

Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club



Berkshire Branch Newsletter



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As I'm sure you are all aware, **Covid-19** has put paid to many of our normal club activities and will continue to do so for some time to come it seems.



From 23 March 2020 the government imposed a complete shutdown which meant we were unable to meet at the BCSA. So, on 30 April, we initiated a "virtual" weekly club night through the auspices of **Zoom**. Through this means, we were able to maintain some contact with fellow members. These weekly meetings continued every Thursday night until the BCSA re-opened and we were able to resume our normal club nights on Thursday 9 July 2020. Happy days!

In April we set up an on-line version of our "Old Motorcycle Gathering", our annual show for historic bikes (ie: pre 1980). The event closed for entries on the 20th June, the day when it was planned to run as a live show.

The Best in Show winner was Paul's **1969 Royal Enfield Interceptor Mk II**. This bike was originally exported to the USA and has now been reimported back to the UK. It's had only one previous owner since new and is almost entirely original apart from an improved oil pump seal.



The Best Foreign winner was a **1973 Honda CB750** which Dave has restored over the last 18 months and now looks immaculate and is ridden regularly by him. Those of you have been on some of the recent Branch rides may have seen it "in the metal", and it looks fabulous and can see that it runs very well.

The Best British winner was a **1971 BSA BB25SS** which Jim bought in 2010 and has totally rebuilt with much tinkering to get it to its current state where it is ridden regularly.



The Best Triumph winner was a **1964 Tiger Cub** which Greg had just finished restoring, having had it in his family for many years.

Congratulations to all the winners.

But these winning entries are just the tip of the iceberg. We had 53 entries to the show overall and the quality of the bikes entered was very high, with some very interesting entries, two of which were over a 100 years old; these were Del's 1913 Douglas Model P and Andy's 1914 New Imperial Light Tourist. There was also the first ever Triumph Thruxton built in 1965 (which has made an appearance at The Old Motorcycle Gathering in the past) and the one off 1972 rotary engined Advancer bike made by Paul French and Mick Whitlock for the 1972 Alexander Palace Motorcycle Show. There was a 1975 Ducati Desmo that was ridden in the 2017 Moto Giro D'Italia. There were several bikes from the 1930's including a 1939 Triumph Tiger 80 1939.

All the entries can still be seen by going to the Branch website and clicking on the link on the front page for The Old Motorcycle Gathering. So why not take a look and check them out for yourself.

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 tomccberksruns@btinternet.com.

