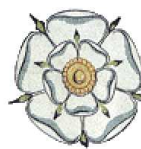




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 10th June 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 15 attendees.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Martin Holdsworth and Ian Jayne.

The Sowerby Bridge 2nd Classic Bike show took place on Sunday 24th May, branch members erected the NOC gazebo and displayed 5 bikes, these were Dave Roberts 88 Dominator, Peter Holland's Electra, Bruce's Triton, Don's 750 Commando and Andy's 961 Commando. The weather behaved this year with a good deal of interest being shown towards our display and Norton's in general. The event was organised by the Sowerby Bridge Rotary club and it raised funds for charity.

The International Rally in Wicklow Ireland took place between 29th May and 1st June, 8 Yorkshire Branch members attended the rally that was held at the Wicklow rugby club. This was a well attended event with over 80 bikes joining the ride out on the Saturday into the Wicklow Mountains. During the day periods the weather generally behaved with rain falling overnight and occasional high winds. At the presentation night Tony Ward maintained the branch's award winning run at recent NOC events when his Commando was awarded the 'Best Commando' trophy, well done Tony – the judges obviously appreciate machines that are ridden to rallies. Pictures have been posted on the branch web site.

The Haworth Classic Bike night at the Bronte Hotel takes place on Wednesday 15th July, start time is 6.30pm. (Flyer circulated with the minutes).

Dave Pye from the Pickering area is offering his 1971 750 S-type Commando for sale at a price of £6,250, this has been circulated to members via e-mail already, anybody interested should contact Dave directly on 01751 474932. Note Dave may consider a part exchange for a machine with an electric start.

The club has received a request from the BBC news in Manchester, they would like to film riding shots of a late 1930's or early 1940's Norton 500cc bike (with the owner onboard). Anybody interested contact Jeff Smart on 07808 7902029.

The Slate Rally will have taken place by the time of the next branch meeting, again the branch will be well represented at the rally.

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

The May branch ride out occurred on Saturday 16th May; 7 bikes (5 Norton's) attended the run that visited the Dalby Forest, Scarborough and called in at the Flimber Café on the way home. 183 miles were covered in the day. Barry Crosby had to retire hurt just before reaching the Dalby Forest due to suffering severe pain in his wrist, arm and shoulder, Barry has an ongoing medical condition that led to the pain, Barry managed to get home safely on his Commando. Peter Shand from the East York's Branch joined the ride out on his 850 Mk3 Commando and was a welcome addition to the group.

Junes scheduled ride out is planned for Saturday 13th June, meet at 10.00am for 10.15am departure from the 'Kingfisher' car park at the Kildwick roundabout (Junction of A629/A6068 at the Skipton end of the dual carriageway from Keighley). Public convenience available in centre of Crosshills if anyone needs to empty their tank prior to the run. Fuel at the Texaco adjacent Kingfisher. The run will take in Pendle, the Forest of Bowland, heading East, with a stop at Dunsop Bridge. We will be passing very close to Slaidburn which holds a Steam Rally weekend 13/14th June. If some want a scenic ride and also the chance to see the steam rally, they are welcome to drop off at Newton-in-Bowland. From Caton we will head to Kirkby Lonsdale. Depending on popular opinion, we can get refreshments at either Caton (biker friendly pub) or Kirkby Lonsdale (van at Devils Bridge). If it's fine, we can return via Gawthrop and Dent.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £870.66 in the bank account at the present time

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

A discussion took place to again gauge interest in the proposed branch 10th anniversary event at Hardraw in September, a show of hands indicated that there was not going to be enough support for the event to make it worth running, as a result of this the event has been cancelled.

The loan tool scheme has had another piece of equipment added, an endoscope has been purchased and is available for loan to branch members. As per the normal rules for loans a £10 deposit must be left and arrangements need to be made in advance with Russ Ward for collection and return of loan items.

Mark Littlewood (member in the Sherburn area) is trying to find someone who will install a wiring loom on his Commando, Mark is willing to pay for the work, anybody interested in helping Mark out should contact him on 07764 233581.

Albert Duvall informed the members that people were having great difficulty at present with the DVLA when trying to get 'specials' registered. The DVLA appear not to be registering vehicles with a mix of manufacturers components, eg. Norbsa's, Triton's, etc. In one instance an individual who had build a Norbsa had to purchase a Norton engine to go with his Norton frame to enable a vehicle registration to be issued – when registered the person then refitted his BSA engine, other similar stories were mentioned by members.

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 8th July.