

# VIBRATIONS!



**Barry Gambrill leads the riders back at the end of the branch's TOMCC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ride**

## September 2019



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

**Northants Branch**



# Scribblings

Continuing on from the July Scribblings...

I told you about receiving a V5 at my address for a car with someone else's name on it, and the subsequent receipt of a penalty charge notice after it had been driven in a bus lane.

That all started on 15<sup>th</sup> June. After several weeks I managed to get a letter from the DVLA to say that the car was no longer linked to my address, a copy of which was then sent off to the Barking & Dagenham penalty charge office. It took until 12<sup>th</sup> August until I could finally relax, with the arrival of a confirmation that the penalty ticket had been (reluctantly on their part) rescinded.

Should you ever get caught up in the same situation here's what you should do:

For the V5, send it straight back to the DVLA with a note explaining that the vehicle is not connected to your address; and that you would like a confirmatory letter from them to say that the link to your house has been removed.

For any other letter in the that person's name: Don't open it and do not engage in correspondence. If the envelope has a return address, write "Not known at this address" and return it to the sender.



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## New Members

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

Bruce Burrows from Cogenhoe

Mark Harrison of Mawsley

Glen David of Welford

Sally Lewis from Northampton

Terry Dunn from Stanwick

Mark Maxwell from Silverstone

John Gower of Wellingborough

Bob Miller from Hardingstone

Adrian Harber from Brixworth

Andrew Warren of Rugby

Bob Miller was one of the branch's founder members 42 years ago, and is the third to re-join us in the last couple of years. I wonder how many other founders are still out there?

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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 member 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.

	<b>Events List</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown, High Street, Hardington from 8pm. Hopefully we will be joined by some of the South Lincs Branch members.
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Wrinklies Run to The Fox, Hallaton, LE16 8UJ.</b> Meet Pure Triumph 10.45am with a full tank.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown, High Street, Hardington from 8pm.
Saturday-Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Branch Display at Pistons &amp; Props Festival.</b> Contact Phil Barton for details. <a href="http://www.sywellclassic.co.uk/home/4581770422">www.sywellclassic.co.uk/home/4581770422</a>
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Wrinklies Run to The Nags Head, Great Linford, MK14 5AX.</b> Meet Pure Triumph at 10.45am with a full tank.
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Annual 10-Pin Bowling Night</b> at AMF Bowling, Whitworth Way, Victoria Park, Wellingborough. 2 games and a drink for £12.50. Advance booking through Les Barras.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning at Salford Village Hall, MK17 8BD. Joint run from Pure Triumph with the AJS & Matchless Owners and the East Northants Classic Club. Departure time to be announced.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, raising money for prostate cancer. Henry Richards is our liaison for the Northamptonshire ride. He is looking for more riders to take part, also people to act as marshals.  Register here: <a href="https://www.gentlemansride.com/">https://www.gentlemansride.com/</a>
	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown, High Street, Hardington from 8pm.
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Wrinklies Run to The Axe &amp; Compass, Hemmingford Abbots, PE28 9AH.</b> Meet Pure Triumph at 10.45am with a full tank.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown, High Street, Hardington from 8pm.
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Wrinklies Run to The Horseshoes, Sywell, NN6 0AW.</b> Meet Pure Triumph at 10.45am with a full tank.

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

### **TOMCC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride – a second chance:**

For those who missed the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ride around Rutland on 24<sup>th</sup> August, Barry Gambrill has another 70-mile ride planned from Pure Triumph, via a roundabout route, to Jacks Hill Café. This is likely to be towards the end of October but no date has yet been set.

Barry would like to know how many members are interested in taking part; and whether a Thursday, Saturday or Sunday event is preferred. Have a word with Barry at our Hardington club nights.

# Northants Branch Info and News

## Branch HQ:

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 the Newport Pagnell Road (B526).

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 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](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/](https://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 Les Barras. 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: [www.tomccmerchandise.com](http://www.tomccmerchandise.com)

The club also has a page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/4526704577/](https://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)

# Northants Branch Info and News

## Northants Branch Clothing Range

The range of Northants Branch clothing: T-Shirt, Polo Shirt, Sweatshirt, Hoodie, Fleece, Business Shirt and Baseball Cap; can be purchased on-line.

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.

**Club Night Ordering:** If you would prefer not to go on-line you can place an order with Les Barras at one of our club nights. Your selection should then be ready for collection at the next club night.



When the Triumph Owners MCC used to hold its own race meetings at Lydden Circuit in the 1970s...

Rider No.3 is Northants Branch member Mike Arnesen.

# TriFest France – TOGA 2020

In 1959 the first TOGA (Triumph Owners Go Abroad) event took place and almost 500 TOMCC members descended on Brussels. Eight years later the second TOGA event took TOMCC to Paris. Now, 52 years later, plans are in place to take TOMCC Members abroad again - to the lovely Vercors in South-East France for 5th to 12th September 2020.

There will be daily runs for both Classic and Modern bikes, and at least one trip to a distillery with lunch for prize giving. Of course, you can always do your own thing.

The nearby towns of Grenoble, Lyon, and Valence could provide a day visit for shopping. The Route Napoleon is a must-ride with impressive gorges and cliff-side roads. There are a host of other attractions in the area - some of which we will be organising trips to.

## Itinerary

**Friday 4th September:** UK via the Eurotunnel to Reims for overnight stay. round 350 mile ride this day. I prefer not to use toll roads in France and make it a more interesting ride down and for pillions.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Around 370 mile ride this day on to the Camping Iris Parc at Chateau de Galaure.

**Saturday-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September:** Return journey as per outward, with an overnight stay at Reims.

## Accommodation

The accommodation is in luxury mobile homes, bungalows or tents. Or reserve a pitch for your own camper or tent.

A 7-night stay in a mobile home is about £250, based on 2 people sharing but can sleep 4.

For more details, view the website at: <https://irisparc.co.uk/camping-le-chateau-de-galaure>

Bookings now being accepted. When booking the code for the event is "TOGA Group"

For more detail E-mail: [John.richards600@btinternet.com](mailto:John.richards600@btinternet.com) or mobile 07971-348288; or see me at a club night.

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From an earlier Northants (and guests from other branches) visit to France...

A line-up of bikes during the 1996 Normandy Invasion.



# Triumph Day at Jacks Hill Cafe

Since joining the TOMCC I soon realised we supported events but didn't have our own, so came up with the idea of Triumph Day. There was an excellent venue nearby with a long history of related events and culture. Sue at Jacks Hill was approached and was more than willing, and very happy, to have us there.

Now in its third year; the 2019 posters and flyers were printed off, and an advert was put into Nacelle.

Once again, the weather was kind. We had support from Kev at Pure Triumph, and Meriden Branch. Thanks go to them for their displays. A good contingent from Northants came along and put on a good display of machines as well. Sue and the staff at Jacks Hill were kept busy all day and provided excellent service so all.

There was a constant and steady influx of Triumphs, old and new. There were some outstanding bikes on show. By lunchtime the frontage was rammed full of Triumphs, with the rear car park filling up with other makes.

A massive thank you to all Northants members who gave up time to assist with marshalling and parking. A long hot day fuelled by an excellent Jacks Hill breakfast; and again, a very successful and enjoyable day. Thanks to everyone who attended; great to see all those Triumphs surrounded by a sea of smiling people having a good time.

Same again next year!

Steve Rattley



# Triumphant Scotland

Saturday morning saw us getting wet before we even met at the garage at mid-day to set off on our adventure North. Eight of us left the garage just after 12.15 and met up with another four at the A14, making up the "Dirty Dozen". The weather was inclement to say the least on the ride up to Carnforth and the journey was littered with events: persistent rain, heavy traffic in the roadworks and an idiot crashing his Porsche on the M6 Toll. We stopped for a bit of lunch about half-way, fuelled up and set sail again.

It wasn't long before we came to a standstill again; apparently there had been a stabbing in the motorway service involving some "hairy arse bikers". Luckily it didn't involve any of us. We arrived at Carnforth Truckstop in bright sunshine, albeit a bit soggy. After drying out we all get a decent meal and had a few beers.

After a hearty breakfast on Sunday, we donned our wet gear again and plodded on. Our next stop was a Gretna, where we had a coffee and took a few snaps by the Blacksmith Shop. There were a few oriental ladies and gentlemen that took quite an interest in the bikes. "AH YOU RIDE MOTOBIKE. VROOM VROOM."

When we left Gretna, we headed towards Dumfries and cut across country to Kilmarnock and up the coast road from Irvine, through Largs and over the Erskine Bridge. The heading up the shores of Loch Lomond and up to Arrochar, on the banks of Loch Long.

The Dirty Dozen arrived at almost the same time as Norm and Big Al, who had ridden up today; and Chris and Barry who came up together. The "Happy Campers" came down to say "hi" and have a beer. The hotel was really nice, with a great view of the loch if you were lucky enough to have a room at the front.



After a good night's sleep, we awoke on Monday to a brilliant blue sky and a loch that was as still as a millpond. We all got stuck into a breakfast with black pudding and haggis. With no need for waterproofs a few of us headed up to the Rest And Be Thankful picnic stop, where the view back up the glen was amazing.

Then we turned away from the main road and went down to Loch Goil and Carrick Castle, where we get accosted by Jehovah's Witnesses believe it or not! After having a spot of lunch in a small tea room we headed back and got caught in a heavy shower.

In the afternoon, Steve & Julie, Bev and myself, went out for a cruise on Loch Lomond. We saw a pair of Golden eagles hovering above our boat on the loch, amazing.





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*The rest of us (apart from Barry who wasn't feeling too good) headed down the A83 towards Campbeltown, the most southern town on the Mull of Kintyre, turning off onto a 'B' road half way there as a bit of a scenic diversion (For those not in the know Scottish 'B' roads are usually single track with passing places, and this was typical).*

*Campbeltown in early June hadn't really woken up and the cafes we looked at were shut but we found a bar that served food for lunch, and really good it was. Apologies to all as I nearly choked on my burger and ended up taking it away in a bag to eat later). A blast back up the almost empty A83 ended with another night in the bar.*

Tuesday morning, blue skies again. Some of us rode up to Fort William, stopping at the Green Welly, a lay-by with an amazing view and Glencoe Visitor Centre en route. We grabbed some lunch in Fort William and hunted for a waterproof coat for Worm and tartan ties for LB.

*Barry was feeling worse so the hotel receptionist made an appointment with the local GP (try that here!!) and being the one with the car I spent the morning ferrying him to the village surgery and then to the Vale of Leven Hospital near Glasgow, where he was diagnosed as suffering from vertigo (later pooh-pooched by the doctors in Northampton!) so he parked his bike up for the week and went walking.*

*On the way back I detoured to Helensburgh and along the coast and suddenly realised that we were staying only 10 miles north of the nuclear submarine base at Faslane! I'm not sure where everybody went that day but I remember that some went to Inveraray (old Jail and castle). I was planning to head towards Inveraray after lunch but an accident had closed the main road (A83) in the village and being in rural Scotland there was no easy way round so I went nowhere and spent the rest of the day in the bar looking at the view over the Loch with a cold beer.*

Wednesday was Mull day. The weather was kind to us again and we set off nice and early to catch the ferry with a full tank of fuel. 12 bikes left the hotel and, eventually, 12 bikes turned up at the ferry terminal in Oban, after Big Al had taken a scenic route that only he knew about. The ferry crossing was quite smooth, which was a good job as a couple of our party haven't got the best sea legs. No name mentioned, Muttley, Bob.

So, we arrived in Mull and took a steady ride up to Tobermory, taking in the scenic coastal views with the sun beating down on us. After a stroll around Tobermory for an hour or so, some of us took a ride around the top half of the island on some pretty dire roads, but it was worth it. We stopped at Calgary Bay and it could have been the Caribbean. When we got back to Oban it was waterproofs time again and we all got a bit damp on the way back to the hotel.



# Triumphant Scotland

Thursday was a bit of a lazy day for most, but a few explored the area near the hotel: Kintyre, Loch Lomond and Balloch Castle. That evening a lot of us went down the road to a nearby pub and had a really good meal.



Friday, again blue skies. Some of us headed towards Stirling and over to the Falkirk Wheel, incredible to say the least. We then went on to the Kelpies, which were absolutely amazing.

A table was booked at Ben Arthur's Bothy for Friday evening and we all managed to make for a "last supper" to finish off our stay.



*I'd seen the wheel and the 'kelpies' a couple of years earlier so I just went for a local ride around Loch Lomond and lazed around the rest of the day. In the afternoon I loaded the bikes on the trailer ready for the morrow.*

Saturday morning saw us all packing up the bikes and heading south out of Bonnie Scotland, after a week of fantastic riding weather and great company. On the long trip home we all got soaked riding in some really heavy rain, whichever route was taken.

We'd just like to say "Thanks" to everyone who came, it was brilliant.

**Phil & Bev Tobutt.**

**Box notes by Chris Dickens**

What's next? Nothing has been organised yet but there is some talk of a similar trip to Wales or Ireland. Watch this space!