The bike fitted with the repaired silencer and pipe

Correct handlebars, top yoke, instruments and number board

As to the racing history of the bike, StreetBike could only supply me with a limited amount of information but I managed to contact Sandra Barnett who rode the sister bike to mine. Even then, for many months I still only had limited information on my own bike's racing history.

It took over 18 months to find the rider Tom Cuddy but since then, he has been a mine of information sending me result sheets and photos. His friend Patrick Sheehan has also sent me lots of photos.

The jewel in the crown however, was Tom sending me a Video which featured two races from the Speed Triple Challenge, one at Brands Hatch where Tom finished 3rd and the second was the last race of the 1995 series at Donnington where Tom finished second and about to take the lead just as the chequered flag came out! Needless to say this video has now been copied to DVD and I have watched it more than a few times.

Whilst Tom was less well known than many of the other riders in the Speed Triple Challenge (Ron Haslam, David Jeffries, Brian Morrison, etc.) he was very competitive in the championship and a fast rider. It is a privilege to own his old bike, which he refers to as "the old warhorse". I hope to meet up with Tom in the future and for him to see the finished bike.

The bike is now essentially finished and the first run after completion was 4 laps of Mallory Park at the Triumph Live event, which revealed a lovely, sweet handling bike with plenty of power.

The only things left to do are complete the sponsorship stickers and fit the clutch cover from an Adventurer as fitted to the bike to improve ground clearance. This was a common modification with the race teams and was simpler than cutting of the front face of the clutch cover and re-plating.

This restoration (my first) has only confirmed how well built Triumphs are and how relatively straight forward they are to rebuild. I am now looking at a partial rebuild of my 1994 Yellow Speed Triple.

Finished machine, September 2012