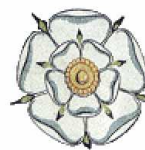




Yorkshire Branch



Yorkshire Branch Annual Report

14th February 2013

A new format web-site for the branch was made available by the NOC in April 2012; this has been updated on a weekly basis, includes a Norton quiz question every week and has been very well populated. To date 73 people have registered on the site.

The branch has a monthly ride out programme that commences in April and concludes in September. In 2012 the rides covered over 900 miles (our lowest figure to date due to the bad weather during the year). On average over 8 motorcycles attended each run.

The branch was awarded a marquee by the NOC in advance of them staging the 2012 International Rally.

Branch members organised the NOC 2012 International Rally in Skipton between 6th – 8th July, much of the year leading up to the event was spent making preparations for the rally. Bruce Senior volunteered to lead the team that put the event together. Rally attendance exceeded expectations (it clashed with the VMCC Festival of 1000 bikes) and was deemed to be a success. In total 249 people registered at the rally with many visitors travelling from mainland Europe. The NOC funds were boosted by the profits from the event.

Members again put on a display of Norton motorcycles at the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend on the 5th August, 11 Norton's were displayed at the event along with branch banners, the NOC issued marquee was erected for the day. One new branch member was attracted by the event.

At the September AGM, the Branch Secretary (Ian Jayne) stood down after 6 successful years in the position; a new Secretary was elected unopposed (Andy Lodge). The Chairman (Barrie Blayney) and Treasurer (Peter Driver) were re-elected.

Five branch members along with 2 passengers attended the Begonia rally in Belgium at the end of August.

The Norton Owners Club calendar was produced and distributed by branch members for the second year running, Don Tovey again did a wonderful job putting this together for the club. All proceeds from calendar sales went directly to the NOC.

The NOC Branch Secretaries meeting in Warwick (25th November) was again attended by the Branch Secretary. Pre-ordered calendars were taken to the event to save non-Yorkshire branch members being charged for postage and packing, this being the cheapest way a member could obtain a calendar.

The Yorkshire Branch 'Member of the Year' award for 2012 was presented to Ian Jayne in recognition of his efforts in originally reforming the branch 6-years ago, and also for helping to steer the ship up until his decision not to stand for re-election at the branch AGM.

A social event for branch members and their partners was again organised (a belated Christmas dinner dance) in January, 14-people attended the event.

Due to a healthy NOC Yorkshire Branch bank account balance, members voted to use approximately £500 from the funds to buy a branch badged garment for members who attend the branch meetings, or those who otherwise contributed to the running of the 2012 International Rally. In addition to giving something back to people who get involved with branch activities, the garments will advertise both the branch and the NOC.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary