

Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th February 2017

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

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

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Harry Day, Ian Jayne, Peter Driver, Nigel Johnson, Ian Barnes & Don Tovey.

An invitation to attend the Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike & Scooter Show being held on Sunday 28th May has been received, members were asked if they would like to support this charity event this year, a show of hands showed that members were again in favor of supporting the event.

Barrie Blayney recently sent a picture of his old 1934 CS1 to Andy, the date of the picture was circa 1958. This has been put onto the web-site (member's bikes area), any other interesting previously owned Norton pictures (electronic format) would be welcomed by Andy for inclusion on the web-site.

The Norton Owners Club Austria (Sulzbach Branch) is trying to organise the International Norton Rally 2018 in Austria at the same time and area as the "15th Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race 2018" at the Red Bull Racing Circuit. This Memorial Race is one of the biggest events for historic racing motorcycles in Europe. Initial details of the 2018 International Rally are on the NOC web-site, but dates have not been released at the present time. Their proposed venue and itinerary looks very good. For more information see the NOC website messages section under the section 'Norton's General'.

If the route through the port of Dover is used the distance to the rally will be approximately 1000 miles (each way). Geoff Drury reported that a few years ago he went to Austria but put his bike on a train in Northern Germany that took him all the way to Salzburg in Austria, Geoff reported that this service worked very well for him and could be used for riders who didn't want to ride classic bikes all the way to Austria.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

The 2017 ride out programme will commence in April as per usual. Andy asked for volunteers to organise a ride out to add variation to the routes.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £828.58 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Nigel Birdsall asked members to indicate who would potentially be attending the 2018 International Rally in Belgium, 5 people thought they would be attending, 3 other members indicated they could not attend as they would be at the Classic TT (the dates of these events clash).

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 8th March 2017