



**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 9th December 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 21 attendees.

The member of the year award has joint winners this year for the first time, both Russ Ward and Dave Bell had the same number of nominations so they are both being recognised for their work / achievements during 2015. Well done Russ and Dave. In Dave's absence Russ collected the trophy.

A certificate of recognition was produced to show the branch's appreciation to our branch treasurer who has held the position since the branch was reformed over 10-years ago. Peter Driver unfortunately could not attend on the evening so the certificate was signed by all attendee's and was delivered to Peter's home. Thanks Peter for your ongoing commitment to the branch.

As our treasurer was not at the meeting, members voted to waive the branch sub's for the December meeting (whilst the cats away !!!!!).

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Dave Bell, Peter Driver, Harry Day, Bob Nabozny, Barry Lodge and Laurence Wright.

- NOC Calendars – The branch order of 22 calendars were distributed at the meeting. Lena from the Norfolk Branch has asked for submissions for the 2017 calendar to be sent to her, see Lena's message below:

'I invite you to send in a picture of your bike, or a fellow member's, for the forthcoming calendars. For the number of Club members there are worldwide, there are surprisingly few pictures submitted. Maybe everyone thinks someone else will send a picture, but without them it's very difficult to create and produce a calendar for the members, so I do urge you to give it a go. Wouldn't it be fantastic to see your picture in the Club calendar hung on your wall!'

- Andy received an enquiry from Kevin Wilson in BC Canada regarding 850 MK3 Commando handlebar switch gear, please see Kevin's e-mail below, if anybody can help please contact Kevin directly on the e-mail address provided:

I am looking for help in locating the right hand and left hand handlebar electrical control switch clusters or are any parts of these for MK III 1975 Norton Electric start commando Condition irrelevant I can rebuild.

Kevin Wilson

kevinjwilson@shaw.ca

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

Three people initially met at the ride out Kingfisher car park, as it was zero degrees, windy with snow on the hills we didn't wait too long at the meeting point as we were getting cold and assuming that nobody else would be daft enough to venture out, we left just after 10:15 and decided to ride back towards Oxenhope and get a coffee on the station platform, unfortunately we missed Peter Holland who rode down after we left.

On our ride back towards Oxenhope and idiot in a BMW reversed out onto the Hebden Road, Bob Nabozny had to brake hard, the front end of the bike slid out from under him and he hit the deck! Bob hurt his shoulder but didn't need any medical treatment at the time, the bike (600 Kawasaki) will probably get written off.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £860.77 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Ian Jayne agreed to conduct a question and answer session about road safety and aspects of traffic law (for those who are not aware Ian's career was with the police and his role was linked to traffic policing). No questions had been submitted before the meeting to Ian, however a number of interesting questions were presented to Ian on the evening and he was able to give very good answers based on his extensive knowledge of the subject matter. One question Ian could not answer directly on the night has now been answered by Ian, the question asked if a vehicle was registered as historic, could it be fitted with black background number plates as opposed to reflective plates – the answer from Ian is as follows:

A vehicle which is CONSTRUCTED pre 1/1/73 does NOT need to have coloured plates, they are all exempt. Clearly one would have to prove the CONSTRUCTION date. Not too hard I would suggest using NOC etc. Building one up I would also suggest would rely on evidence of the original date of construction of a major component ie the frame. (my opinion).

Ian Jayne reported that he had received a Scam e-mail regarding a well known East Yorkshire branch member who was said to be stuck in Turkey and needed £2,500 to get home, Ian said it was a very convincing Scam but wanted to publicise the matter to ensure nobody was caught out by the scammers.

Tony Ward told the group about a second hand gas analyzer (exhaust emissions) he had recently purchased for checking carburetion settings at idle, Tony explained how after using the device his 850 Commando ran very smoothly. Tony suggested that this could be purchased from him if members wanted it to be available for general use, as branch funds are very healthy members agreed to buy the analyzer at a cost of £60 and add it to the branch's list of loan items.

On behalf of the NOC Yorkshire Branch best wishes are sent out to all our members, have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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

Andy Lodge – NOC 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 January 2016