



**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 14th February 2018

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.10pm and welcomed all 14 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Lawrence Wright, Peter Driver, Owen Walker, Martin Holdsworth, Gary Standley, and Nigel Johnson.

Andy explained to the members that Peter Driver could not attend as his daughter was very ill in hospital and Peter and his wife were spending a lot of time looking after her 4 children, unfortunately this seems like it will not be a short term situation. Branch members expressed their support for Peter and his family at this difficult time.

A £40 cheque will be sent to the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend (4th and 5th August) organiser, to reserve our normal double bike display pitch on Sunday 5th August only at this charity fund raising event.

The NOC Branch secretaries meeting will take place on Saturday 14th April, the NOC AGM will take place the day after on Sunday 15th April, both events will be at Donington Hall. Unfortunately none of the branch EC members are now able to attend both days due to other commitments, it is very likely some members will attend the AGM, however, Andy asked members attending if any of them would be willing to attend the Branch Secretaries meeting to represent the Yorkshire branch, if someone attended the Branch Secretaries meeting and was stopping over for the AGM a room would be provided in a local hotel by the NOC.

Andy had requested and received from the NOC a complete list of NOC members who lived in the Yorkshire area and were in post code districts that would fall in the catchment area of the Yorkshire Branch, in an effort to get more people involved with branch activities Andy has identified 38 NOC members on the list who live relatively locally but do not get involved with the branch, Andy proposed that he mail shots these individuals inviting them to branch meetings and or ride outs. The cost of postage stamps to cover this mail shot would be £20.16, members on the evening voted to accept the idea of a mail shot. Eight post code areas have been targeted, these are BD, DN, HD, HG, HX, LS, WF and YO, at present the NOC has 271 members listed in these areas.

The NOC website has now enabled a booking facility for the 2018 International Rally in Austria (Rally fee 35 euros but members booking before the 15th May pay 25 euros).

The 2019 International Rally is planned to be held in the Netherlands.

The NOC have authorized the production of a new video, this will cover 'Forks' and potentially brakes, Mick Hemmings will be the specialist giving instructions. No date for release of the video is available as yet.

The Norfolk branch have produced the NOC calendar for a number of years, 2019 will be the last one they can produce so an alternate means of producing the calendar will be required.

Following the branches £100 donation after the sale of tools, the branch had received a thank you letter from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service for the branches assistance. They referred to our fund raising activities that apparently consisted of wearing Christmas jumpers at our non uniform day!!!

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

The ride out programme will recommence in April 2018, the first planned ride out will include a visit to Teasdale Motorcycles in Thirsk. To introduce more variety into the ride out routes volunteers are requested to organise a ride out in this year's programme. Due to other planned events there will not be a branch ride out in August this year.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £603.06 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Don Tovey asked about the possibility of the branch running an NOC event in the future (we have previously hosted Norton Day and the International Rally), a discussion took place with general support from branch members for the idea, but as always a suitable venue that could provide camping and B&B type accommodation was the problem. Members were asked to think about suitable venues and if one could be found to feedback at future meetings.

The following e-mail has been received from the Shenstone Branch notifying members about their planned camping weekend in May.

Good evening campers (I hope)

After visits to several places over the past 12 months the Shenstone camping weekend is actually going to happen this year and we would like to welcome you to join us

When: Friday 4th to Monday 7th May

Where: The New Broom, Uttoxeter Road, Checkley, Staffordshire ST10 4NB

Cost: £10 per unit (for the whole weekend)

The pub serves food:

Breakfast - will be available each morning - £TBC

Friday - Grill Night (2 for 1) - you can pitch up and enjoy a steak meal for 2 people for £12

Sunday - Carvery - £8.50

We will have use of the function room with its own bar on Saturday night.

ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU: Please confirm whether you are able to make it and whether you will be bringing a tent, caravan, camper van or motorhome to kip in.

I look forward to hearing from you - my email is nortonlady@gmail.com mobile 07977 818882

Kind regards

Sandy

Chairperson

Norton Owners Club - Shenstone Branch

John Oldridge asked if anybody knew where he could purchase a small section of large bore stainless steel tube to replace a restrictor section in his BMW's exhaust, John was told Metal Supermarkets at Gildersome should be able to supply him with what he wanted.

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 14th March 2018