

# Yorkshire Branch



## Branch Meeting & AGM Minutes – 12th September 2018

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

## 1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

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

## 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Nabozny, Martin Holdsworth, Peter Fairbank and Peter Driver.

Andy introduced a new branch member to the meeting attendee's, Kenny Marsh has a 650SS and lives in the Thornton area of Bradford.

The International Rally took place between 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August in Spielberg Austria, all 10 branch members who intended going to the event managed the trip safely covering over 2000 miles in the process. The weather in Austria was very hot (32 degrees C max) for the duration of the rally. Incidents reported by riders during the journey included a dead Boyer ignition system (a spare was carried by the rider), fouled plugs on a rotary, rear wheel puncture and a speedo cable failure. The rally was well organised and a bonus on the Saturday evening occurred when Giacomo Agostini came and addressed attendee's in the NOC Marque before the evening meal was served.

2 members attended the Begonia Rally in Belgium on their way back from the International Rally, this was said to be very well organised but an incident were a BMW rider had an accident which required surgery put a damper on proceedings.

4 branch members attended the Reivers Rally held at a hotel in the Scottish Borders area, again this was reported to have been a good event based at a nice hotel.

Dates for the 2019 International Rally in Holland have been announced, the rally will take place between 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June and will celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Netherlands branch. The location of the rally will be in Kampen, Holland (approximately 100 miles from Rotterdam). Bookings will be available from February 2019.

The existing members of the branch EC were asked if they were prepared to continue in their roles, they had no objections and no other persons wanted to be considered for the roles so the EC members were automatically re-elected.

### 3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

2018 planned ride out dates:

September - Sunday 16th

John Oldridge has kindly volunteered to organise a ride, meet at the Sun Inn by the Fewston Reservoir at 10.00am for a 10.30 prompt start. The route for the ride out is about 100 miles, and goes through the Dales Jervaulx abbey (morning tea), Reeth, Hawes (lunch) via Buttertubs, Malham, and then back to the Sun Inn. For more details John can be contacted on his home phone number (01423 870008), John plans to go ahead with the ride out whatever the weather!

October 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> – Martin Holdsworth has volunteered to organise the October ride out. Details are yet to be finalized.

#### 4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch account balance was £608.06 at the present time.

#### 5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Kenny Marsh was having problems with his 650SS, the tick over increases when the bike is hot and he has struggled to solve the problem. Numerous potential problems were suggested by members which Kenny acknowledged he was unaware of, however, it became clear that Kenny was not following the correct set up procedure for his twin carbs, Andy volunteered to send Kenny a copy of the Amal set up procedure to let him go through this in the first instance.

John Oldridge circulated notes and a picture relating to a 'missing bolt' on Featherbed framed bikes, on an inspection at the International Rally of numerous Featherbed framed machines, John observed that 50% of bikes did not have the nut and bolt through the centre stand pivot bolt that fastens the engine plate behind the crankcase to the bottom frame lug, opinion's varied as to whether this was required, John is sending an article off for inclusion in Roadholder to highlight the potential issue.

lan Barnes advised that his daughter works at a school who are in the process of selling a couple of lathes, 1 is known to be a Boxford at this stage he doesn't know the make or model of the other, but can get further details, if anybody is interested please contact lan directly (07855 666696).

