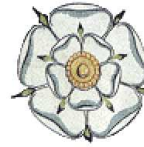




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th March 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 19 attendees.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Fairbank, Ian Jayne and Martin Holdsworth.

The East Yorkshire Branch now has a new Secretary, Alan Clarke has taken over the role from Alan Frankish following their AGM, additionally Martin Jones has been appointed as their Technical Officer. Andy wished them both well in their new roles.

The East Yorkshire Branch have extended an invitation to attend another quiz night at their meeting place at the Bowmans Hotel in Howden (post code DN14 7AE), Andy asked that anybody interested in attending should make their way to the Hotel for a quiz start at 8pm on the 16th April, hopefully the branch will be able to get a good turnout again.

Eight members have made bookings for the NOC Slate Rally so far, similarly six members have booked for the International Rally in Ireland, so the branch will be well represented at both events.

Andy advised the assembled members that he had fitted an Alton electric starter to his 750 Commando, the starter is well made and spins the motor quickly from cold, it also saves the wear and tear on knee and ankle joints! Unfortunately within approximately 20 stop start operations over a couple of short winter month rides the drive from the motor to the sprag clutch failed. The problem was found to be the disintegration of 3 resin rollers that form a sacrificial link in the drive shaft from the starter motor. Discussions with Alton resulted in them sending 12 spare resin rollers with advice that the original drive was fitted with 3 rollers, but there is room to fit 6 rollers which form a stronger link which is better on Commando's. On checking web forums Andy couldn't find any similar problems with the Alton starter so hopefully it's a one off problem and the additional new rollers will sort it.

Prior to the NOC Annual General Meeting the Branch Secretary has to compile a brief report each year for submission to the NOC Executive Committee, Andy briefly reviewed the contents of the report with the members on the evening to ensure no errors or omissions had been made (see report attached at the end of these minutes).

Dave Roberts distributed entry forms for the Sowerby Bridge Show on Sunday 24th May.

The club has reserved a double pitch at the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend for Sunday 2nd August at which the NOC marquee will be erected. Members who join the branch display will not have to pay an admission fee, however, their bikes won't be judged along with the other bikes on the day. Members who want their bikes to be included in the judging process will need to complete an entry form in advance and send it with the appropriate entry fee to Dave Bell.

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

The first ride out of the year will venture in the Dales and will be on Saturday 4th April (Easter Saturday), the meeting place will be just off the Kildwick roundabout (the last roundabout on the dual carriageway between Keighley and Skipton (at the Skipton end), this roundabout is where the A629 joins the A6068. The meeting place will be the Kingfisher fish and chip shop car park, this is next to the Texaco garage just off the roundabout. The meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £869.66 in the bank account at the present time

5. Branch 10th Anniversary (Bruce Senior)

Bruce visited the Green Dragon pub at Hardraw on Monday 9th March to discuss with the new owners our proposed guest room / camping weekend over the weekend of 4th, 5th and 6th September. There is no problem with the branch attending over the weekend and plenty of space is available for guests wanting rooms and those who wish to camp. The following rates apply:

Camping £8.00 per night per person

Guest rooms range from £35.00 to £50.00 per person per night

Bunk Rooms £15 per person per night

Camper vans £10 per person per night

Note breakfasts are not included in the above prices. A show of hands indicated that enough people were interested to go ahead with the weekend so bookings should now be made to reserve rooms etc.

Contact details: The Green Dragon Inn

Hardraw

Hawes

North Yorkshire

DL8 3LZ

Tel 01969 667392

www.greendragonhardraw.com

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Ian Jayne is selling his hydraulic bike lift following the sale of his International Norton, the lift is reported to be little used and as good as new. The asking price is £275.00, anybody interested should contact Ian directly (ianjayne7@gmail.com).

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

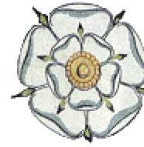
Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

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 April.



Yorkshire Branch



Yorkshire Branch Annual Report

5th March 2015

The branch website continues to be updated with information about branch activities and is the major form of communication to people interested in the NOC activities in the Yorkshire Branch catchment area. The 'discussion page' on the web-site was removed as members agreed the main NOC web-site was the best place for discussions to take place. Monthly E-mail communications are made by the Branch Secretary to members and other persons who have registered an interest in Norton Motorcycles with the branch.

The branch has a monthly ride out programme that commences in April and concludes in September. In 2014 the rides covered 765 miles (an average of 153 miles per ride out), on average 9 motorcycles attended each run.

Five members travelled approx 40 miles to take up an invitation to attend the East Yorkshire Branch May quiz night, modesty on the part of the Yorkshire Branch prevents the winning team being mentioned!

In 2015 the branch was well represented at the various Norton Rallies, 15 members attended the Norton Festival in Devon, 4 attended the 'Anniversary Rally' in Holland and 2 members attended the International Rally held in Bremen.

In 2015 additional loan items have been purchased out of branch funds or have been donated by branch members, these are listed on the branch website, regular branch members can loan any item when they leave a £10 deposit to secure the loan.

Barrie Blayney (Chairman), Andy Lodge (Secretary) and Peter Driver (Treasurer) were re-elected unopposed at the branches AGM in September. Peter Driver also took on a new role for the branch, Peter is a lay preacher and had been providing a pastoral support to members unofficially, this was valued by members so Peter agreed to make the role official and become the Branch Pastoral Officer (a role that he has filled admirably).

The NOC 2014 AGM at Donington Hall was attended by 4 members of the branch; additionally the 2014 Branch Secretaries meeting was attended by the Yorkshire Branch Secretary.

The first Sowerby Bridge Classic Motorcycle Show was held at the end of May, the branch was invited to attend the event which was organised by the local Rotary Club with proceeds going to charity. The NOC branch marquee was erected and 4 Norton's were displayed at the event by members, unfortunately the weather was very poor on the day.

The Yorkshire Branch 'Member of the Year' award (voted for by the branch members) for 2014 was presented to Peter Holland in recognition of his work for the NOC as their club Treasurer, Peter stepped down from this position at the 2014 AGM after many successful years in the role. Peter's multi prize winning restoration of his Electra along with his well documented trip to the Millau Bridge in France was also recognised as contributing to this honour.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary