



**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 13th November 2013

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 20 attendees. Barrie then went on to hand out nomination forms for the 2013 'member of the year', the forms were collected at the end of the meeting, the winner of the award will be announced at the December meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Geoff Drury, Barry Crosby, Nigel Birdsall and Stewart Ronanye.

Mike Lloyd a Yorkshire Air Ambulance representative attended the meeting and was formally presented with a £100 cheque by Barrie Blayney on behalf of the branch members, this being awarded in recognition of the brilliant service they provide. Mike addressed the members and explained how the YAA operated their 2 helicopters and their dependency on donations to keep the service running, he also stated that bikers were always one of the main contributors to the running of the service (as well as being one of their biggest customers!). A short article with a picture will be submitted to Roadholder by Andy to publicise the branch donation.

Andy reminded members that the £1 monthly fee for members attending the meeting was being reintroduced as of this month.

The NOC East Yorkshire Branch had arranged for Gordon May to give a talk about his touring exploits on his BSA Bantam and Royal Enfield's on November 21st at their Howden meeting place, unfortunately Gordon has had to cancel this engagement. A joint meeting / quiz at Howden is still to be planned, it is likely to occur in March or April 2014.

3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £864.89 in the bank account at the present time, the branch monthly fee of £1 for attendance at the meetings was reintroduced at the November meeting.

4. Branch Ride Outs (Andy Lodge)

The 'final' last ride out of the year occurred on Saturday 12th October, this extra ride out to our normally April to September programme was added to celebrate our Chairman's 99 being back on the road. 9 bikes attended the run (6 Norton's) which took place on a damp and misty (in places) day. To avoid losing Barrie he was allowed to lead the run.

The group assembled at Otley then rode to Pateley Bridge and had a refreshments stop at the Sun Inn near Fewston. Due to the weather conditions the run was relatively short with 73 miles being covered in the day. John Preston took part in the run bringing along his 250 Jubilee, this is believed to be the first attendance of a lightweight on one of the club's planned runs.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

At the last meeting Barry Crosby suggested that the branch should consider buying a crankshaft pinion puller out of the branch funds; this item is still to be purchased.

The 2014 NOC calendars were available for sale to members at the meeting, a good number of these were purchased on the evening.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 11th December 2013