

VIBRATIONS!



Neil Wooding tries out the Bobber at Tfest. His wife might have something to say about the lack of a pillion seat.

May 2017



Triumph Owners M.C.C.

Northants Branch



Scribblings

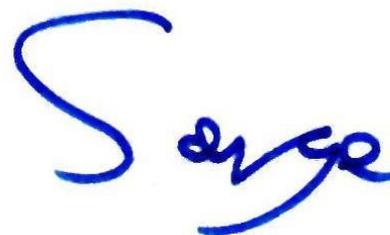
Apologies for the late arrival of Vibrations this month, unfortunately life keeps getting in the way and I've missed a few deadlines recently. Doing some development work for a new job whilst keeping the old one ticking over (and trying to remember which office I'm supposed to be in on any one day) has been trying, but that pressure should ease off by the middle of June when I move to the new office permanently. If I'm late with the July newsletter I'll have to find another excuse!

The 40th Anniversary celebrations for the Branch have been going well so far with the Branch Dinner and the hosting of the National AGM. We're now eagerly looking forward to the Triumph Day at Jacks Hill Cafe on 2nd July.

And for those who like puzzles, here is a Lateral Thinking problem for you to work out:

Under what circumstances would John Gibbs have to partially dismantle his bike in order to give me a lift home one Saturday night?

Thank you, John.



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New Members

We've had quite a few members join the Branch recently. Please welcome...

Mike Arnesen of Budeliere (See also page 6)

Pat O'Callaghan of Northampton

Michael Cooke of Daventry

Peter Percival of Wellingborough

Vernon Field of Northampton

Melvin Saunders of Wymington

Matthew Harmer of Burton Latimer

James Wade of Corby

John Moulding of Market Harborough

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!

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 | |
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| Sat-Sun 13 th -14 th May | MCN Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough |
| Wed 17 th May | Club Night at The Crown. 8pm onwards |
| Thu 18 th May | Wrinklies Run to The Wheatsheaf, Crick, NN6 7TU. 10.45am from Pure Triumph |
| Sat 20 th May | Ride In to The Hart Brewery, Wellingborough. Start point and time to be announced. |
| Wed 24 th May | Evening Run to Peterborough Triumph Owners at Stilton. 7.15pm from Pure Triumph and 7.30pm from Thrapston services. |
| Thu 1 st June | Wrinklies Run to The Bull's Head, Arthingworth, LE16 8JZ. 10.45am from Pure Triumph |
| Fri 2 nd June | Jacks Hill Cafe Bike Night. Towcester |
| Wed 7 th June | Club Night at The Crown. 8pm onwards |
| Sat 10 th June | Daventry Bike Fest. Ride In to be confirmed |
| Wed 14 th June | Evening Run to BSA Owners Club at The Barley Mow, Cosgrove. 7.15pm from Pure Triumph |
| Thu 15 th June | Wrinklies Run to The Green Man, Lavendon, MK46 4HA. 10.45am from Pure Triumph |
| Thu 15 th June | Evening Run to Vintage Japanese Owners at Three Horseshoes, High Street, Ecton, NN6 0QA (Barbeque Night) 7.15pm from Pure Triumph |
| Sun 18 th June | Ride Out to Wells-next-the-Sea Bike Show. To be confirmed |
| Wed 21 st June | Concours d'Elegance at The Crown from 8pm. Judging 8.30pm-9pm. Trophies for Pre-1991 machines and 1991 onwards for Triumphs owned by Northants Branch members. |
| Sun 25 th June | Ride-In to St Ives Motorcycle festival (that's Cambridgeshire, not Cornwall). Departure time to be confirmed. |
| Thu 29 th June | Wrinklies Run to The Boat, Braunston, NN11 7HB. 10.45am from Pure Triumph |
| Sun 2 nd July | Triumph Day at Jacks Hill Cafe. Part of the Branch's 40 th Anniversary celebrations. Volunteers wanted for marshalling and other duties. Talk to Phil Barton. |
| Wed 5 th July | Open Evening at The Crown from 8pm. If you have any contacts in other local clubs please pass the details to Sarge so that he can send them an invite. |
| Fri 7 th July | Jacks Hill Cafe Bike Night. Towcester |
| Mon 10 th July | Evening Run to Norton Owners Club |
| Thu 13 th July | Wrinklies Run to The Royal Oak, Walgrave (at one time our Branch HQ). 10.45am from Pure Triumph |

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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.

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.

Steve Houghton 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/

If you go on any branch events please make a conscious effort to take a photo (high quality 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

Triumph Owners MCC events website: www.tomccevents.co.uk

Triumph Owners Clothing website: www.tomccstore.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

Future Displays:

Looking beyond July, two of the big events where we put on a branch display are:

Sunday 13th August: Brackley Festival of Motorcycling

Saturday-Sunday 23rd-24th September: Sywell Pistons & Props

For both of these only a limited number of exhibitors' tickets are available and we have to get our order submitted well in advance. If you want to take part in either of these please give your details to Phil Barton as soon as possible.

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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 40th Anniversary one shown here:

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

40th 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

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.

Founders Found



Three of the Branch's Founder members were our special guests at the 40th Anniversary Dinner in March. Seen here with Phil Barton are Tony Kuca, Bob Miller and Mike Thompson. Mike was the Branch Chairman for a while and also the National Club Chairman in the early 1980s.

Then at the National AGM on 2nd April we had a very special visitor from France: Mike Arnesen, who was the original Branch Chairman in 1977 - and another who went on to become National Chairman. Mike has recently transferred his membership from HQ back to Northants, so all we can say is "Welcome Home" (that's only in a TOMCC sense as he's still living in France).



Northants Branch 2017 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at The Crown Pub, Wellingborough, Northants

Meeting Open.

- The meeting opened at approximately 08.39pm with 24 members and guests present.
- The Chairman Phil Barton opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 41st AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and further more asked for the 2016 AGM minutes to be approved. He then handed over to Les Barras the secretary to conduct the business Agenda of the night.

Apologies.

- None

Previous AGM minutes.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated & read and were accepted as a true record of that meeting, proposed by Norman Waples and seconded by Bob Seaward.

The Secretary recorded the above notes and continued to conduct the Agenda for the night.

Executive Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report:-

Welcome to the Northants TOMCC 41st AGM 15th March 2017 at The Crown Pub, Wellingborough.

2016 was very good year for the Northants TOMCC Branch, with our ride outs, shows displays and club nights, all well supported?

This branch is not a one-man show; it's a members club so I have to thank everyone for all their hard work and support. To everyone who took our branch Gazebo, without you we could not be able to put on these shows and promote our branch. We are very lucky to have a steadfast committee, not just for last year but also for many years. Phil Short, Les Barras, Sarge are all long standing members who have put a lot into the club, enjoying the good times and keeping it going in the hard times. Stephen Haughton for stepping in and taking on the responsibility for the WEB site, Garry Bonham for the ride outs. A new Thursday Ride out known as the – Wrinklies- will be run by our long standing member Norman Waples, watch this space.

Phil Short has held most positions on the committee and he is currently our Treasurer and PRO, Les Barras was scribe for many years is our Secretary; Sarge is our membership Secretary and our scribe.

What I am trying to say is that we need younger members to come onto the committee, and take over the joys of organising our branch of the TOMCC.

A full calendar of events just for you, it's time to enjoy your bike while you can.

With the national AGM with us in 2017 a big thank you to Chris Dickens, and our 40th Anniversary the next years will be very important to this club, I hope you will all give us your fullest support. Thank you all for attending and giving your valued input.

Thank you all for your support.

Phil Barton-Chairman

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Treasurers' Report:

- A stable year financially, we actually spent some of the profit.
- There is some interest to go on the NS&I account.
- The Building Society has an increase.
- The cash figure for this type of account showing £65.02
- The stock of clothing maintains value.
- The stock of memorabilia and badges etc, see some change through sales.
- It was noted all monies due to HQ are up to date.
- All on a quarterly basis the books would be audited agreed it; this job remains with Neville Colvin.

| Assets | £ |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Building Society | £2295.89 |
| NS&I savings | £99.73 |
| Stock 1 | £26.70 |
| Stock 2 | |
| Cash | £65.02 |
| | £3354.64 |
| HQ-Owing | £45.02 |
| TOTAL | £3426.36 |

- Money held for WNAA Charity is £274.00
- Money raised 2017 Dinner Raffle £137 (magnificent effort)
- Total carried forward for WNAA £274.00
- A proposal of this being a true account, was Proposed by, Les Barras & Seconded by Phil Barton

Phil Short-Treasurer

Secretary Report:-

Les Barras reported there had been very little correspondence and only a couple of contacts been made throughout the year from outsiders.

He welcomed all to the meeting.

He gave out some statistics for the year passed and noted these were slightly different to last year in the Open Night attendance was not quite as good. See later table for the results.

He noted that there were some legal problems with the WEB Site Link to the Sales of Merchandise and the connecting link had been temporary disconnected. *(Post meeting note: HQ, Ken Talbot had made contact with LB and advised on the situation, LB to follow up on the suggestion).*

Les Barras Secretary

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Membership Secretary Report:

- Ian Sargent, reviewed the membership in March and said there had been a lot movement and change. We are minus several members overall over the year.

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| Full members | 157 |
| Associate members | 0 |
| Honorary Members | 0 |
| Past Members | 0 |
| Total | 157 |
| 2016/17 | -6 |

Ian Sargent - Membership Secretary

Scribes Report: (Nacelle & Vibrations)

- Ian Sargent took up the reins and led the reports for the Nacelle magazine
- The meeting was asked if anyone should wish to take on the role as Vibrations editor, please step forward, NO volunteers on the night.

Ian Sargent -Scribe

Webmaster's Report

- Stephen Haughton had taken on the Web Site for the branch.
- **www.northantstomcc.org**
- He continues to regularly update, with all information, for Members, Events, Archives, Programme, Minutes etc.;
- Steve thanked everyone for the support he is getting and continues to work at the site, more each time he gets his head around the activities.
- Thank you Steve (*Chairman*)

Stephen Haughton – Webmaster

Election of Officers:

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- The Secretary noted this.
- The Branch Secretary opened the Election with a review of the standing officers to ask if they are prepared to stand again, All agreed to do so, the members attending were asked if there are any objections, there being none the Officers are re-elected.

Chris Dickens, Kevin Hedges, Philip Wallington and Chris Halford continue in the posts of GPO. Well done.

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| Position | Nominated | Nominator | Seconded |
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| Chairman | Phil Barton | Re-elected | |
| Secretary | Les Barras | " | |
| Treasurer | Phil Short | " | |
| PRO | Phil Short | " | |
| Webmaster | Stephen Haughton | " | |
| Membership Secretary | Ian Sargent | " | |
| Scribe | | | |
| Runs Captain / Thursdays | Norman Waples | Les Barras | Phil Barton |
| GPO | Chris Dickens | " | |
| GPO | Kevin Hedges | " | |
| GPO | Philip Wallington | " | |
| GPO | Chris Halford | " | |
| Auditor | Neville Colvin | " | |

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 Norman Waples as the –Wrinklies- Thursday Runs Captain, well done.

Wednesday Runs will be lead by a volunteer, as we normally have these organised to a set place, time and dates to be published.

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

Election of Branch Auditor: We agreed that for the record, Neville Colvin was to be our Auditor and review the books; he is to liaise with Phil Short when convenient.

Election of Branch Honorary Members:

No members elected. This will be reviewed at the next committee meeting, and added to the Agenda.

Presentation of Awards:

| Trophy | Nominated | Nominator |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Triumph Trophy | Phil Barton | By record of Attendance |
| Navigator Trophy | None to be reviewed | |
| Triumph Rider's Trophy | Phil Barton | By record of Attendance |
| Club person of The year * | Stephen Haughton | By vote 8/7 |
| Double Digit | Steve Rattley/John Caullay | |

* 2 names were put forward for Club Person of the Year;-

- Stephen Haughton Proposed – Philip Wallington – Seconded Barry Gambrill
- Chris Dickens Proposed – Stephen Haughton Seconded Keith Day

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Triumph Trophy (Attendance)

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| 1 st | Phil Barton | 36 points |
| 2 nd | Phil Short | 30 points |
| 3 rd | Philip Wallington | 28 points |
| 4 th | Garry Bonham | 27 points |
| 5 th | Les Barras/Chris Dickens/Chris Halford | 26 points |
| 6 th | Ian Sargent | 22 points |
| 7 th | Barry Gambrill/Norman Waples | 17 points |
| 8 th | Keith Day | 16 points |
| 9 th | Paul Anderson/Steve Haughton | 15 points |
| 10 th | John Toyer/John Gibbs | 14 points |

Triumph Rider's (Triumph Machine)

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| 1 st | Phil Barton | 27 points |
| 2 nd | Chris Halford | 23 points |
| 3 rd | Chris Dickens | 19 points |
| 4 th | Philip Wallington/Garry Bonham | 18 points |
| 5 th | Stephen Haughton/Phil Short | 15 points |
| 6 th | John Toyer/John Gibbs | 14 points |
| 7 th | Paul Mayhew | 13 points |
| 8 th | Paul Anderson | 12 points |
| 9 th | Les Barras | 11 points |
| 10 th | Barry Gambrill/Keith Day | 9 points |

Double Digit

- Joint 1st Steve Rattley & John Caullay- for going to the wrong pub on the 40th party night.

Well done to all the worthy winners.

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Attendance Statistics-;

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| Attendance | 522 |
| Members | 498 |
| Guests | 24 |
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| Bikes | 334 |
| Members | 310 |
| Guests | 24 |
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| Attendance by Ladies | 15 |
| Club Nights | 10 |
| Open Events | 5 |
| | |
| Shows and Clubs Visits | 16 in 2016 |

Propositions:

- An open invitation was put to the members to think of any reasonable proposals.
- Chris Dickens asked for the Associate Members Trophy to be reviewed- To be taken to the committee.
- Phil Short asked for Associate Members Trophy to reviewed as a Ladies Social Trophy- To be taken to committee.
- Philip Wallington asked for Associate Members Trophy to reviewed as a General Supports to Club - To be taken to committee.

Any Other Business:

- Les Barras is to retire the post of Northants Branch TOMCC Secretary at the next AGM 2018

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Thanks to the New Managers of The Crown Pub for their support.

Les Barras – Secretary
18th March 2017