

Branch Meeting Minutes – 12th June 2013

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 18 attendees.

A new member attended the meeting for the first time, John Oldridge from the Ripon area was welcomed by the members, John arrived on his very recently purchased Model 50. As John lives abroad for part of the year he will be an occasional visitor.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Edwin Chanell-Napier, Dave Bell, Tony Ward, Russ Ward, John Preston, Barry Lodge, Bill Easton and Dave Roberts .

International Rally 2013 feedback - 6 branch members plus 2 partners attended the rally in Montsauche-Les-Settons between 6th and 9th June. The rally was very well attended with 400 people and 300 bikes being present at the scenic french location. The weather was good and thankfully there were no serious incidents to report with everybody getting back as planned (Tony and Russ stopped on for a few days after the rally to do more sightseeing on the journey back). The venue was 368 miles south of Zeebrugge. The complaint that most people had was the length of time it took to serve the meals and delays on returning from the runs (the guides were happy to stop at the venues for extended periods, because of this on both runs the bulk of the Yorkshire branch members came back assisted by Martin's trusty SatNav). Some pictures of the event have been posted on the branch website.

International Rally 2014 – This rally will be held in Bremen in the North of Germany between 14th and 18th August, Bremen is approximately 250 miles from Zeebrugge.

Surprise visit to East Yorkshire branch monthly meeting – Bruce, Barry (Lodge) and Andy dropped into meet members of the East Yorks Branch at their May monthly meeting, a warm welcome was afforded to the Yorkshire Branch members by all concerned. Their meeting format was very similar to the our own, however, the room they have for their meetings is much better, more space, partial segregation from the main pub area and windows that give a direct view of the bikes parked outside.

3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £884.39 in the bank account at the present time, as the branch monthly fee's had been suspended commencing April 2013 for 6-months this figure will not rise during that period.

Peter went onto report that Edwin sends his best wishes to the members and hopes to return to the meetings in the near future, Don Tovey had recently paid him a visit at home which was very welcome, Edwin has now sold his 19S and replaced it with a Big 4 which he hopes will be easier to handle.

4. Branch Ride Outs

Peter Holland reported back on the ride out through the Trough of Bowland (Lancashire) that occurred on Sunday 12th May. 10 bikes joined the run which was conducted in dry conditions in Yorkshire, then very wet conditions in Lancashire! Many of the people attending had commented that they enjoyed the area and would like to return in better weather conditions. One of the group got separated (Bill) at a turn off in a village, fortunately he found his way home and rang afterwards to confirm he was alive and well. Peter has volunteered to plan another run to the area in the future. Whilst on the run a stop was made at Ogden reservoir, some of the riders had asked about local walks in the area, Suzanne Holland had kindly picked up some leaflets showing the walks in the area and sent them to Andy, these were distributed at the meeting.

Andy announced details about the next ride out, the date has been set as Saturday 22nd June and the destination will be Scarborough. The meeting place will be the Little Chef on the A64 (close to Tadcaster), meeting time will be 10am for a prompt 10.30am start.

5. Any Other Business

Correction from last month's minutes, the form required from the DVLA is a V112, not a V177 as reported last month. See following corrected text:

'lan Jayne explained to the members a problem he had encountered trying to tax his Inter now that the MOT test exemption on pre 1960 manufactured bikes has come into force. He was unable to do it via the internet and was told by the DVLA that the system at present cannot deal with MOT exemption renewals, Ian had to download a V112 form and take this to the post office, he was then able to obtain a tax disc for his bike. The DVLA informed Ian that they were working on the problem of web site renewals for MOT exempt vehicles, and that it would be fixed at some time in the future'.

A number of members confirmed that since the last meeting they had successfully used the DVLA website to tax their machines that no longer needed an MOT certificate, it looks like the problem has been resolved.

Harry Day informed the group about a British motorcycle (modern and old) show at the Fox Hound pub. Flixton near Scarborough, starting time 7pm Wednesday June19th. Directions A64 York / Malton, at the 1st roundabout take the 2nd turning onto the B1039 Filey road keep on that road, the Fox Hound pub is painted white and is on your left-hand side with a large car park. Harry reported that the pub has excellent meals and good beers.

Geoff Drury enquired if anybody had a Green Spot (preferably) speedo for sale for his Commando.

Peter Fairbanks similarly wants a speedo for this Lightweight (a Jubliee / Navigator speedo will fit he thinks).

Dave Roberts is in urgent need of a carb manifold for his 1958 88 Dominator, if anybody can help please contact Dave on 07710 126145 ASAP.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 10th July 2013