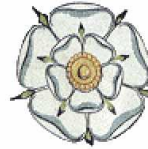




**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 9th July 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 17 branch members that attended the meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Harry Day, Barry Crosby, Don Tovey and Ian Jayne.

Dutch rally feedback – Four Members from the branch attended the 'Norton Club Nederland 40th Anniversary Rally' in Holland over the weekend 20th to 22nd June, Bruce, Nigel, Martin and Bev represented the Yorkshire Branch. The old fishing village location was reported to be superb; approximately 150 people attended the event with a good number making the trip from the UK. A couple of breakdowns occurred on route, both being Amal carb problems (one loose main jet and a main jet needle falling out of its fixing clip), that were easily fixed. The event was also free to attendee's.

The West Yorkshire based Girder Fork and Classic Bike Club held its annual Big Bike Sunday Show at the Skipton Auction Mart on Sunday, the 29th of June. The show was open to all bikes and scooters and was well attended. The weather was kind with 5 branch members attending on the day.

The Haworth Classic Bike Show organised by the Yorkshire Classic Motorcycle Club takes place on Wednesday 16th July at the Bronte Hotel. Proceeds from the event go to the Sue Ryder home at Manorlands and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The event starts at 6.30pm.

The Norton Festival hosted by the Devon branch of the NOC will take place over the weekend of the 1st to 3rd August; at least 11 branch members are planning to attend this well publicised event.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend takes place over the same weekend as the Norton Festival (2nd and 3rd August), for those not travelling down to Devon this event is well worth a visit.

Tour De France - Barrie's 'Mystery Norton' – John Nettleship was riding his Norton rotary on the course prior to the race on the closed roads at Stage 1 (John's sector was Arthington to Pool), and the descent from Holme Moss on Stage 2. John and 39 other "National Escort Group" riders were patrolling up and down the sectors before the race caravan arrived, to ensure it was all ok and ready to receive the race. Martin Holdsworth was also on duty at the event riding a Paramedics BMW to assist riders and spectators as required.

3. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 14th June 2014 (Peter Holland) – another very good ride out occurred in June, the route went through Calderdale, Pendle, and the Yorkshire Dales. 7 bikes attended (4 Norton's); 146 miles were covered on this third dry ride out in a row. Thanks to Peter and Suzanne Holland for organising this run.

The next planned ride out will venture into the Peak District and will take in Holme Moss which was the major climb of the recent Tour De France 2nd leg. The ride out will occur on Saturday 19th July, the meeting place will be the Three Nun's public house car park (situated on the A62 (Leeds Road) where it meets the A644 (Huddersfield Road) in the Mirfield area, it is also close to junction 25 of the M62). The meeting time will be 09.30 am for a 10.00am prompt start.

Future ride out dates are as follows:

- 9th / 10th August (Volunteer required to organise)
- 20th / 21st September (Volunteer required to organise)

(the dates are all Saturdays or Sundays, a ride out will occur on either the Saturday or Sunday, this choice being left to the organiser of the ride out).

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £820.22 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Branch 10th Anniversary (2015) (Bruce Senior)

A proposal was made that the branch should enquire about the possibility of making a booking for the 2015 10th anniversary event at the Green Dragon pub at Hardraw, Andy agreed to make the enquiry for an event in September 2015

The Green Dragon pub at Hardraw has both camping facilities and none camping accommodation available, prices for camping were £8 per night, a bunk house was available at £15 per night and B&B was available at £45 per night. On our ride out visit the facilities appeared to be good and Geoff Drury had previously attended a good bike event at this location. The town of Hawes is a relatively short walk away from the location.

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Members who attended the Norton Club Nederland 40th Anniversary Rally in Holland were pleased that this event had been run as a free to attend event by the Dutch club, they questioned why the NOC with its healthy bank account could not put on some free events in the UK (In addition to Norton Day or as it's now known the Norton Festival and some track parades). A long discussion ensued about the pro's and con's of our branch organising an event of this nature, once the arrangements have been made for our branches 2015 anniversary event, we may approach the NOC about support if we feel we would like to open this event up to all NOC members. Further discussion will no doubt take place on this matter at future meetings.

The assembled members were informed that Don Tovey has unfortunately had an accident whilst riding his Honda, this has left Don with a broken hand, Don still plans to attend the Norton Festival in Devon at the end of the month.

The meeting was formally closed and sandwiches were provided by the staff at the Marsh.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Don't forget all details of the branch activities can be found on our web-site - <http://yorkshire.branches.nortonownersclub.org>

Date of next meeting 13th August 2014