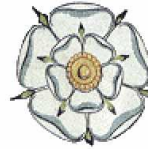




**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th June 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 18 branch members that attended the meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Dave Bell, Barry Crosby and Ian Jayne.

The Sowerby Bridge classic bike show took place on Sunday 25th May, the branch gazebo was erected (and used by many to shelter from the rain that was heavy at times!), four bikes were displayed these were Bruce's 88ss, Albert's Model 50 based special, Peter's Electra and Andy's 961. Approximately 70 bikes attended the event which was held in the picturesque canal wharf area close to the town centre. Albert won the prize for the 'best special' at the show. Harry and his family attended the event to support the branch. Dave Roberts did a very good job organizing the event on behalf of the Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club, all proceeds from the event went to charity.

Andy reminded the meeting attendee's that details of events were posted on the branch web-site prior to events occurring; also pictures and brief details of the event were posted after the event. The web-site can be accessed from the main NOC web-site by clicking on the branches section, or alternatively directly by going to <http://yorkshire.branches.nortonownersclub.org>

The West Yorkshire based Girder Fork and Classic Bike Club will be holding its annual Big Bike Sunday Show at the Skipton Auction Mart (BD23 1UD) on Sunday, the 29th of June, commencing at 12.00 pm. The show is open to all bikes and scooters. Categories are:- best two stroke, single cylinder; twin cylinder; multi cylinder; girder fork, competition; special build and modern in the concours competition. Winners will be announced about 3.00 pm. All proceeds will go towards the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Manorlands (Local cancer hospice). Raffle prizes, motorcycle gear sale, food and refreshments. Venue is to the west of Skipton just off the A65/Skipton/By-Pass.

Correction – in last months minutes it was stated 'Bruce requested that members consider suitable venues for a camping / B&B event later this year', apologies, the planned event will be in 2015 not this year.

3. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

Sunday 18th May – Masham / Tan Hill run. 12 bikes joined the run (7 Norton's), the run was blessed with sunshine all the way for an excellent run around North Yorkshire with stops at Masham, Tan Hill, Hawes and 2 potential sites for the 2015 anniversary event (Hardraw and Aysgarth). Normal service was resumed with our esteemed chairman managing to detach himself from the group at Masham (we didn't abandon him!). 166 miles were covered in the day. Thanks go out to Martin Holdsworth for organising this run.

The next ride out occurs on Saturday 14th June (this Saturday), Peter Holland will be taking the group through three different counties in the Pendle witches area, the ride out will be approximately 100 miles long starting and finishing at Kildwick. Meeting time 09.30am for a 10.00am prompt start, 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 BP garage just off the roundabout and is visible from the dual carriageway.

Future ride out dates are as follows:

- 19th / 20th July – Andy will organise a Peak District run
- 9th / 10th August (Volunteer required to organise)
- 20th / 21st September (Volunteer required to organise)

(the dates are all Saturdays or Sundays, a ride out will occur on either the Saturday or Sunday, this choice being left to the organiser of the ride out).

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £805.22 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Branch 10th Anniversary (2015) (Bruce Senior)

Bruce explained to the group that 2 potential camping venues had been visited during the last branch ride out, these were at Hardraw and Aysgarth (both close to Hawes).

The Green Dragon pub at Hardraw had both camping facilities and none camping accommodation available, prices for camping were £8 per night, a bunk house was available at £15 per night and B&B was available at £45 per night. The facilities appeared to be good and Geoff Drury had previously attended a good bike event at this location. The town of Hawes was a relatively short walk away from the location.

The second location visited was the Aysgarth Hotel, this had camping facilities at the rear of the hotel but they were at the bottom of a hill close to the hotel, this location appeared to be a bit more isolated than the Green Dragon. Camping was available at £8 per night and rooms in the hotel were available from £80 per night (B&B).

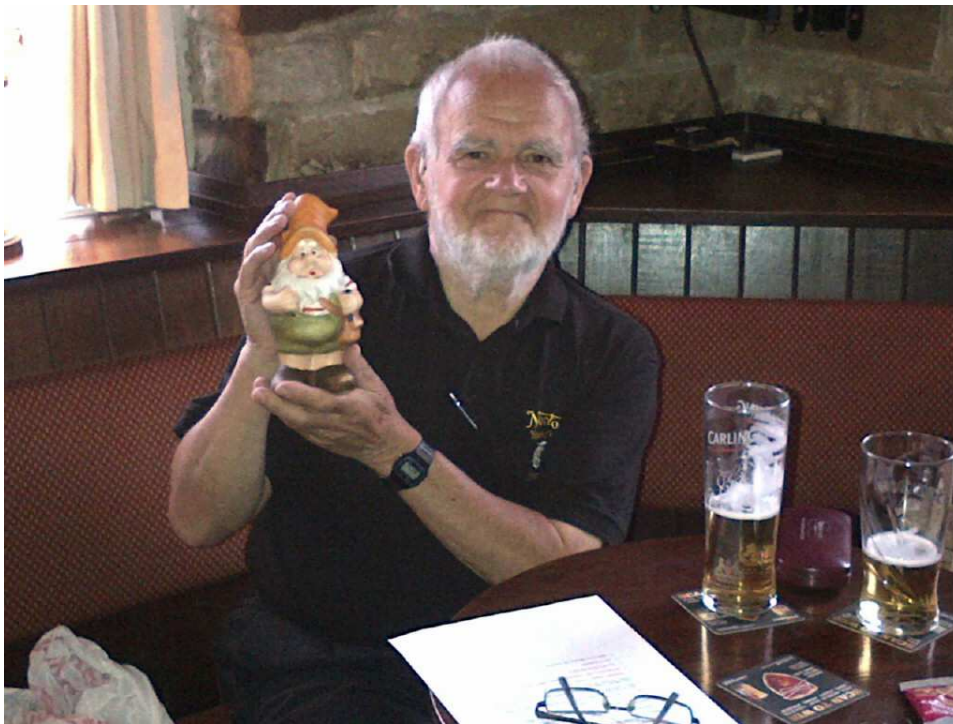
Bruce again asked the group to come forward with suggestions for other venues over the coming months.

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Peter Driver had been in contact with Edwin, Edwin has finally decided to call it a day with regard to motorcycling, Edwin had asked Peter to see if anybody wanted to purchase his period 'pudding basin' helmet and goggles, the helmet had recently been resprayed silver and the goggles appeared to be in very good condition. Edwin wanted £70 for the helmet with goggles, interested parties should contact Peter Driver (E-mail address mini_clubmans@yahoo.co.uk).

Members from the branch will be attending the 'Norton Club Nederland 40th Anniversary Rally' in Holland over the weekend 20th to 22nd June, Bruce, Nigel, Martin and Bev will represent the Yorkshire Branch.

And finally --- In recognition of getting lost (not abandoned) from yet another branch ride out, our Chairman (Barrie Blayney) was presented with a trophy by Nigel that had a striking resemblance to someone we all know, this trophy will hence forth be known as the 'Chairman's Trophy' and will be awarded by the chairman, for any members discretion (breakdown's, getting lost, etc) as he sees fit!



The meeting was formally closed and sandwiches were provided by the staff at the Marsh.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Don't forget all details of the branch activities can be found on our web-site -
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Date of next meeting 9th July 2014