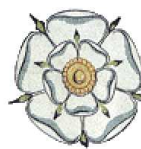




## Yorkshire Branch



# Branch Meeting Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 18 attendees.

Barrie reported that after 37 years together he was very sad to report that his loved one (his 99 Dominator) had finally left him for a new owner, Barrie is presently in negotiation with an owner of a Norton Electra as he wants a lightweight that will be more manageable for him.

A new NOC member (Nigel Johnson) attended the meeting for the first time and was made welcome by members. Nigel comes from the Farsley area of Leeds and has a plunger ES2 and another 'project' single in pieces waiting to be put back together, Nigel also has a modern Triumph.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Martin Holdsworth, Tony Ward, Barry Crosby and Ian Jayne.

The Slate Rally took place between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, once again the branch was well represented at the rally with 12 members attending the event. The weather was mixed over the long weekend with rain falling on Thursday and Saturday overnight, rain also fell in some areas on the Sunday journey home, but the main ride out day on Saturday was blessed with good weather. The branch had the second largest branch attendance, unfortunately just being beaten by Essex's extra 2 people.

Andy reminded the meeting attendees that the Haworth Classic Bike night at the Bronte Hotel takes place next Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup> July) starting at 6.30pm, also the classic bike show at the Guide Inn takes place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Details of both events have been circulated previously.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend occurs over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the branch is putting on a display of Norton Motorcycles on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, this event has been widely published so please attend if you can along with your Norton so that we can put on a good display at the show. Entrance is free for riders who are part of the Norton display, if you want your bike to be judged and it meets the age criteria for Sunday (pre 1972 I think!) you will need to pay your entry fee and register at the event. The gates open at 8.15am and all exhibitors must be on the park by 11.00am at the very latest, the event finishes at approximately 4.30pm. If possible please attend early as the branch marquee needs to be erected.

Note, the event is organised by the Hebden Bridge Rotary Club with all proceeds from the event going to charity.

### **3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)**

Junes ride out took place on Saturday 13th June. The run went through Pendle, the Forest of Bowland with a stop at Dunsop Bridge, then through Caton on to Devil's Bridge for a lunch stop, returning via Dent and Settle. 4 bikes attended the run (5-people) and 155 miles were covered in the day. The forecast wasn't brilliant but once passed Keighley the rain stopped and the ride out took place on dry roads in near ideal biking conditions. Thanks to Peter Holland for organizing the ride out through a very scenic part of the country.

The next scheduled ride out was planned for the weekend on 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> July, volunteers were requested to organise the run as Andy advised that he may be away on holiday so could not commit to organizing the run. Unfortunately nobody else could commit to organizing a ride out on these dates so the next ride will be on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> August, details to be confirmed.

### **4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)**

The branch has a balance of £805.66 in the bank account at the present time

### **5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)**

Peter Driver advised attendee's that Edwin has now moved to the Ripon area and is looking to buy a classic lightweight (not necessarily a Norton), Peter also reported that Edwin was well.

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 12<sup>th</sup> August.