

Branch Meeting Minutes - 9th May 2018

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.15pm and welcomed all 17 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, Peter Driver, Lawrence Wright, John Oldridge and Barry Crosby.

Branch members will be attending 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 again available at the meeting, however, entry on the day is possible but will be at the organisers discretion should the event be oversubscribed. If you can please support this charity fund raising event.

The NOC AGM (Sunday 15th April) was attended by John Oldridge who represented the Yorkshire Branch, at the AGM it was announced that our own Peter Holland had been awarded the John Hudson trophy for his services to the club during his long period as the national treasurer, members congratulated Peter on his achievement. John Oldridge has Peter's trophy and will bring it to the June meeting as John is away touring Portugal on his bike at the present time.

For those interested, it has been announced that a Lancaster bomber will be flying over the Derwent Dam in Derbyshire on Wednesday 16th May at 12:05 hours, this is to commemorate the Dam Busters squadron who used Derwent Dam as a practice ground before their operations in Germany during the Second World War.

Tom Bartlett has been in touch to say that he has loads of Norton singles parts that he would like to sell, no further details are available but if you are interested please contact Tom directly on 01274 780868 (Bradford area).

lan Jayne has been in touch to say that his medical condition is improving, also lan has some riding gear he no longer needs and wants to sell, see below for details:

'I've only worn it twice NOC Jubilee Day Donington 2009 and 2011 IOM MGP VMCC ride. It is ACU approved for events or was anyway. It's as new and cost £175.00 then. It's a SKINTAN DYNATECH SCHOELLER. All reinforced etc etc. Obviously large in size jacket is 3XL trousers XXL, grey /black any member can come and try it and make me a reasonable offer'. Contact lan on 07973 515295 if interested.

BIKER DOWN COURSE- West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service is offering a FREE 3 hour course, on completion you'll get a certificate of attendance and a road safety pack....1 Accident scene management..2 First Aid for motorcyclist..3 The science of being seen. To arrange a group training session contact Biker Down @ westyorksfire.government.uk 2018 Course Dates are Wednesday 16th May 1800-2130hrs, Wednesday 6th June 1800-2130hrs Killingbeck, Saturday 30th June 1000-1330hrs Shipley, Saturday 21st July 1000-1330hrs Killingbeck, Saturday 4th August 1000-1330hrs at Dewsbury. All of the above are held at fire stations. See Facebook WYFRSBikerDown.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

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).

Other 2018 planned ride out dates:

June 16th or 17th

July 14th or 15th

August no ride out planned due to rallies / shows

September 15th or 16th

October 6th or 7th

The ride out organiser will choose the date from the options above, volunteers are requested to plan and lead any of the ride outs to introduce some variety into the routes.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter last reported that the branch had a balance of £573.06 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Vehicles over 40 years old will not require to be MOT'ed after the 20th May 2018, a discussion took place as whether there was a need to register your vehicle to be MOT exempt or if it automatically qualified after the 20th May. A PDF file is attached which has been issued by the government to hopefully clarify the situation, this document will be circulated with the meeting minutes to branch members.

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 13th June 2018