



**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 10th May 2017**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### **1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)**

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 19 attendees on the evening.

### **2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)**

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, John Oldridge, Nigel Johnson, Dave Bell and Harry Day.

The Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike & Scooter Show is being held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, the branch will erect the NOC marque and put on a display of Norton's, please support the event if you can. Andy offered to produce a laminated branch branded sign for each bike to be displayed if owners wanted to send him their bikes details.

The InCider Rally will be held using chalet accommodation at Pontins, Sand Bay Holiday Park a couple of miles North of Weston-super-Mare, bookings are only via the NOC website. To date we will have 5 members attending the rally.

The NOC Essex branch are having a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary rally 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July, they have a large camping field available, the latest date pre-bookings can be made will be 14<sup>th</sup> July. Details will be available through the usual NOC sources or contact Brian Harriss via [brharriss@aol.com](mailto:brharriss@aol.com) for more details.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> April – Dales Ride Out (Andy).

The very well attended ride out set off from the Kingfisher fish and chip shop car park and headed north to Malham passing the Cove on the narrow roads, from there it

dropped down towards Settle and stopped at Ribbleshead for photos. A lunch break was taken in Hawes then the group returned via Aysgarth, Kettlewell, Grassington and back to Skipton where the group split to go their own ways home. 13 bikes attended the run (6 of which were Norton's), 16 people in total joined the ride out and 130 miles were covered in the day. The weather was fine and the group was lucky to miss rain showers that had passed through sections of the ride earlier in the day, it was a good start to the ride out programme.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Peak District Ride Out – Probably the most scenic ride out of the year! (Andy)

The meeting place will be at the old 3 Nuns Pub (now Miller & Carter Steak House, Leeds Road, Mirfield WF14 0BY), this is a few miles away from the M62 J25 heading towards Dewsbury. 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 Saturday morning between 08:00am and 8:30am to confirm the ride out is going ahead.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Route and date to be decided by organiser.

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

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 £720.58 in the bank account at the present time.

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

Both Barrie Blayney and Peter Driver announced their decisions to step down from the branch posts of Chairman and Treasurer at the time of the next branch AGM in September, both individuals have held the positions since the branch was reformed in 2005. Members were asked to consider volunteering for either position in advance of the next AGM meeting. One member later in the evening expressed a willingness to put himself up for election as the new Chairman, so we have at least one interested party 😊.

Russ Ward suggested that on ride outs whilst using our usual 'drop off' technique to avoid losing riders along the route, that a 'tail' rider should be nominated and supplied with a Hi-Vis vest, when the drop off system is working the rider marking the junction will know for sure that the last rider in the group has passed by, the rider marking the junction will then set off and pass the tail rider so the tail position is fixed. Andy has a couple of branch branded HI-Vis vests and will take one to the ride out on Saturday.

Peter Fairbank reported a dangerous situation he came across recently on the road, whilst on the road out from Huddersfield towards Delph he encountered a drone moving along the road at 25mph, he realized that an idiot in a BWM car was operating the drone from a control station placed on his steering wheel whilst driving along!!!

Peter Holland informed the group about the Dalesman Rally, Peter met up with a group of old biking friends who organise the rally and was invited to bring along some of his NOC friends if they wanted to attend. The rally will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> June (to be confirmed as it's a Monday), the rally will be for campers and only motorcycles are allowed to attend (not just classics). The rally will be in the Ripon / Pateley Bridge area and will be limited to the first 300 applicants. Peter will forward details to Andy who will in turn circulate details to members. A specific request has been made not to put details of the rally on social media.

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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017