



**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

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

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 20 attendees. One visitor attended, Stanley Stephenson is a friend of Harry Day and was a Norton 750 Commando owner in days gone by.

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

Apologies for absence – Dave Roberts, Tony Ward and Owen Walker.

The NOC East Yorkshire Branch have arranged for Gordon May to give a talk about his touring exploits on his BSA Bantam and Royal Enfield's on November 21<sup>st</sup> at their Howden meeting place, this talk will replace the original planned quiz between the two branches. Alan Frankish (East York's branch Secretary) has invited members to attend the talk in place of the original quiz, members discussed the invite but little interest was shown in travelling over to Howden to listen to the talk by Gordon. Hopefully the 2 branches will be able to reorganize a joint meeting / quiz sometime in the future.

Andy reminded members that a Yorkshire Air Ambulance representative would be attending the 13<sup>th</sup> November meeting so that we could formally present the £100 cheque to support the service they provide.

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

Peter again 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 will be reintroduced at the November meeting.

### **4. Proposed Christmas Dinner (Andy Lodge)**

Andy discussed a proposal to arrange a Christmas dinner dance at the Corn Mill Lodge Hotel on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, low interest was shown in the event with the number of people wanting to attend not really making the event viable.

## **5. Branch Ride Outs (Andy Lodge)**

The last planned ride out of the 2013 season took place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7 bikes took part in the run (6 Norton's) with 1 member (Tony with the plunger ES2) joining the group at the meeting point to have a chat. Originally the plan was to go to the hill climb at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, unfortunately the hill climb was cancelled due to the road being damaged, heavy rain was also forecast for later in the day, so the run was changed to take in Helmsley, Thirsk and Ripon. In total approximately 120 miles were covered in the day, the ride back from Ripon was damp but enjoyable!

To celebrate Barrie Blayney's 99 Dominator being back on the road following its engine rebuild, a 'Final' last ride out of the season has been organised at short notice for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Weather permitting those interested will meet at the café by the river bridge in Otley at 09.00 for a 09.30am prompt start. Barrie will lead the group on a Dales run.

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

Barry Crosby suggested that the branch should consider buying a crankshaft pinion puller out of the branch funds; this would be added to the list of loan items available to branch members. This was seconded by a number of members, Barry will organise the purchase of the best quality puller he can find and will then be reimbursed by the treasurer.

The 2014 NOC calendars will be available in a few weeks time, Don will bring calendars to the November meeting, these will be made available to branch members at a discounted price. Other branches will be able to order calendars at this price if they order 10 or more via their branch secretaries (P&P and VAT will be included in the price for orders of over 10). Again the branch members who previously assisted with the order handling and distribution of the calendars have volunteered to help again this year, on behalf of the NOC members worldwide who benefit from these considerable efforts, well done and thank you.

Don Tovey suggested that branch members might like to attend the Otley Motoring Extravaganza in 2014, this year Don, Barry and Andy attended the event which had a very varied display of vehicles and many trading stalls. The event takes place early September 2014 in the fields just off Pool Road.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013