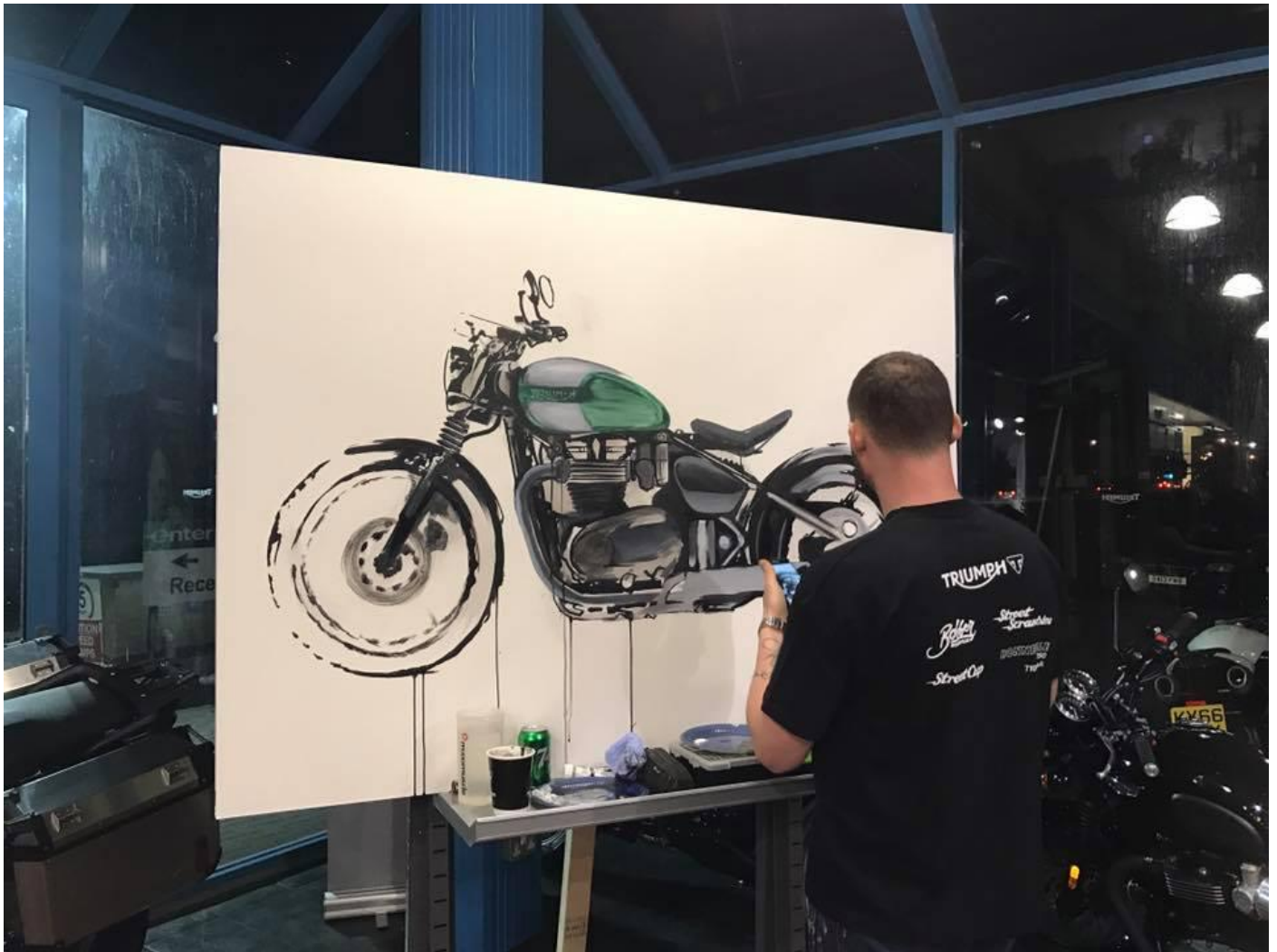


# VIBRATIONS!



Olivier Roubieu in action at Pure Triumph on 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## March 2017



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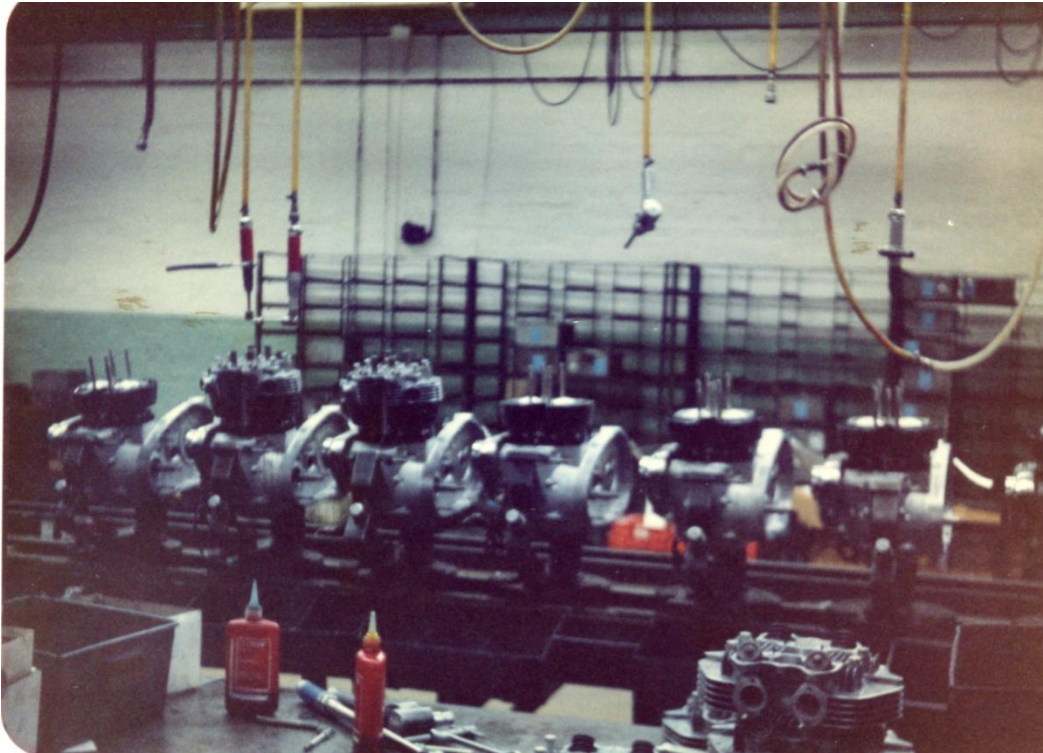
Northants Branch



# Scribblings

Wow, the branch is now 40 years old. I wonder if those who attended the first official meeting believed that it would still be in existence all those years later. And I wonder whether they could have dreamed of the range of bikes that Triumph is producing these days when, in 1977, the Meriden Co-Op was limited to single-carb and twin-carb variants of a 750cc push-rod twin – the origins of which lay with the 1938 Speed Twin.

In the latter days of the factory the production line was largely based around equipment that was a couple of decades old. The oldest kit in the factory must have been the acid baths – which had been rescued from the remains of the Priory Street works destroyed in the Coventry blitz. The tour guide used to point out the shrapnel marks!



Sarge

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## New Members

Only one new member to welcome to the Branch this month...

Richard Davies of Wootton

We may well gain a few more when the four new Bonneville 900 variants: Bobber, Street Cup, T100 Black and Street Scrambler; start to reach their owners. This month's cover picture was taken at the very successful launch night at Wellingborough (and thanks to the shop for permission to use it).

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# Northants Branch Info and News

## 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.

Events	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Branch Dinner</b> at Overstone Manor. Meet 7pm for 7.30pm. Donations of prizes for the raffle would be appreciated.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Branch AGM</b> at The Crown. Agenda was posted in the January Vibrations and the February update. The minutes of last year's AGM were published in the May 2016 Vibrations, a copy of which can be found here: <a href="http://www.dropbox.com/s/20hmzsz8vpywndt/TOMCC_Newsletter_2016_05.pdf">www.dropbox.com/s/20hmzsz8vpywndt/TOMCC_Newsletter_2016_05.pdf</a>
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party</b> at AJs Diner: Cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Triumph Owners National AGM, Wellingborough. See advert in Nacelle and item below. Agenda will be sent out to all members.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Guest Speaker: Jim Lee</b> at The Crown. 8pm onwards
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Ear Plugs Promotion (provisional)</b> at The Crown. 9pm onwards
Sat-Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Stafford Classic Motorcycle Show
Sat-Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April-1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Rushden Cavalcade</b> . The first of the year's branch displays. All passes now allocated, but that should not stop you coming along and paying to get in as a visitor.

Other proposed branch displays...

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Triumph Day at Jacks Hill Café. Marshalls also wanted for this.

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

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. Each item can include the ordinary branch logo or the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary one shown here:

Some items can also be done with a large back-print for an additional fee.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin Badges will also be available shortly.



To order click on this link:

[www.customkit.co.uk/northants-triumph-owners-club-52-c.asp](http://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.

# Northants Branch Info and News

## 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. Registration opens at 10am with the meeting starting at 11am – you will need your current TOMCC membership card to register.

All full members will receive an agenda through the post prior to the meeting.

As the Northants Branch is hosting the meeting we will we will need assistance from our members in erecting direction signs to the venue and car parking duties, starting at 9am on the Sunday. If you would like to help out with this task please speak to Chris Dickens.

This will be the second time that the AGM has been held in Northamptonshire. For many years the venue was the works canteen at the Meriden Factory but with the demise of Triumph in 1983 a new location was required for the following year. HQ accepted the branch's suggestion of Billing Aquadrome and so that was the venue for 1984. With some people camping over the branch also hosted a band and disco in the Aquadrome's function room on the Saturday night.

For 1985, and several years afterwards, the AGM was held at the National Motorcycle Museum.

## Pictures from the 1980 AGM at Meriden:



# The Wrinklies Runs

New for this year, the “Wrinklies Runs...”

Meet on selected Thursdays at Pure Triumph, Wellingborough at 10.45am, to depart at 11am, for a short runs of approximately 1 hour to a pub for lunchtime. If you can't make the run you are welcome to go directly to the venue to meet us there.

All food & drink must be paid for by the individual members – we won't be running a bar tab.

Norman Waples

20 <sup>th</sup> April	The Robin Hood, Clifton Reynes. MK46 5DR
4 <sup>th</sup> May	The Navigation, Stoke Bruerne, NNn12 7SY
18 <sup>th</sup> May	The Wheatsheaf, Crick, NN6 7TU
1 <sup>st</sup> June	The Bull's Head, Arthingworth, LE16 8JZ
15 <sup>th</sup> June	The Green Man, Lavendon, MK46 4HA
26 <sup>th</sup> June	The Boat, Braunston, NN11 7HB
13 <sup>th</sup> July	The Royal Oak, Walgrave (at one time our Branch HQ)
27 <sup>th</sup> July	The Swan, Cranfield, MK43 0DR
10 <sup>th</sup> August	The Queen's Head, Orlingbury, NN14 1JD
24 <sup>th</sup> August	The Red Lion, Brafield on the Green, NN7 1BP (another old Branch HQ)
7 <sup>th</sup> September	The Spread Eagle, Corby, NN18 8HW
21 <sup>st</sup> September	The Royal Oak, Hillmorton, CV21 4PW
5 <sup>th</sup> October	The Half Moon, Grendon, NN7 1JW

Hopefully the next issue of Vibrations will include some evening and weekend runs. All suggestions welcome, as will volunteers to lead them.



## 40 Years Old This Month

The first official Meeting of the Northampton branch was held on 9th March 1977 and this was the Inaugural General Meeting. Founding Chairman Mike Arnesen provided some details about this

“The history is a bit blurred now because in the mid 70s I was a bit busy: RAC/ACU instructor/examiner, active in Northampton branch committee, active on TOMCC national committee, active in Northampton MCC, active in AJS & Matchless Owners in Stony Stratford, and active in MAG national committee; weekend racing and hill climbs; plus a job change and things have got a bit confused.

Certainly I think the branch was up and running well before 1977 because I bought my T150V in 74 and was racing it at Lydden in 76-77, and I had a T100SS before that as qualifier for the club. I raced the Trident standard for 1 year and for 1 year with 3 into 1 can in 77.

It was possibly around 77 that finally HQ recognised the branch (and the meets started at The Artichoke), because they often had problems with false starts for branches. For a while we met at the Black Horse on Wolverton Road, well known at the time as biker friendly. Can I as hell as like remember the other meeting places (bet Steve Eke would know if you can find him). My guess is the branch originated about 73-74, though to start with as a bunch of Triumph riding members of Northampton Motorcyclists Club.”

Here's an extract of the minutes from that first official meeting...

Triumph Owners MCC  
(Northampton Branch)

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting (9th March 1977)

The chairman for the evening opened the meeting at 8.30pm and welcomed members to the first official meeting of the branch. Matters of procedure on eligibility to propose and second motions and nominations, and to stand for club office were outlined to the members.

1. Acting officers reports.

Acting Membership Secretary/Treasurer Steve Eke reported that the current membership was 24, with a further 22 social members who at one time or another had been to a meeting. It was emphasised that the social members were very welcome, and were in no way regarded as 'outsiders'. Hopefully those social members who had a Triumph machine and were eligible to join as full members would do so.

Referring to the financial situation, Steve Eke reported that the branch had a cash balance of £5.64½ as at midnight 8th March 1977, this having taken account of all expenses (postage). This balance was purely due to the club night collections levied at 10p per head. No credit had been received from HQ in respect to un-expired subscriptions to which the branch was entitled.

Acting chairman Mike Arnesen reported that the response to the setting up of the branch was beyond the wildest of expectations, and this promised well for the future.

Note the cash balance (it's a bit better these days); I always wondered where the ½p came from.

**Mike Arnesen:** I think that you can be proud of what you started.