

# VIBRATIONS!



**Trophy won by Paul Humphreys at  
TriFest Somerset for his Trident 900**

## May 2018



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


**Northants Branch**



# Scribblings

Apologies for the late arrival of this issue. As is so often the case, real life got in the way of compiling it. Hopefully the branch reports in Nacelle, the branch website and various posting on Facebook have kept you all up to date.

Still no new articles for this month, though I'm hoping that at least two will be available for the July issue. However I could still do with some more submissions on a variety of subjects: travel, bike restorations, racing; or even non-motorcycle related if you think that they would be of interest to branch members.



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## New Members

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

Jonathan Berni of Kettering

Steve Gayton of Northampton

Tod Booth of Brackley

Edwin Helm of Wellingborough

Ian Bridgstock of Kettering

Tony King of Desborough

Matt Burns of Daventry

Ian Neilson of Milton Keynes

Chris Capewell of Blisworth

David Roberts of Silverstone

Alison Davies of Northampton

Philip Tobutt of Milton Malsor

Ian Dutfield of Northampton

Michael Vinton of Rushden

Paul Evans of Northampton

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## 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.

	<b>Events List</b>
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Nags Head, Great Linford, MK14 5AX. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Sat-Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May	MCN Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough. <a href="http://www.mcnfestival.com/">www.mcnfestival.com/</a>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Evening Run</b> to Peterborough Triumph Owners at Stilton. 7.30pm from Pure Triumph or 7.45pm from Thrapston Services.
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Wheatsheaf, Crick, NN6 7TU. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Sat-Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> May	Lanc, Tank and Military Machines at Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre – possible branch run.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stony Stratford Classic Car & Bike Show. 10am-4pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Kings Arms, Polebrook, PE8 5LW. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Evening Run</b> to BSA Owners at The Barley Mow, Cosgrove. 7pm from Pure Triumph
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> June	VJMCC Barbecue at Three Horseshoes, Ecton. Possible branch run.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm. The annual Concours d'Elegance. Trophies for best pre-1990 and best 1990-onwards Triumphs.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Crown Inn, Tur Langton, LE8 0PJ. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Triumph Day at Jack's Hill Cafe 10am-3pm.</b> Organised by the Branch to we will need volunteers there early to help set up.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Open Evening</b> at The Crown from 8pm. Invite all your friends along, no matter what they ride.
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Wharf, Welford, NN6 0JQ. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Festival of 1000 Bikes</b> at Mallory Park. Branch Run
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Evening Run</b> to Norton Owners Club at The Wharf, Welford. 7.15pm from Premier Inn, Junction 7 of A14 at Kettering.
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Ton-Up Day</b> at Jacks Hill Cafe. Branch display
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Club Night</b> at The Crown from 8pm
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Wrinklies Run</b> to The Swan, Bromham, MK43 8LS. Meet at Pure Triumph 10.45am.
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Founders Day Rally</b> at Stanford Hall. Possible branch ride-in

**Volunteers required to lead all of the evening runs (preferably people who know the way to the destination).**

# Northants Branch Info and News

## 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 is the webmaster. 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 (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.

## 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 (temporary):  
<http://tomcc.org/Home/News/173e4e78a56044ccb9c899e0997d3c>

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)



Northants Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin badges still available. £3 each from Sarge. Add £1 for postage if not collecting from a club night.

# 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 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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## The Grandborough Gathering

'Celebrating Motorcycles and Friendship'

At the Shoulder of Mutton pub, Grandborough CV23 8DN (Nr Rugby)

From 11am, Sunday 27 May 2018 – All welcome

Supporting the Air Ambulance

The pub was a hotbed for bikes in the 70s & 80s, with 2-Stroke Sundays being run not too long ago. The idea is to get bikers out riding with a friendly place to meet, where they can catch up with old friends and make some new ones too.

Best bike trophy

Motorcycles only parking

Ride out from the pub at 10am

Raffle in aid of Air Ambulance

Bacon butties etc. available

## Obituaries

### Jim Wade

It saddens me to have to tell you all that branch member Jim Wade passed away on Saturday 17th March.

He started motorcycling rather late in life but went at it with great enthusiasm touring all over Great Britain and Europe, going to many FIM rallies and Moto camps with his wife Betty.

He was also chairman of the Rockingham Forest Touring M/C club for some years, a club which we have visited several times in the past.

Some years ago Jim had a battle with cancer and found that the big touring bikes just too heavy, so he got a Triumph America and joined the Northants TOMCC enjoying many a Wrinklie ride out with us.

RIP JIM.

Phil Barton

### Dominic Dowsey-Magog

Dominic died suddenly in early April from a heart attack. Somewhat ironically, his last post on Facebook was a joke about his high-blood pressure.

I first met Dom at junior school, then we went to separate senior schools, only to meet up again to do our A Levels. Over the next few decades our paths crossed intermittently until he bought a house next door to another of my other friends so I was in regular contact with him again. Then three years ago he joined the Triumph Owners, having got hold of one of the early Hinckley Trophies.

His lorry-driving job and his two hobbies prevented him from getting to many branch events; those hobbies being crewing tall ships and the singing of sea shanties with various groups around the country.

One of those people who nobody had a bad word about, he will be much missed by all who knew him.

Sarge.

## A Good Deed

We had some 20 bikes turn up at Pure Triumph for our rearranged Wrinklies Run on 19<sup>th</sup> April, but before we set off I had a bit of a mishap! I put my gloves on the floor then my helmet on the seat while I took out my ear plugs. With the intention of putting my helmet on the gloves, but before I could do so the helmet rolled off the seat onto the floor breaking the visor attachment.

Chris D had a look at it and secured it so I could complete the run. Later that day I went to J&S where I got the helmet to see if it could be repaired? "Leave it with us." they said. The next day (Friday) I got a phone call: "Can you come over to the shop?". On arrival I was told the helmet was not repairable!, but as I only used it once the shop manager said we will give you a NEW replacement helmet FREE OF CHARGE.

Wow, they did not have to do that as it was totally my fault. This good deed deserves much publicity as we can give them.

A BIG THANK YOU TO J&S OF FINEDON

Phil Barton

# 2018 Northants Branch Annual General Meeting

## 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at The Crown Pub, Wellingborough, Northants

### Meeting Open.

- The meeting opened at approximately 8:39pm with 23 members and guests present.
- The Chairman **Phil Barton** opened the meeting with a Thank you for all those who had turned out to the 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM. He continued with asking for known apologies to be recorded by the secretary, and further more asked for the 2017 AGM minutes to be approved. He then followed the Agenda of the night.

### **Apologies.**

- Apologies were received from: Steve Haughton. Bob Taylor. Orni Stig. Neville Colvin. Mike Arnesen.

### Previous AGM minutes.

- The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated previously & read and were accepted as a true record of that meeting, proposed by a show of hands 22 for & 1 against.
- **Matters Arising.**
- **LB** reminded all present that he is to stand down this term.
- The Chairman recorded the above notes and continued to conduct the Agenda for the night.
- **Executive Officers' Reports**

### Secretary's 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 and said a farewell to the audience.
- He gave out some indication as to what he might like to follow up with as a GPO.

**Les Barras, Secretary**

### Treasurer's 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 £337.65
- 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.**

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<b>Assets</b>	<b>£</b>
Building Society	£2432.69
NS&I savings	£998.41
Stock	£139.10
Cash	£337.65
	£3907.85
HQ-Owing	£91.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3999.53</b>

- Money held for WNAA Charity is £120.00
- Money raised 2018 Dinner Raffle £120 (magnificent effort)
- Total carried forward for WNAA £120.00

A proposal of this being a true account, was Proposed by, **Les Barras** & Seconded by **Phil Barton**  
**Phil Short, Treasurer**

## **Chairman's Report:-**

Welcome to the Northants TOMCC 42<sup>nd</sup> AGM 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at The Crown Pub, Wellingborough. This time last year I reminded everyone that 2017 was our 40<sup>th</sup> year and asked all members for their full support in our Anniversary year. Well I would like to **thank you** all, because you did our Branch proud.

The year started well with almost 100 TOMCC members attending the national AGM, which was on our patch for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

Our Triumph Day at Jacks Café was an outstanding success, the shows we attended and our other events have been very well supported.

To the members who organised events - Chris Dickens. Steve Rattley. Les Barras. Norman Waples. The members who took our branch Gazebo to the shows, Sarge for his write ups in the Nacelle & Vibrations, to those who just turn up on the day to support our event, Thank You one and All.

So sorry if I have missed anyone out, but so many people have helped out in 2017.

I believe we have one of the best, if not the best TOMCC branch in the Country. Dare I ask you all to do it again in 2018?

Well I will, I am asking, let's make sure the Northants Branch stays at the Top of the Pack.

**Phil Barton, Chairman**

## **Membership Secretary's Report;**

**Ian Sargent**, reviewed the membership in March and said there had been a lot movement and change we are plus & minus several members

We appear to gaining new members through association with Shows and the local dealership, Pure Triumph.



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<b>Full members</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Associate members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Past Members</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

- We have had good support from Pure Triumph in promoting the TOMCC Northants Branch, thanks to **Kevin Lington**.

**Ian Sargent - Membership Secretary Northants TOMCC.**

## **Scribe's Report:**

- Ian Sargent took up the reins and led the reports for the Nacelle magazine
- He has been making submissions for the remainder of the year.
- He continues to report and produce the Vibrations magazine. Please support Sarge with your submissions, (*Chairman*)
- He also asked to the meeting, 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:** (apologies received 2018)

Stephen Houghton had taken on the Web Site for the branch: [www.northantstomcc.org](http://www.northantstomcc.org)

He continues to regularly update, with all information, for Members, Events, Archives, Programme, Minutes etc.;

Thank you Steve (*Chairman*) \

**Stephen Houghton, Webmaster**

## **Election of Officers:**

- As is normal at these AGM all standing officers declare they are standing down.
- The Secretary noted this.
- Les Barras is to retire the post of Northampton Branch TOMCC Secretary
- Phil Short is to retire the post of Northampton Branch TOMCC Treasurer
- 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, and Chris Halford** continue in the posts of GPO. Well done.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Phil Barton	Philip Wallington	Kevin Hedges
<b>Secretary</b>	Philip Wallington	Phil Barton	Phil Short
<b>Treasurer</b>	Keith Day	Kevin Hedges	John Caullay
<b>PRO</b>	Phil Short	Philip Wallington	Chris Dickens
<b>Webmaster</b>	Stephen Houghton	Ian Sargent	Chris Dickens

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Position	Nominated	Nominator	Seconded
<b>Membership Secretary</b> <b>Scribe (Nacelle &amp; Vibrations)</b>	Ian Sargent	Steve Rattley	Vic Moisey
<b>Runs Captain / Thursdays</b>	Norman Waples-Wrinklies-	Self	Self
<b>General Purpose Officers</b>	Chris Dickens	Phil Barton	Keith Day
	Kevin Hedges	Phil Barton	Phil Short
	Les Barras	Phil Barton	Jeff Wilkins
	Chris Halford	Re-elected in absence	
	Steve Rattley	Phil Barton	Phil Short
<b>Auditor</b>	Neville Colvin	Les Barras	Bernard Giller

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 Keith Day as the –Branch Treasurer well done.

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

**GPO**-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 **Keith Day** when convenient.

## Election of Branch Honorary Members:

A proposal from Les Barras was to offer the post to **Kevin Lington** of Pure Triumph Motorcycles, Wellingborough. For his continuing support to the branch. Les Barras to write a letter on behalf of the club.

## Presentation of Awards:

Trophy	Nominated	Nominator
<b>Triumph Trophy</b>	Phil Barton	By record of Attendance
<b>Triumph Navigator* Wrinklies</b>	Chris Dickens / Phil Barton	
<b>Triumph Rider's</b>	Chris Dickens	By record of Attendance
<b>Club person of The year **</b>	Les Barras	By vote 15/6
<b>Double Digit</b>	tba	
<b>Honorary Member</b>	Kevin Lington	

\* A proposal was adopted this Trophy will now go to the Wrinklies attendee. This year it was tied by Chris Dickens & Phil Barton.

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

1-Ian Sargent proposed Chris Dickens (6)

2-Philip Wallington proposed Les Barras (15)

## **Triumph Trophy (Attendance)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Barton	39 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Dickens	35 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Gambrill	32 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Norman Waples	29 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Short	28 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Les Barras/Steve Rattley	26 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Wallington	25 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Richards	22 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Day	21 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Sargent	20 points

## **Navigator Trophy (Wrinklies Runs)**

**2 x Chris Dickens & Phil Barton**

## **Triumph Rider's (Triumph Machine)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Dickens	27 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil Barton	26 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Gambrill	23 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Rattley/John Caullay/Henry Richards	15 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Short/Norman Waples/John Gibbs	14 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vic Moisey	13 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Day/Chris Halford	12 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Wallington	11 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Love	10 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Les Barras/Mathew Harmer	9 points

## **Club Person of the Year**

**1<sup>st</sup> Les Barras – by 15/6 show of hands**

**Well done to all the worthy winners.**

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## Double Digit

No nominees

<b>General Statistics-;</b>	
Attendance	691
Members	594
Guests	55
Bikes	330
Members	246
Guests	55
Attendance Ladies	41
Shows and Clubs Visits	28 in 2017

## Propositions:

**None**

## **Any Other Business:**

- Requests for Club Activities: TOMCC Factory Tour, De-Havilland Museum, Coventry Transport Museum, National Motorcycle Museum, Sammy Miller Museum, Oxford Branch
- Dinner WNAA attendance sales £83.00
- Bonneville 60<sup>th</sup> Year, September £18 at Uttoxeter.
- Triumph Day 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 Jacks Café Meriden branch Gazebo only.
- Tri-Fest National Day 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018

**There being no other business the Meeting closed at 21:48 pm.**

**Les Barras – Retiring Secretary**