



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 12th June 2019

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.30pm and welcomed all 15 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Geoff Drury, Bruce Senior, Harry Day and Gary Standley.

The 2019 Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike and Scooter show took place over the Bank Holiday weekend (Sunday May 26th). The VMCC and the Norton Owners Club Gazebo's were erected at the event. Unfortunately, the weather was poor on the morning of the event which kept the number of attendee's lower than previous years, but 7 branch members braved the rain to support the charity fund raising event. The weather improved in the afternoon so we were able to pack the gazebo up in the dry and ride home in much better conditions. Well done to Albert who won the award for the best special and well done to Dave Roberts for all his hard work organising the event for the Rotary Club. Dave passed on his heartfelt thanks to the branch for their strong support of the show. Note an article about the show has been submitted to the editor of Roadholder.

A discussion took place about a potential Rufforth Autojumble branch display of Norton's with the potential to sell unwanted spares, there is always great interest in classic bikes taken to the event so it could be a good new member recruitment opportunity. Members on the evening showed support for the suggestion so this may be investigated further.

The Norton Nemesis drawings gifted to the club last year have now been passed onto the National Motorcycle Museum (NMM) in Birmingham, this was suggested by a number of EC members at the recent Branch Secretaries meeting. The NMM have the bike so now they also have the technical drawings to go with it. See the e-mail below received from the museum.

Hi Andy,

The drawings etc have now arrived safely!

On behalf of the National Motorcycle Museum please thank everyone in the Yorkshire branch for this most generous donation.

We really are thrilled to have this material to go along with the machine itself! Who knows, we might even get it running one day?

Thanks again.

*James Hewing
Museum Director*

The NOC International Rally in Kampen, Netherlands takes place next week (20th to 24th June). 8 people from the branch will be attending the rally.

3. Ride Outs 2019 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 18th May - Ride out towards the east coast - Yorkshire Branch members met at the old Little Chef car park (now Gregg's and Burger King I believe) on the eastbound A64 by Tadcaster, from the meeting point the group rode over to Fridaythorpe (Seaways Café) where they met members of the East Yorkshire branch. The group then rode over back roads to Castle Howard and then stopped at Hutton-le-Hole for lunch refreshments. The weather was forecast to be showery but fortunately remained dry for the ride with only a few wet roads being encountered. A lot of the ride was unfortunately on roads that had recently been surface dressed so speeds were limited in these areas. 11 bikes joined the ride out and 168 miles were covered in the day.

The branch ride out for June is scheduled for this coming Saturday (15th June), we will be meeting at Jem's Speed Shop, Brookroyd Mills, 678 Bradford Rd, Batley WF17 8ND (next to the entrance to Batley Park). The meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am start. The destination for the ride out will be the Ladybower Reservoir area in Derbyshire, on the way we have been invited to stop off for refreshments at Tim Dickinson's (NOC member) place which is on the planned route.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds in the bank account stood at £716, a suggestion was made by Barry Crosby that the branch should make another donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A vote by members was in favour of this suggestion so Peter Holland will send off a cheque for £100 and supporting letter to the YAA.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Barry Crosby previously advised members that the Thornes Park, Wakefield Classic Vehicle Rally organized by the Fleur-De-Lys Classic Vehicle Society is taking place on the evening of Friday 5th July.

Barry Blayney thanked members for their assistance when we have branch ride outs, Barrie said whenever he's having problem's getting his bike on the main stand or having starting problems, somebody is always there to help and he was very grateful for the support.

A number of items of motorcycle clothing where brought to the meeting by Peter Holland, they belonged to the person who Peter is restoring a Navigator for and were for sale for any reasonable offers, a number of items were purchased on the evening by members attending.

John Oldridge asked if anybody had a 1" 20 TPI tap he could borrow, one member thought he might have but if anybody has one and is prepared to lend it to John please contact him on 07957 124917. John wants to clean the thread up on an AMC fork stanchion.

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 10th July 2019