

Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club



Berkshire Branch Newsletter



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AGM Elects New Branch Committee

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on the 13th February. Committee members are elected or re-elected each year at the AGM, so this a good time to introduce this year's committee members and the main things they do.

Lauraine Blackburn chairs the committee. She organises and chairs the meetings and the AGM, chases people up and makes sure things get done. Lauraine is a great animal lover, which is just as well, because it's a bit like herding cats.

Derek Young is Vice Chair, MAG representative and Events Coordinator. The Branch has a stand at a number of local shows (see the Events List), and it's Derek who makes sure that all happens. He also liaises with the Reading Motorcycle Action Group and coordinates our activities with theirs and supports Lauraine in running the Branch.

Don Maclean is the Secretary and external contact point for official business. He liaises with the national TOMCC club, deals with membership and does things like organising insurance.

Mick Billing is the Treasurer and looks after the money. The Branch spends around £4K each year and Mick makes sure we know where it all went and we keep in the black

Nick Swain is the Scribe. He writes the Branch report that's in Nacelle each month on Ton-Up Ted's behalf. He also produces minutes for meetings.

Mike Ryall is the Tools Registrar. The Branch has a collection of specialist Triumph Tools and Mike manages them and arranges for members to borrow them.

Derick Nobbs is the Regalia Officer. He arranges for all the tee-shirts, sweatshirts and patches with the Branch's logo on to be produced. We have a different t-shirt colour for our show each year. This year it will be black on grey.

Paul Ralph is the Webmaster. He looks after the Branch's website and Facebook page.

Collin Fox is the Runs Coordinator. He administers the Whatsapp and Facebook Group that provide a forum for people to organise rides. He also organises and leads a lot of rides himself, but the idea is that anyone can organise or lead one via those groups. Collin also produces the Branch Newsletter and updates the Events List.

If you want to get in touch with any member of the committee, you can email them via through the Branch website.

Used Triumph 350cc and 500cc Spares

Long standing members Jim Alston and Colin Allen have acquired all of Len Craig (former regular Kempston Park Auto Jumble dealer aka "**Len Craig and Sons Ltd**") used 350cc and 500cc Triumph spares.

At some point they plan to run a stall at Kempton Park Auto Jumble (yet to be decided) but would like to give first pick to branch members. They do not currently have a precise list, but the stock is quite extensive and includes numerous cylinder heads, barrels, nacelles, cranks, forks, wheels etc. etc. Any members who would like to get more information or request parts can contact Jim on **07769 716716** or email jimalston@btinternet.com.

Berkshire Branch Runs

In order to keep members up to date with information on ride-outs, we have opened discussion groups on Facebook and WhatsApp.

Facebook Group

The Facebook group is private and a request to join the group must be approved by the administrator of the group. Posts on this group can only be seen by other members of the group. If you wish to join this group, go to Facebook and search for "Triumph Owners Runs". Request to join and, provided you are a member of the branch, you will be approved.

WhatsApp Group

WhatsApp is a discussion group with end to end encryption. To join this group email tomecberksruns@btinternet.com.

Here are examples of some of the ride-outs we have enjoyed this February. Weather not perfect but we have taken the opportunity to go out mid-week when we can if the weekend weather has not been kind. Come and join us, more runs are planned!



REME Museum Lyneham



AV8 Cafe Kemble Airfield



Oxford Bus Museum



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