



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 14th June 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 17 attendees on the evening. There was a good turn out of 9 bikes at the meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Geoff Drury, Ian Barnes, Ian Jayne, Bob Nabozny, Bruce Senior, John Oldridge and Martin Holdsworth.

The Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike & Scooter Show was held on Sunday 28th May, the branch erected the NOC marque and put on a display of 6 Norton's, these were an ES2, 88, Model 7, Electra and a 750 and 850 Commando. The event was blessed with dry weather after the torrential downpours the day before, a good number of branch members not displaying bikes also turned up to support the event, so thanks to all concerned and again well done to Dave (Flash) Roberts for organizing another successful and well attended event for the Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club. Note the small fabric bag used for storage of the branch marque pegs, banners etc was split at the bottom, Dave agreed to have a new one made and invoice the branch when complete, Dave is storing the marque etc at his works ready for its next event which will be the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend in August.

The Girder Fork and Classic Motorcycle Club will be holding their 5th annual 'Big Bike Sunday' event at the Skipton Auction Mart on Sunday 25th June. The event starts at 12.00 noon and admission is £3. Exhibitor's motorcycles must be in place by 11.30am.

Bruce Senior represented the Yorkshire Branch at the NOC White Horse Rally in Suffolk over the weekend of the 9th to 11th June, Bruce's 850cc Commando was awarded a prize at the event, well done Bruce.

Four branch members have fitted Alton electric starters to their Commando's, all four have now had a least one problem where the polyurethane pins have sheared whilst attempting to start the bike, based on our experience members considering buying an Alton starter should regard these parts as a consumable that will need to be replaced periodically as they fail (this involves removing the primary chain case cover, removing the alternator stator/rotor and sprag clutch assembly to get to the polyurethane pins). Some current pictures of the Alton kit on the Internet show a polyurethane block arrangement instead of the polyurethane pins arrangement, the block was the original design which has been superseded. See Paul Hamon's (from Alton) response below to an e-mail sent by Andy asking if the 'shock absorber' pin arrangement had been modified:

Bonjour

The first version (2011-2012) of shock absorber in the drive system was with the polyurethane block.

*Later versions are with diameter 10mm polyurethane pins (inserts, plugs).
It seems it is the version you have.*

*But we changed the material in summer 2016 for a "more industrial" polyurethane resin (previous ones were polymerized by our own)
I can supply you with new inserts.*

Yours

Paul

Andy reported that his starter relay had also failed within the warranty period, Alton sent him a replacement promptly, additionally he commented that fitting a Tri-Spark ignition (in place of a very old Boyer that started to play up) had greatly improved the starting of the bike and no doubt this made life a lot easier for his Alton.

Geoff Drury has had a problem with his rotary classic following a professional engine rebuild that included a 'Moly' coating being applied to the rotor chamber side plates, his bike gave problems on a test ride after the bike was returned which led to him being recovered and the bike being taken back to the specialist for investigation, a faulty oil pump has been diagnosed resulting in the engine once again having to be stripped and repaired.

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 13th May – Peak District Ride Out – Hence forth known as the ‘drop off ride out’

10 bikes (12 people) met at the old 3 Nuns Pub (now Miller & Carter Steak House, Leeds Road), within the first 20 miles we had three ‘drop off’ events, first Don’s headlight dropped out of its mounting, then climbing Holme Moss a footrest dropped off Gary’s bike and at the same time the rear brake master cylinder cap dropped off Mark’s bike! The run went passed Huddersfield, over Holme Moss and onto Glossop with a bit of light rain on the higher ground, Snake Pass was negotiated and the first stop was at the Ladybower reservoir, from Ladybower the group went down to Castleton for a lunch break. After lunch a big scenic loop around the north of Castleton led us back to Hope but unfortunately Mark’s clutch cable snapped, fortunately Russ had a spare cable so after a little delay the group then made its way back across the Strines Moor back towards Huddersfield. 103 miles were covered on this second ride out of the year.

Next ride out Saturday 17th June – Scarborough.

Meet at the Little Chef on the east bound A64 just past Tadcaster, 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.

15th / 16th July - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

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

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

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £735.58 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Harry Day had recently visited the Jem Speed Shop which is a motorcycle dealers on Bradford Road, Batley next to Batley Park, other members had also visited the shop which is not a traditional shop in that it has a basements with other shops and a nice café. The shop also stocks an eclectic mix of well-presented machines and is well worth a visit.

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 12th July 2017