



## Yorkshire Branch



# Branch Meeting Minutes – 12th July 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 22 attendees on the evening.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne.

The Girder Fork and Classic Motorcycle Club held their 5<sup>th</sup> annual 'Big Bike Sunday' event at the Skipton Auction Mart on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Peter Holland attended the event and reported that it was very well attended.

Geoff Drury was the unfortunate recent victim of 'white van man' and as a result Geoff and his Triumph Sprint ST were damaged, Geoff suffered bumps and bruises but is OK and was able to attend the meeting on a new shiny VFR800 Honda, unfortunately the Triumph was a write off – be careful out there!

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend show takes place over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August, the branch has booked a double pitch for the Sunday where the gazebo will be erected and a display of Norton's will be put on. Members were asked to assist with erecting the gazebo in the morning and then taking it down at the end of the day. Members displaying their bike as part of the NOC display will not be charged admission as the club has paid up front for the pitch.

The Haworth bike night at the Bronte hotel will be taking place next Wednesday (19th July) for members who are interested in attending.

### **3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)**

The 2017 ride out programme commenced in April as per usual. The future planned dates are listed below. Andy asked for volunteers to organise a ride out to add some variation to the routes.

Saturday 17th June - Scarborough Ride Out,

Eleven bikes met at the Little Chef on the eastbound A64 just past Tadcaster, the run went to the north of York across country through Helmsley and turned off the main route at Thornton-le-Dale to take in the Dalby Forest drive. The first stop was at the Dalby Forest visitors centre café for refreshments, welcome shade was found as the sun was blazing down all day. Unfortunately our 'tail man' who we use to ensure we don't lose people on the drop off system got lost and missed the first stop! From the forest the group rode into Scarborough and passed along the sea front on the way to the lunch stop at Oliver's Mount, fortunately our 'tail man' was there waiting for us. A few laps of Oliver's Mount were enjoyed before and after the lunch break. The group then rode back over the Wolds and had another stop in the shady wooded area of the Flimber Café, from there people made their way home. 192 miles were covered in the day without any machine issues interrupting the ride.

Next Ride Out - Saturday 15th July, 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.

12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> August - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

### **4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)**

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £747.86 in the bank account at the present time.

## **5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)**

Barry Lodge is selling his red Yamaha XJ600 which has been seen at club meetings on numerous occasions, he is asking £400 for the bike which is a good runner but will need a new rear tyre soon, for more details interested parties should contact Barry directly on 07766 772638.

Don Tovey reported that his Commando was not charging its battery, it turns out that the stator of the alternator has been damaged by what appears to be contact from the starter motor drive chain of his Alton electric starter (the alternator assembly is part of the Alton electric starter kit), the stator has been sent back to Alton in France and will hopefully be replaced as a warranty claim.

Bruce Senior advised members that Chris Andrews who was well known for speedometer repairs has died, adverts are still in the press for Chris's services which obviously are no longer available.

Peter Driver enquired about the location of the Oil Can café that had been visited on a previous ride out, Andy explained it was part of the Carding Shed's facility at Hepworth (Huddersfield area) where classic car restorations are carried out. Nigel Johnson said he had attended an organised tour of the facility and said it was very good. The tours have to be pre booked, they are available on a weekend and a charge is made but this includes a breakfast in the Oil Can café. Andy will enquire about the tours and prices and look to organise a tour for branch members interested outside the ride out season (October to April).

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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017