

Branch Meeting Minutes – 17th July 2018

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.15pm and welcomed all 15 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Holland, Harry Day, Barry Lodge, Barry Crosby, Barrie Blayney and Peter Driver.

The branch meeting originally planned for Wednesday 11th July was postponed until Tuesday 17th July due to England playing in the football world cup semi final, the landlord of the Marsh Inn had advised that he was expecting a very busy pub on that evening and that it would disrupt our meeting, he had offered to reserves a small area in the corner of the pub but Andy and Russ decided it would be better to reschedule until the following week.

Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend - Sunday 5th August, the branch will once again be putting on a display of Norton's at the event, a double pitch has been reserved on Sunday so that we can erect our marque, members attending do not have to pay an entry fee if they are exhibiting a Norton on the club display. We plan to erect the marque at around 09:30 am for those able to lend a hand.

Haworth Bike Show, at the Bronte Hotel on Lees Lane Haworth takes place on Wednesday 18th July with entries from 5.30pm.

The East Yorkshire Branch has recently gone through a problematic period, a change of the Executive Committee has recently taken place with the newly elected Chairman being Peter Shand, Harry Atkinson has returned to the position of Secretary. Hopefully these changes will bring a period of stability and growth to the branch.

Each branch of the NOC has been asked to formally state what should happen to its funds should the branch cease to exist, members on the evening voted that in the event of the Yorkshire Branch folding its funds should be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 16th June – Matlock Bath in Derbyshire.

13 people and 10 bikes met at Jems Speed Shop and the group set off to Matlock Bath at 10.30am as planned. The planned route took the group over the Strines Moor with a planned stop at the Ladybower reservoir car park for refreshments, from there the group headed down through Hathersage and Bakewell before arriving at Matlock Bath were more refreshments were taken. 4 bikes decided to take the more direct route home via the M18 and A1 but the majority wanted to take the scenic route back cross country, on reaching Huddersfield the group had to pass through a rainstorm of biblical proportions with the roads being more like rivers in some places, fortunately this was the only rain encountered on the day where the initial forecast wasn't too good. 123 miles were covered on the run.

Saturday 14th July - Scarborough

The ride out destination was Scarborough, 14 bikes (18 people) met at the Little Chef car park located on the east bound A64 in the Tadcaster area. From the meeting place the ride out went through Stamford Bridge and stopped at the Flimber Café for refreshments, from Flimber the group then rode to Scarborough where they parked in the designated parking area for bikes between the North and South Bays. The return journey went through Pickering / Helmsley. The weather was very good (hot) and 177 miles were covered in the day.

Other 2018 planned ride out dates:

August no ride out planned due to rallies / shows

September - Sunday 16th, John Oldridge has kindly volunteered to organise a ride into the Dales / North Yorkshire area, meet at the Sun Inn by the Fewston Reservoir at 10.00am for a 10.30 prompt start.

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 was not at the meeting so a collection was not taken, the last reported account balance was £590.06 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Peter Fairbank enquired if anybody had an unwanted kickstart for a Jubilee, his kickstart has lost all its splines! Unfortunately nobody could help on the evening.

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 8th August 2018