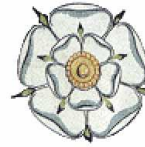




## Yorkshire Branch



# Branch Meeting Minutes – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 19 attendees.

A new member Dave Ramsden attended for the first time, Dave had an article published in Roadholder in May 'Man wastes time in shed shock', this told the tale about his 16H flat tanker project.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Martin Holdsworth, Edwin Chanell-Napier, Dave Bell, Barry Crosby, John Preston and Dave Roberts .

The NOC National Rally is taking place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> August at Morpeth rugby club, this event is hosted by the Northumbria Branch, a number of members are intending to attend the event.

Norton themed day at the CRMC Donington Park meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August (test rides, factory tours, paced track parade at 12.30pm (£25 for 20-min's). All need to be pre-booked via the Norton Motorcycles website. The classic racing continues over the weekend as do the factory visits and test rides.

The branch had a good turnout at the Thornes Park Wakefield classic vehicle gathering on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, at least 7 members attended the event.

### 3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter again reported that the branch has a balance of £884.39 in the bank account at the present time, the branch monthly fee's had been suspended commencing April 2013 for 6-months so this figure will not rise during that period and there have been no outgoings in the month.

#### **4. Branch Ride Outs**

The ride out to Scarborough went ahead as planned on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, seven riders met at the Little Chef on the A64 then proceeded over to the café at Fridaythorpe where they met up with Harry and Alan from the East Yorkshire branch. Unfortunately Harry suspected his 'big end' was poorly on his ES2 so he didn't join the run through to Scarborough, Alan however joined us for a nice dry run across the Wolds followed by a stop at the Oasis café on the front of Scarborough's North Bay. A heavy shower occurred whilst the group was dining, however, the rain held off all the way home but the roads had obviously had a good soaking previously. 193 miles were covered in the day.

The next ride out is scheduled for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July; Peter Holland will again lead a ride out heading north west into the Devils Bridge area. Hopefully the weather will be kinder than it was on Peter's last ride out!

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 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

Russ Ward reported that he had recently had a frame repair carried out by Dale Theaker (07824 442906), the repair involved cutting out a damage section of the frame and putting a new section in place, Russ was very pleased with the results and said it was done at a very competitive rate.

Peter Holland thanked branch members who had assisted him with parts supply, recommendations, etc that had helped him to get his rare Norton Electra back on the road, Peter rode the Electra (unit construction 400cc electric start twin) to the meeting, it had previously been off the road since 1980.

Ian Jayne on behalf of the group passed on best wishes to Tom Bartlett who is going into hospital in the near future for an operation. Tom was one of the 9 people who attended the meeting on a bike (6 of these were Norton's). As a result of the good Norton turnout, 4 extra member machine pictures have now been added to the relevant web-site page.

Tony and Russ Ward didn't return to the UK directly following the June International Rally in France, they extended their stay by a few days by doing a bit of touring in France and Belgium on their route home, both highly enjoyed the experience and recommended it to other members.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013