

# VIBRATIONS!



**Some of the Branch contingent at this year's  
Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride**

## **November 2018**

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

**Northants Branch**



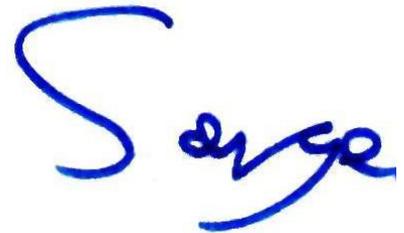
# Scribblings

Two pleas to the membership...

Unfortunately, our Webmaster Steve Haughton is no longer able to keep the website up to date so we are looking for someone to fill his shoes. Is there anybody in the branch who would be prepared to take over? Steve would provide some assistance.

If you are interested please have a word with Chairman Phil Barton.

With the Branch rideouts finished for the winter we turn our attention to keeping you all entertained at the Crown on our club nights. If you have any suggestions: film nights, guest speakers, etc, please have a word with Secretary Philip Wallington.



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## New Members

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

Kendon McLeod of Milton Keynes

Vincent Whitrow of Wellingborough

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## 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](http://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
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Pure Triumph VIP Night:</b> Get first dibs on Pure Triumph's Autumn Sale (see below). Special invite to Triumph Owners MCC members between 6pm-8pm.
Sat-Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pure Triumph: Our Autumn Sale weekend, in-store only and we're having a massive clearance with savings of up to 80% off, giving you access to clothing, merchandise, accessories and parts for less. If you're on the hunt for a new ride, some new gear or just some more personal touches for your machine, look no further than our sale.  All our offers will be in-store only so you'll have to take a journey down to us, though don't worry - at the end of the cold weather are some hot offers that you won't find anywhere else.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Fri-Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> November	Classic Motorbike Show at the NEC. <a href="http://www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/classic-motorbike-show/">www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/classic-motorbike-show/</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> November	Motorcycle Live at the NEC. <a href="http://www.motorcyclelive.co.uk/">www.motorcyclelive.co.uk/</a>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm. Branch Christmas Party
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Wild & Woolly Scramble at The Arm Farm, Blisworth. Practice at 10am; race at 11am

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

More from the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride. Mr Caullay decided to leave his two Triumphs at home and give his BSA a day out...



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## WATOC Rally - New Zealand

Every year the World Association of Triumph Owners Clubs holds a rally in one of its member countries. For 2019 it is the turn of TOMCC New Zealand to host this event.

If you are not aware of this here is the link for rally registration:

[www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/2019-watoc-rally-of-the-year-new-zealand-combined-with-the-25th-tomcc-nz-national-rally-tickets-36084874832](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/2019-watoc-rally-of-the-year-new-zealand-combined-with-the-25th-tomcc-nz-national-rally-tickets-36084874832)

If you have already registered, we look forward to making you welcome at Hanmer Springs, South Island in February next year. If you have not so far registered we encourage you to consider doing so quite soon as registrations for this event close on 1st December 2018.

## Shipping Bikes.

We understand that those of you who are attending may be organising your own shipping arrangements for getting your bike to New Zealand, but for those who have not done so, or who are worried that they may have left it a little late, there are still a few places available for bikes in a shipping container being organised by TOMCC member, Geoff Walton ([Geoff.walton01@gmail.com](mailto:Geoff.walton01@gmail.com))

John Witherington  
President TOMCC NZ

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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 (by the crossing in Senwick Road).***

## 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.

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 (high quality mobile phone OK) then send it to Sarge and Steve. This will ensure the newsletter and website have something to show when writing the reports.

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## 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: [www.tomccmerchandise.com](http://www.tomccmerchandise.com) (new link)

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)

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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](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.

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# Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September was the day of discovery – many of us found that our suits and trousers had mysteriously shrunk!

However, with the aid of shoehorns, grunts and wriggles, and the tightening of belts, 177 riders from the area around Northampton joined 120,000 riders world-wide to don their respectable garb and take part in an event for charity- and have a good ride out.

We rode out as co-ordinated by Kevin Lington from Pure Triumph who deserves a great vote of thanks for the organisation of this event. About 50 riders left Pure Triumph to ride to the start point at Highgate house where we were received with hot sausage and bacon rolls, croissants and coffee! (very tasty too, and all for a donation - they also deserve a big thank you).

The whole gang then began a long parade, also very well managed, around the whole of Northampton. This went off very well, weather dry, albeit a little chilly for those accustomed to full leathers or cordura type textile wear, dress shirts do not stop draughts!

We were met along the way with smiling faces, waving children and loads of camera activity, which we reciprocated in a variety of friendly fashions.

We completed the ride at Brampton Halt where there was a special German oompah type beer event going on and we could relax and take refreshment.



All in all a great event, with excellent organisation by Kevin and the lads and lasses at Pure Triumph. Now for the serious bit. One of the things the money goes to is Prostate cancer Research.

As many of you have experienced, perhaps with friends or relatives, Prostate cancer is a spectre amongst men of a certain age. Some close their eyes to it as being 'tough' and 'manly' does not go well with some of the things involved. Men can be their own worst enemies when it comes to their health and wellbeing. I watched my own father, a large bear of a man, become ill and wither in body and spirit due to this disease. So, if you have any symptoms, get checked.



Hopefully next year this event will grow even bigger, and we will do better than the £500+ donations for Brekkies, and £17,068 by those on the local ride.

**Philip Wallington.**

# TriFest Skeggy

On a bright and sunny morning 5 members departed from the Argos warehouse in Corby at 10.30am, taking the A43 to Stamford then on to Spalding.

We had a stop for a P&T just before Boston, a good job we did as it took some time to get through Boston's traffic jam, then a steady ride up the A52 to Skegness arriving at the holiday park for 1.30pm. Four more of our branch arrived shortly after. Friday night's entertainment, the Abba girls was by far the best night.

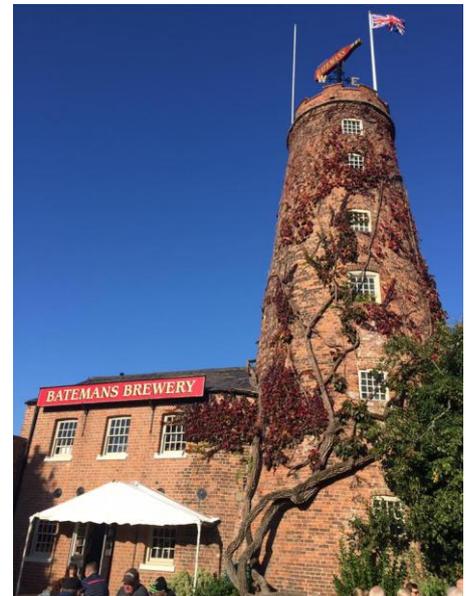


On Saturday morning 42 bikes went on the main run to the Bomber command centre near Lincoln, but we decided to do our own thing going to the Blue Bell pub in Tattershall Thorpe which was a favourite place for Bomber pilots in WW11, a very nice 400 year old pub.

On the way back to Skegness some of us called in at East Kirkby to see the Lancaster and the others went to Wildman's motorcycle shop in Spilsby.

Sunday was the annual trip to Batemans Brewery, the train should have had two coaches but only had one so all those that could not get on went by taxi!

Phil Short and Chris Halford and I went down to the seafront to do some sun bathing and have a beer or two.



Monday morning it was time to pack up and head home, a great time was had by all, good weather, good company, good ride out's, good food, perfect.

Not content with taken the Best Hinckley award at Trifest Somerset, Paul Humphries repeated the feat at TriFest Skegness.

Next year's weekend will be 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Phil Barton.**