



**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th March 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Peter Driver)

Peter opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 18 attendees, he also explained that he was deputising for the Chairman who was unable to attend on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Barrie Blayney, Dave Bell, Martin Holdsworth, Nigel Birdsall, Barry Crosby.

Invitations to attend both the Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike & Scooter Show being held on Sunday 28th May and the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend on Sunday 6th August have been accepted, reservations have been made so that the branch can erect the NOC marque and put on a display of Norton's at both events. The events are now listed on the NOC website, they will be in the next edition of Roadholder.

The NOC AGM takes place on Sunday 2nd April at the Coventry Transport Museum, all members are welcome to attend the event which starts at 11.00am.

The NOC Branch Secretaries meeting will take place on Saturday 1st April at the Coventry Transport Museum, 19 out of the 28 branches will be represented at the meeting. Andy will be attending both events on the 1st and 2nd to represent the branch.

The National Rally at Sand Bay (Pontins) 2017 has been advertised in Roadholder, bookings will be via the NOC website only, at the time of writing there is no means to book places at the event on the website.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

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

Saturday 15th April – Dales Ride Out (Andy).

The meeting place will be just off the Kildwick roundabout (the last roundabout on the dual carriageway between Keighley and Skipton at the Skipton end), this roundabout is where the A629 joins the A6068. The meeting place will be the Kingfisher fish and chip shop car park, this is next to the Texaco garage just off the roundabout. The meeting time will be 9.30am for a 10.00am prompt start. Note should the weather be bad on the day the ride out will be cancelled, if in doubt call Andy on Sunday morning between 08:00am and 8:30am to confirm the ride out is going ahead.

13th / 14th May – Route and date to be decided by organiser.

Saturday 17th June - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

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 £807.58 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Peter Driver)

Andy received the following e-mail from Graham Dixon an NOC member moving into our area:

Moving to Stainforth near Settle in the Yorkshire Dales and was wondering if you, or a fellow NOC member, could advise me as to the location of any sympathetic local(ish) MOT garages. Hope to meet up with Yorkshire members sometime.

Andy asked if anybody had any recommendations, the nearest MOT garage suggested was D&C Classic Motorcycles at Ikornshaw Mills, Cowling, BD22 0DB.

Laurie asked if a list of member's names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses could be issued to all members so that contact could be made in between meetings if required. Andy talked about the thorny subject of data protection but stated that as the holder of all contact details he could always be contacted to provide a number or e-mail address for a member if required.

The above request for contact details led to a discussion about setting up a Yorkshire Branch Facebook 'closed to members' page, a number of members are already active on Facebook and this page could be used to share motorcycle related items with other members. Russell Ward kindly volunteered to set up a branch page, more details will be provided as they become available.

In the post meeting discussions one of the members asked about purchasing the NOC Rotary engine DVD to go along with the branch Heavyweight engine and gearbox DVD's which are already branch 'loan items'. The three EC members attending on the evening agreed that this would be a good use of branch funds, additionally the Singles DVD would be purchased so that a full set would be available for loan to members. Andy will purchase these on behalf of the branch.

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 April 2017