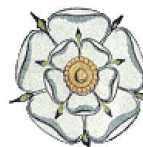




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 14th January 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 18 attendees, he also commented on the welcome attendance of 3 ladies. Forms were handed out to attendee's prior to the meeting starting to vote for the 'Member of the Year' award, after a quick count of the votes Barrie announced the new member of the year for 2014, this honour went to Peter Holland, well done Peter on being recognised by the other branch members for your contribution to the branch and the NOC in general (some of the reasons recorded for Peter's recognition were his service as the national club treasurer and his achievements on his Norton Electra in 2014).

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Fairbank, Dave Bell, Martin Holdsworth, Ian Barnes, Owen Walker, and Barry Crosby.

The December branch meeting was an informal event due to the Marsh putting on Christmas dinners in the area normally occupied by branch members, 13 people attended the meeting all of which were able to be cosily seated in the smaller room. Calendars were distributed to those who had pre-ordered them. No minutes of the meeting were produced.

The NOC calendars ordered by members were distributed to the relevant attendee's; calendars not collected on the night would be delivered to branch members by other members attending on the evening.

Peter Fairbank had been in touch with the Secretary; unfortunately Peter had serious medical problems over the Christmas period and was admitted to hospital. He gave his apologies for not attending the meeting in January and will be back as soon as he is fit and well.

Three members have already booked for the International Rally in Wicklow that runs between the 29th May and the 1st June.

The NOC EC has informed Norvil Motorcycles that they will not now be entering into any discussions to buy the business from Les Emery.

The NOC spares team have requested that a new van is provided to support the club spares business, the EC has agreed a sum of £10K will be made available for a replacement van.

A proposal will be put forward to attendee's at the NOC AGM on the 12th April to increase the annual membership subscription from £19.50 to £22. To encourage the use of Direct Debits, payment by Direct Debit would retain the £19.50 charge.

Dave Roberts had previously informed the members that the Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike show will again be run in 2015; the date is Sunday 24th May 2015. The club is welcome to take their NOC shelter and put on a display. Dave Bell also previously informed members about the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend that will occur over the weekend of 1st and 2nd August 2015, again the club should be able to take the NOC shelter and put on a display. Both the events are organised by the local Rotary Clubs with proceeds going to charity. A discussion will be held at a future meeting about availability of people to support these events.

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

Ride outs will recommence in April 2015, as always volunteers were requested to come forward to organise a run between April and September 2015. Peter & Suzanne Holland plus Geoff Drury volunteered on the evening to organise a run. Andy will organise the first run in April (date yet to be set).

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £816.83 in the bank account at the present time

5. Branch 10th Anniversary (Bruce Senior)

To enable enquiries to be made with the new owners of the Green Dragon at Hardraw, Bruce asked for a show of hands to see how many people were interested in attending the event that had provisionally been scheduled for 5th and 6th September 2015. Eleven people indicated interest in stopping over on a B&B basis; another four indicated they would probably look at the camping option.

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Russ Ward requested that anybody wanting to borrow or return equipment at the time of branch meetings from the branch equipment loan scheme should contact him before the meeting, this would enable him to make arrangements to bring or transport items back to his home. Items returned without notice potentially gave him a problem if he had to carry them home on foot or transport them home on his bike.

Peter & Suzanne Holland brought a number of unwanted old Real Classic magazines for any members who wanted a copy; these were all taken by members on the night.

Peter Driver asked if any members had a copy of the recent Classic Motorcycle magazine that contained an article on Francis Barnett machines. A few members volunteered to supply Peter with a copy.

In his Pastoral officer role Peter Driver reported that he had sent Peter Fairbank a get well card on behalf of the branch. Peter also advised that Edwin was moving to the Ripon area and had severed all his links with motorcycles by selling his bikes.

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 11th February 2015 (Andy gave his apologies in advance, Ian Jayne kindly volunteered to carry out the secretarial duties).