



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 9th August 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 16 attendees on the evening. Barrie reminded members that both Peter Driver and himself would be stepping down from their respective positions at the next meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Holland, Bob Nabozny, Harry Day and Peter Driver.

The branch AGM will be held at September's meeting, both the Chairman and Treasurer will be stepping down from their roles so nominations were requested for both these positions at the meeting (an e-mail will also be sent out to branch members asking for nominations in advance of September's meeting).

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend show took place over the weekend of 5th and 6th August, the branch erected the gazebo on Sunday 6th and put on a display of 6 Norton's. (5 Commando's and one Atlas), again the show was well attended with good interest being shown in the bikes displayed. The branch gazebo was damaged late in the afternoon when a strong gust of wind lifted it up and forced it to topple over backwards, fortunately nobody was in the way and no damage was sustained to any of the vehicles in the area. Some of the aluminum sections of the frame will need to be replaced before the gazebo can be used again next year. Bruce has already purchased these from the supplier and will be reimbursed out of the branch funds.

Thunderstorms were forecast for the Haworth bike night at the Bronte hotel on Wednesday 19th July but thankfully they held off with only a little light rain falling through the evening, at least 8 branch members attended the event. Overall numbers of attendee's was down on recent years no doubt down to the bad weather forecast, however, the event was all the better for not being overcrowded.

At the last branch meeting questions were asked about the Carding Sheds / Oil Can Café at Hepworth, Andy has made enquiries about organizing a branch visit but the whole operation is now in the process of moving to a new location at Washpit Mills which is closer to Holmfirth. No details are available yet as to when the new location (an old mill that is being

refurbished) will be open for visitors, or indeed when tours of the workshop facilities will resume.

The International rally in Belgium takes place later in the month (commences 29th August), 7 members are planning to attend the event, the Classic TT will commence the week before the International Rally, 6 members are planning to attend this event on the Isle of Man.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

The 2017 ride out programme commenced in April as per usual. The future planned dates are listed below:

The ride out scheduled for Saturday 15th July unfortunately had to be cancelled due to heavy rain falling early morning with a forecast of it persisting all day (it didn't).

Next Ride Out - Saturday 12th August, the planned route will take in scenic moors, railways and reservoirs in West York's, Lancashire and North York's.

Meet at the Miller and Carter Steak House car park (formally the 3 Nuns at Mirfield post code WF14 0BY, close to junction 25 of the M62), 09:30am meet for a 10.00am prompt start. As per usual if the weather is bad on the morning the ride out will be cancelled, if you are unsure on the morning and want to check the ride out is on ring Andy on 07810 658994 between 08:00am and 08:30am.

September - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £769.86 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Tony Ward suggested that the branch might like to have a ride out to Jem Speedshop which is next door to Batley Park at some time as it has some excellent facilities for visitors, Andy said it could be a good meeting place for a future ride out.

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 13th September 2017