



## Yorkshire Branch



# Branch Meeting & AGM Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Andy Lodge - Deputised)

Andy opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 16 attendees on the evening, Barrie Blayney was on holiday in France and had sent his apologies.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Barrie Blayney, Ian Barnes, Barry Crosby and Nigel Johnson.

The branch AGM was conducted at the meeting, both the Chairman and Treasurer stepped down from their roles, nominations had been requested for both these positions in advance of the meeting, Russ Ward volunteered for the position of Chairman and was proposed and seconded at the meeting hence was duly elected, Peter Holland volunteered to take on the Treasurers role (previously having been the club Treasurer for many years) he was therefore proposed and seconded and duly selected. Thanks were expressed to both the outgoing EC position holders (Barrie and Peter) for their long service and contributions to the branch.

NOC 2018 calendars – the offer for branches to purchase calendars at a discounted rate has again be made by the NOC, if we order more than 10 they are available for £6 each, additionally this year desk top calendars can be order at a discounted price of £3 each. An order will be placed following the October branch meeting but calendars will only be ordered for individuals who have paid for their calendars at or before the October meeting.

The Rotary Club of Elland are holding their Vintage Weekend Motor Show on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September between the hours of 10.00 and 17.00. Entry fee for motorcycles exhibited is £2 (pre booking only – no entries are accepted on the day). General admission is £5.00 per adult, £1.00 per child and £2.00 for OAP's. A family admission is £10.00. The show takes place at Elland Cricket, Athletic & Bowling Club, Hullen Edge Road, Elland, HX5 0QY. For more details visit their website [www.ellandvintageweekend.com](http://www.ellandvintageweekend.com).

Earlier in the week of the meeting Andy had sent out an e-mail advertising a couple of Norton's being sold by Alan Frankish of the East York's branch, as of Monday afternoon it seems the standard Dominator had been sold but the café racer was still available.

Russ Ward gave a summary of the International Rally held in Belgium where 6 branch members attended the event. Russ and Tony combined a tour into France with the rally, Peter Holland rode his Electra from his place in Brittany to the rally (400 miles each way) and Don, Martin & Bev also attended. The weather was said to be hot, the food very good and the rally had a nice relaxed feel, the only criticism being the condition and congestion of some of the roads in Belgium.

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

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August –

The route took in scenic moors, railways and reservoirs in West York's, Lancashire and North York's 6 bikes met at the Miller & Carter car park at Mirfield and rode over to Hollingworth Lake near Rochdale, over the top of the Pennines we passed through light rain and could see a wonderful rainbow in the valley below, a photo was taken with the group (8 people in total) with the Lake in the background. From Hollingworth the group rode down to Hebden Bridge via Cragg Vale (a bumpy road that punished your kidneys!), then rode over the moors to Oxenhope for a lunch break at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway station. Lunch was taken on the platform and an added bonus was the arrival of a steam train. When setting off from the station the group was joined by a stranger on a T100 Hinckley Bonneville who wanted to tag along for the rest of the ride. The group then rode over to Skipton again over the moors passing close to Colne, then onto Fewston reservoir by Otley before splitting up and making their respective ways home. The day was fine with only light rain on top of the Pennines, 110 miles were covered on the ride out.

Next Ride Out (and last planned for the year) - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Forest of Bowland and Beyond

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 Trawlerman, formerly 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 Saturday morning between 08:00am and 8:30am to confirm the ride out is going ahead.

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

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £696.06 in the bank account at the present time. Following his 12-years of service to the branch Peter gave a short talk on the history of the branch that was formed in its current state in 2005 where the first meeting was held at the Royal Hotel in Pudsey on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The various meeting places over the years were mentioned as was the expenditure for items purchased out of branch funds and the events that had been conducted by the branch, Peter explained that during this time he had collected £2,143 in sub's at the monthly meetings. Peter thanked his fellow EC members for the work they had done for the club, branch members then gave Peter a round of applause for his service to the NOC.

## **5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge - Deputised)**

John Oldridge has purchased a second hand bore measuring tool which he offered to loan to anybody needing to borrow it, the tool will show if the bore is parallel and round however it doesn't provide a direct reading of the bore diameter.

Nigel Blrdsall reported that Barry Crosby could not now attend the InCider Rally over the weekend (15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September) due to his wife having had an accident, Barry had paid for the rally accommodation which was offered to any of the branch members attending free of charge, unfortunately due to the short notice nobody was in a position to take up Barry's kind offer.

Peter Holland works at a school that has recently disposed of a number of tools (whitworth spanners, etc were mentioned), Peter will bring the tools along to the next meeting for members to take away any of the tools free of charge if they want them.

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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017