



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 12th October 2016

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 20 attendees.

Mark Rugman attended the meeting for the first time, Mark is a long standing Commando owner (27 years) and is an NOC member.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, Peter Fairbank, Gary Standley, Ian Barnes and Barrie Crosby

2017 NOC calendars are available to branches at the discounted rate of £6 per calendar as opposed to the normal price of £10 if the branch places an order for more than 10 calendars, on the evening 20 orders and payments were received for calendars so an order has been placed, the calendars should be available for collection at the next branch meeting in November. Please note as this order has been placed, anybody else wanting a calendar will have to order via the website and pay the full price of £10.

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

The last planned branch ride out occurred on Saturday 24th September, 12 bikes met at the Sun Inn by the Fewston reservoir. Martin Holdsworth lead the ride which will passed through Pateley Bridge then went onto Masham where we met up with Gary Standley making 13 bikes in total with 8 of these being Norton's, the first planned stop was then at the Manor Café at Bellerby (bikers café), from there the group stopped at the Buttertubs Pass for photo's (see the branch website to view these) and then moved onto Hawes for a break. The return route was via Ribbleshead and Settle. The ride out blessed with fair dry weather and 153 miles were covered in the day. Mark Rugman joined a ride out for the first time, Mark is a long term owner of a much modified 850 Mk3 Commando and was a welcome addition to the group.

Thanks go out to Martin and Bev for planning a very interesting and scenic route (and booking the good weather!).

Some facts about the 2016 ride out program:

69 attendances occurred over the 6 rides planned for the year

54 bike attendances occurred (an average of 9 bikes per ride out)

The average mileage per ride out was 152 miles

Bikes attending the ride outs covered 8,208 miles between them in total.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £780.58 in the bank account at the present time. Peter also went onto report in the 11-years since the branch was reformed a total of £1,999 has been collected by the treasurer in monthly £1 subs.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

With reference to Tony Ward's unplanned helicopter ride off Hard Knott pass during the Norton Rally at Kendal, Nigel presented Tony with a toy air ambulance so Tony could remember the occasion (as if he'll ever forget it)!!!

A proposal was put forward that a Christmas Dinner could be laid on for members at the December branch meeting if the landlord could accommodate the numbers involved, an alternate proposal was made that the members could go to a local recommended curry house for a meal (a dedicated room was available) with partners on a Friday / Saturday night in preference to a meal in the pub. No path forward was reached on the evening; enquiries were going to be made about both options to try to reach a consensus on what we should do.

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 9th November 2016