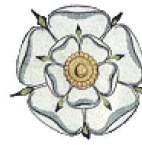




**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th April 2018

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.35pm and welcomed all 15 attendees on the evening.

A new member attended the meeting for the first time, Nigel Ryder from Birstall has just purchased a 1976 registered 850 Mk2A Commando, he was due to collect it the day after the meeting, members welcomed Nigel to the meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, Peter Driver, Lawrence Wright, Peter Holland, John Oldridge, Bob Nabozny, Ian Barnes and Barry Lodge.

Andy received the following e-mail from Lawrence Wright on the 27th March:

Hi there I have yesterday just got out of Bradford Royal Hospital as last Tuesday I had a brain stem stroke but I have been lucky as it has left me with double vision and balance issues when walking but things are improving slowly and hope to return to normal in time, Will see you soon so all the best for now.

Ian Jayne has also been in touch, he too has had an extended stay in the BRI, with what started out as severe hip pain but the doctors have informed him that it is very likely that he has the early stages of bowel cancer.

Branch members wished Lawrence and Ian best wishes and hoped for a speedy recovery for both of our members.

The branch has officially been invited to the Sowerby Bridge bike show that takes place on Sunday 27th May, the show will take place in the normal Shire Cruises Wharf (HX6 2AG) location, again branch members plan to take the club marque and put on a display of Norton's. Entry forms were distributed at the meeting, however, entry on the day is possible but will be at the organisers discretion should the event be oversubscribed.

Andy reported that he'd been in touch with Mark Rugman who we haven't heard from for a while to check he was OK, he's fine and is spending more time at the moment cycling than motorcycling, he hopes to join one of our ride outs again later this year.

Roadholder stickers – stickers were supposed to be inserted into the latest issue of Roadholder, however problems have arisen, see the note from the Roadholder Editor below:

Hi all, I'm getting loads of emails about this - the answer is thus:

*Regarding the decals - Lavenhams had received them and were trying to use their automatic insertion system to put them into each copy of Roadholder but Nick (from Lavenhams) phoned me (about 2 hours before we were off on holiday) to say that the decals were not in good enough condition for the their automatic system to handle them and that they would need to be inserted by hand (at additional cost). I told them to hang fire until I'd cleared this with other members of the EC. * I did put an item on the NOC website informing members of the problem but it shows that a lot of people don't seem to look at the website as I've had a lot of emails querying the lack of a decal in their magazine. I'm awaiting a quote from Lavenhams for hand insertion but I reckon it might be £100 - £200.*

The NOC AGM (Sunday 15th April) will be attended by John Oldridge who will represent the Yorkshire Branch, John will be travelling down by car to Donington. John has again offered to give a lift to other members wanting to attend, if you would like to go with John please contact him on 01423 870008, he would plan to do a pick up at 08:15am on his route south on Sunday morning.

Andy informed members about an issue he's had with his Alton electric starter on his Commando, during the warranty period the starter relay failed to operate, the relay would just 'click' but the starter contact did not make a contact, Alton sent a replacement quickly and all was well, some months later (out of the warranty period) the same problem occurred again and the fault was the same. A better quality 'IP67 rated' replacement was sourced and fitted but on stripping the original starter relays it was found that water had got into both relays and caused corrosion on the contacts which effectively insulated them. The original starter relays have a sealing gasket on the joint face between the plastic top and metal body and O-rings on the connection studs but these are obviously not very effective, if members are still using an original Alton starter relay they might want to smear some silicon around the outside of the joints to avoid similar problems.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

The first planned ride out of 2018 took place on Saturday 7th April, 5 bikes met at the rendezvous point (would have been six if Barrie's Electra didn't stop on the way due to a bad electrical connection that affected his Boyer ignition!). Due to deteriorating weather a decision was made not to follow the original route planned, so instead the group headed out towards Colne and cut back across the damp moors to Oxenhope and the shelter of the Keighley and Worth Valley railway buffet car, from there people made their own way home, a short ride of 53 miles therefore took place, hopefully the May ride out will be blessed with better weather.

The next planned ride out will be on Saturday 12th May where we will again attempt to complete the route planned for April. Meet at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start. The meeting place will be at the Trawlerman Fish and Chip shop car park at Cross Hills (At the end of the A629 dual carriageway that runs from Keighley towards Skipton (Next to the petrol station)). The planned route will run through the Dales with a stop at Teesdale Motorcycles in Thirsk (Norton dealer).

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter last reported that the branch had a balance of £557.06 in the bank account at the present time. As Peter was away on holiday at the meeting no sub's were collected so this should still be the current balance.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Barrie Blayney had brought along some surplus to requirements brake shoes and a new old stock armature for what was believed to be for a Lucas dynamo, both items were gratefully received by different members attending the meeting.

Information had been circulated earlier in the week about the sale of a part complete 750 Commando that was in the Horsforth area, this was being sold by an NOC member along with numerous other spares, Nigel Birdsall responded to the advert and purchased all the items being sold.

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

Andy Lodge – NOC Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Don't forget all details of the branch activities can be found on our web-site - <http://yorkshire.branches.nortonownersclub.org>

Date of next meeting 9th May 2018