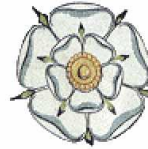




**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

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

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 15 branch members that attended the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne.

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, the Bowmans Hotel, 35 Bridgegate, Howden DN14 7AE. Their meetings normally start at 7.30pm so those attending should try to arrive by that time. Please attend if possible, Your Branch Needs Your Support!

Peter Holland will be standing down from his role as NOC Treasurer after 9 years at the AGM on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, in recognition of his long loyal voluntary service to the NOC, Andy gave a vote of thanks to Peter on behalf of the Yorkshire Branch for a job very well done, Peter's efforts were recognized by a round of applause from the members. Peter will be standing for the position of NOC Web and Data Manager at the AGM on Sunday; he will have the full support of the branch members attending the AGM.

For information, people who may have stopped attending the auto jumble at Rufforth in recent months, due to it being very poor may be glad to know that the last auto jumble (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April) was very well attended by traders and the general public alike, it was the best seen in many years. Newark was held the day after, this usually means more bike traders from the north east attend as Rufforth is on the route down to Newark for them. The biggest reason for the upsurge in attendance is probably because Rufforth has now made it free for traders to sell at the event.

Bruce Senior, Dave Bell and Andy Lodge will again be attending the NOC AGM at Donington Hall to represent the Yorkshire Branch; the event takes place Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £800.89 in the bank account at the present time.

#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May (Martin Holdsworth) – Masham area run. Meeting at the Sun Inn near Fewston (details to be confirmed).
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday is Father's Day) (Volunteer required to organise)
- 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> July (Volunteer required to organise)
- 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> August (Volunteer required to organise)
- 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

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

Members had previously been 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, there was no support for the idea of running a national event in 2015 from the assembled members, so the Yorkshire branch will not be involved.

The members were in support of running a branch camping weekend in 2015 to celebrate the branches 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary; this will be discussed at future meetings.

## 6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Dave Bell reported that the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend show had recently been said to be the best show of its kind in the north of England by Classic Car Weekly magazine, unfortunately due to a clash with the Norton Festival the branch cannot formally attend this event again this year.

The Sowerby Bridge classic bike show takes place on Sunday 25th May, the branch has been allocated a prime location by Dave Roberts where we can erect our tent and put on a display of Norton motorcycles, a number of members have already registered their machines for this event which should be well attended by the branch.

Following the publication of the latest EC meeting minutes and the following announcement: *Norvil Motorcycles Update; Barry (Owen) spoke about the meetings that had taken place between various Members of the Executive Committee and Les and Sue Emery. A notice would be placed in the magazine and on the Club web site announcing this matter. The Committee agreed to request the Members' permission to continue discussions.*

A discussion took place about the potential purchase of the Norvil business by the NOC, Les Emery has offered the business to the NOC as he is planning to retire. Concern was expressed by many members about this purchase, following a show of hands members attending the AGM were instructed to vote for continued discussions about the purchase, however, members expressed the view that any further action (i.e. purchase of the business) should not be progressed without a full ballot of NOC members.

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

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 14th May 2014