



**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### **1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)**

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 20 branch members that attended the meeting.

### **2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)**

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, Martin Holdsworth and Dave Bell.

Reminder - The NOC East Yorkshire Branch have invited members of the Yorkshire Branch to attend a quiz night on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at their meeting place in Howden.

Andy gave a brief summary of the 2013 / 2014 branch annual report (copy sent out with these minutes), this report has been submitted to the NOC EC Branch Liaison Officer.

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

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £780.89 in the bank account at the present time.

Peter also reported that in his position of Branch Pastoral Officer he had been in contact with Tom Bartlett, Tom has been in hospital for an operation but is now back home recovering, Tom sent his best wishes and hopes to be active again soon.

### **4. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)**

A list of ride outs dates for 2014 has been put together, these have been compiled so as not to clash with motorcycle / other events that may be of interest to branch members. Six weekend dates have been proposed with one ride out being scheduled each month from April through to September inclusive, these are as follows:

- Saturday 19th April (Andy) – Dales run. 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. The meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

- 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> May (Martin ?)
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday is Father's Day) (?)
- 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> July (?)
- 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> August (?)
- 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> September (?)

(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)

Volunteers were again requested to come forward to organise at least one of the ride outs, the organiser will have to select a route, meeting place and decide which date they want to organise the ride out on. Volunteers need to contact Andy ASAP so the programme can be set up.

### **5. Branch 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2015) (Barrie Blayney)**

Barrie asked that members consider what the branch should do in 2015 to commemorate the branch's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in its present form, the first meeting of the current branch occurred in September 2005. A suggestion was put forward that the branch organise a camping weekend and a number of venues were suggested (Green Dragon pub close to Hawes or the Black Swan near Masham). The idea of a camping weekend (with more comfortable accommodation being available for the non campers!) was popular with the members and will be discussed at future meetings.

Members were asked if the branch should consider running one of the NOC 2015 events (NOC National Rally or the Norton Festival) and possibly combining the event with our anniversary event, members didn't want to commit to doing this at this time but didn't dismiss the idea, further discussion will take place on this subject at future meetings.

### **6. George Child Trophy (Barrie Blayney)**

The Chairman had made a number of pleas for the return of this trophy that was awarded to the branch for the best attendance at the Northumbria Rally in 2013, to his embarrassment he had it all the time!?!

### **7. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)**

Dave Roberts explained to the members that a bike show was being arranged on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May by the Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club, the branch has been allocated a space where we can erect our tent and put on a display of Norton motorcycles. Dave passed around application forms (scanned copy attached with the circulated minutes). The event is being held in the canal moorings area close to the centre of the town, judging by the interest from members on the evening the event should be well attended by the branch.

Don Tovey announced to the assembled group that the small team of branch members responsible for the NOC calendar production and distribution, would not be involved with the 2015 calendar. NOC EC officials had been made aware of this so they had plenty of time to find another means of producing the calendar. Don went onto say that if an official NOC calendar was not produced next year, he would look to produce a branch calendar (much more manageable on a small scale) with branch members and their bikes featuring on the calendar.

A vote of thanks was made to the calendar team for their sterling effort over the past 3-years.

Bruce Senior, Dave Bell and Andy Lodge will be attending the NOC AGM again at Donington Hall to represent the Yorkshire Branch

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

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014