin of Buckingham

Philip Crozier of Higham Ferrers

Paul Ollett of Kettering

Chris Harrison of Slipton

Clive Smith of Northampton

Patrick Hurley of Brixworth

Simon Tuckley of Nether Heyford

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 person regardless of the method used to renew.

Northants Branch Info and News

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.

	Events List
Wed 2 nd January	Club Night at The Crown, Wellingborough from 8pm.
Wed 16 th January	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Wed 6 th February	Club Night at The Crown, Wellingborough from 8pm
Sat 9 th February	Mini-Bus trip to Coventry Transport Museum and Triumph Experience at Hinckley. Departs 9.30am from Pure Triumph. See below for itinerary.
Wed 20 th February	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm.
Sat 2 nd March	Branch Annual Dinner at Overstone Manor. Book your places via Les Barras.
Wed 6 th March	Club Night at The Crown, Wellingborough from 8pm
Wed 20 th March	Club Night at The Crown, High Street, Hardingstone from 8pm. Branch AGM, all members asked to attend.

Events in bold are branch events, others are for information only.

Mini-Bus Trip to Coventry & Hinckley - itinerary:

9.30am: Pick up from Pure Triumph. The Embankment, Wellingborough, NN8 1LD

10.30am-12.30pm: Coventry Transport Museum www.transport-museum.com/

1pm-3.30pm: The Triumph Experience. www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk/visitor-experience

3.45pm-5pm: The Lime Kiln Pub, Hinckley.

6pm: Drop off at Pure Triumph

Admission is free for both the Coventry Museum and at the Triumph Experience, and refreshments are available. No food though at the Lime Kiln.

The visit to the Triumph Experience does not include a factory tour. Hopefully we will be arranging that at a later date, as rideout.

Provisional list of Branch displays for 2019. Talk to Phil Barton if you want to put your Triumph on display, or are willing to transport the gazebo and other stuff.

4 th -6 th May	East Midlands Steam & Country Show, Lancaster Farm, Higham Ferrers,
30 th June	Ton-Up Day, Jack's Hill Café, Towcester
7th July	Triumph Day, Jack's Hill Café, Towcester (our big event)
3 rd -4 th August	East Carlton Transport Gala
11 th August	Brackley Festival of Motorcycling
21 st -22 nd September	Pistons & Props, Sywell Airport

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Branch HQs:

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.

For meetings on the 1st Wednesday 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 (by the crossing in Senwick Road).

The Crown, High Street, Hardington, Northampton, NN4 6BZ. The main access to Hardington village is from the roundabout at the junction of the A45, A508 and A5076 (ring road). Other access from Brackmills estate and the Newport Pagnell Road.

For meetings on the 3rd Wednesday 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/

If you go on any branch events please make a conscious effort to take a photo (high quality mobile phone OK) then send it to Sarge and Dave Grundy. 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

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

Triumph Motorcycles: www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

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Northants Branch Clothing Range

The range of Northants Branch clothing: T-Shirt, Polo Shirt. Sweatshirt, Hoodie, Fleece, Business Shirt and Baseball Cap; can now be purchased on-line rather than having to wait until the next club night.

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

Ordering instructions:

On the web page, click on the Garment you want to purchase then fill in the size, badge version and back print (if required).

Click on ADD TO CART

In the Shopping Cart page double-check your order then GO TO CHECKOUT

One more chance to check your order or Checkout Securely

Enter your e-mail address and password to set up an account

You can now go to > Delivery Details > Order Summary > Payment Details

At the Payment Details you will see 3 Options:

Pay Pal-Click and Pay > Go to Order Complete

Credit Card-Click and Pay > Go to Order complete

Debit Card-Click and Pay > Go to Order Complete

Or you can pay by phone during office hours using your credit card, you will see > Telephone > Click here and the order will be placed and ask you to phone 01327 311125 (office hours) and make your payment. You will be asked if you want Delivery or Collect

When your order has been placed you get an order confirmation, with unique number to quote, which will be copied to you in an e-mail.

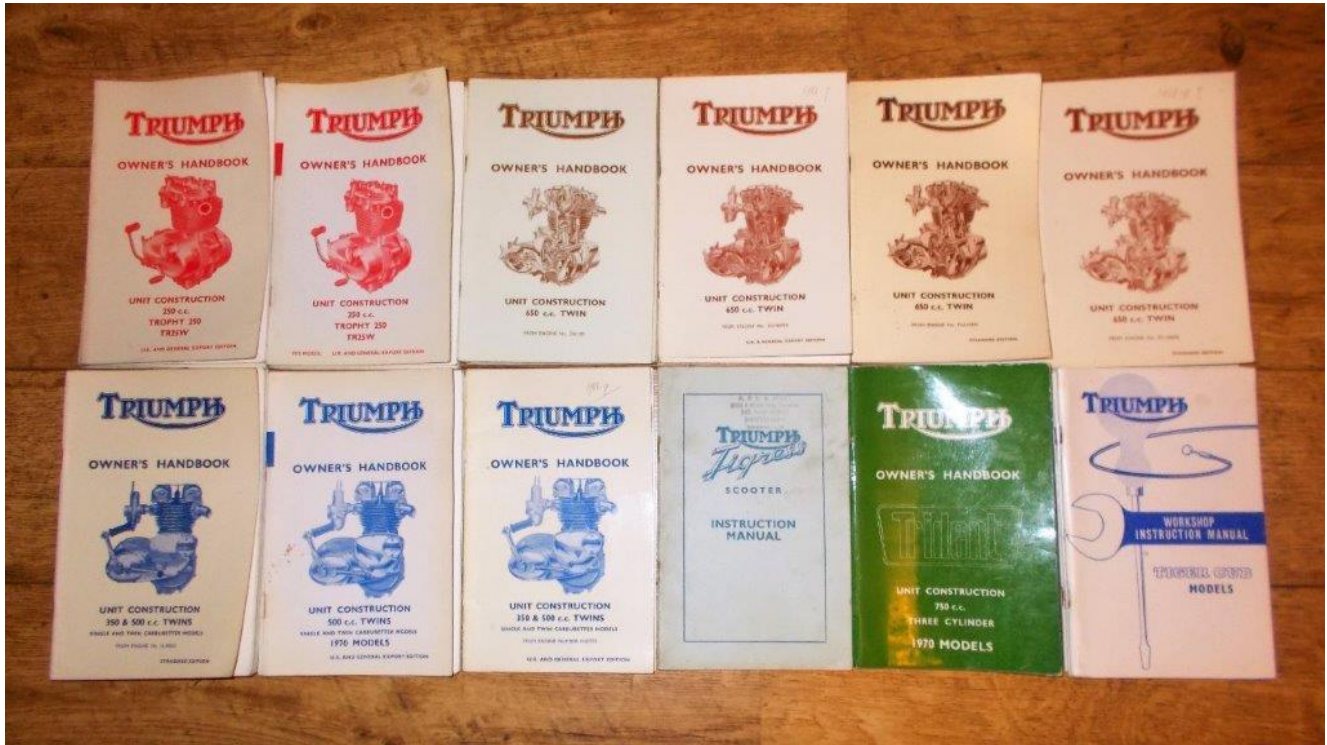
If your order gets mucked up during all this, click on Cancel to return to the main Custom Kit page and start again. Select Club wear and then select Northants TOMCC.



Pure Triumph's latest project bike:

Mad Max Speed Triple (aka Speed Scrambler), based around a 1050cc Speed Triple

Triumph Handbooks for Sale



Matt Embleton of the East Northants Classic Club is selling off some duplicates of Triumph owners' manuals that he has acquired over the years. As of Mid-December, these were on offer...

250cc Trophy/TR25W, 650cc Unit Construction, 350cc/500cc Unit Construction, 1976 500cc Unit Construction, 1970 Trident, Tiger Cub Workshop Manual

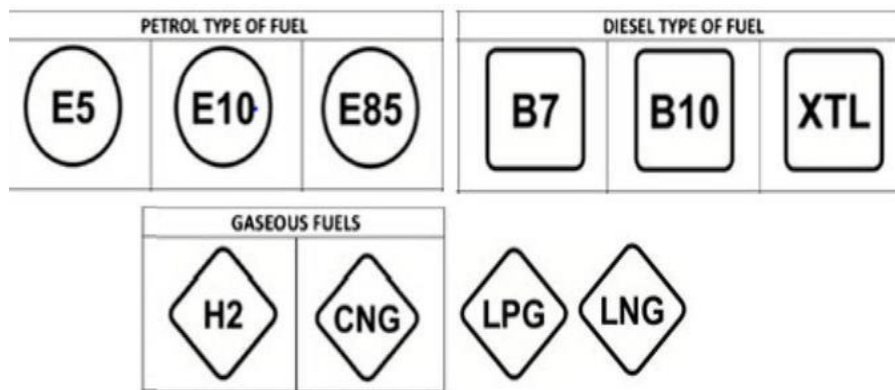
Prices around £6 each plus post & packing.

Contact Matt at matt@wcf.eclipse.co.uk to see which ones are still available.

For Those Who Ride In France

The names changed on pumps in French petrol stations on 12th October 2018.

The descriptions "lead-free" and "diesel" disappeared, to be replaced by symbols: Circle, square, Rhombus; with the fuel type indicated by letters and numbers. Petrol will be marked by a E surrounded by a circle, associated with a figure reflecting the biofuel content: the unleaded 95 and the unleaded 98 containing maximum 5% ethanol will be replaced by E5, the SP95-E10 will become the E10 and the super ethanol composed 85% of ethanol will be sold under the name E85. For its part, diesel will be reported by B, as biodiesel, surrounded by a square, associated with the numbers 7 or 10 depending on the biofuel content.



Stateside

A California Highway Patrolman is on duty in Ventura County when he sees a car being driven slowly and holding up the traffic. When he catches up with it, he puts his lights and sirens on to flag it over.



Putting the sidestand down and getting off his bike he nervously approaches the car, right hand hovering over his holster. He relaxes when he sees that the driver is a little old lady and he signals for her to lower the window.

“Ma’am, you’re driving very slow. Is there a problem with your vehicle?”

“No Officer. I’ve just been keeping to the speed limit that appears on all the signs down the side of the road.”

“Er ma’am, that’s not the speed limit, merely the road number. You’re on State Route 33.”

“Oh thank you officer. I’ll remember that in the future.”

As he turns to walk back to his bike, he sees two more old ladies in the back seat, cowering, ashen-faced. So, he puts his head back inside the window...

“Excuse me ladies, is there a problem there in the back?”

“Yes, 5 minutes ago we were on Highway 150.”