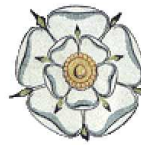




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th September 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 – Nigel Johnson, Barry Crosby, Harry Day, Peter Holland, Ian Barnes, Bob Nabozny and Martin Holdsworth.

New branch members attended the meeting, Bob Brown purchased a 1960 99 Dominator 6 months ago, also Andrew Sharp attended on his lovely 1956 99 Dominator, Andrew has a large collection of Norton's. Both Bob and Andrew were welcomed by members.

The East Yorkshire Branch is putting on a Classic Bike show on Sunday 22nd September. The venue is the Waterwheel Tearoom and Bistro, just off the Selby road out of Howden. The address is: Barn Hill Farm, Selby road, Howden, DN14 7JP. Tel 01430 431970. They are hoping for a good showing of Norton's so members are invited to attend, they have also invited the Gold Star Owners Club and the East Yorkshire VMCC. Note bikes forming part of the show are requested to be on-site by 10:30am at the latest.

At least 2 branch members will be attending the Isle of Wight Norton weekend that also occurs on Sunday 22nd September.

The NOC are to hold a second Branch Secretaries meeting on Sunday 13th October in Coventry to discuss the move to limited company status. A brief summary of the proposals the NOC are planning to put out to the branches was read out, this was taken from the EC minutes of 7th July which are available on the main NOC web-site. The NOC EC are planning to put out more information about each option, hopefully this will be available for review at the branch October meeting so our branch views can be fed back at the meeting on 13th October. Anybody interested in attending to represent the branch should contact Andy. The cost of fuel to travel to the meeting and back will be reimbursed by the branch.

2020 NOC Calendars, thanks to our own Don Tovey NOC calendars will be available for

next year, Don volunteered to take on the responsibility for putting the calendar together once again. Wall calendars are available at £7.00 each, desk calendars are available at a price of £3.50 each. Don believes the calendars will be available for the next meeting and intends to bring calendars to the October meeting, so if you want a calendar come to the meeting and pay Don.

3. Ride Outs 2019 (Andy Lodge)

The ride out on Saturday 24th August was organised by John Oldridge, the group met at the Sun Inn Fewston at 10.00am and rode up through Pateley Bridge to Jervaulx Abbey where we stopped for refreshments, Tony on his 500T had an ignition problem on route but was able to fix it and meet up with the group at the Abbey tea rooms. Just before we were due to set off to Reeth for the next leg of the journey the group witnessed a serious accident where a car turning into the tea room car park pulled across the path of a Kawasaki 1000cc, the rider of the motorcycle was thrown over the car on impact landing in the road. Martin Holdsworth's paramedic skills were required to assist the rider as were the those of a doctor who was delayed in the traffic, emergency services were called and after approximately an hour to an hour and a half the rider was transported to hospital in an ambulance. A report the next day confirmed that other than cuts and bruises the rider only broke a finger!

Due to delays the ride out to the Reeth area was curtailed and most of the group rode to the Hawes Creamery for more refreshments, from there people made their own way back home. 17 bikes joined the ride out that was conducted in hot and sunny conditions, 138 miles were covered in the day.

The next planned ride out is scheduled for Saturday 14th September, the meeting place will be Squires Cafe Bar near Sherburn in Elmet, meeting time will be 10:00am for a 10:30am prompt start. The destination of the ride out will be Scarborough. As per normal should the weather be bad on the day the ride out would be cancelled, if you need to confirm on the day that the ride out is going ahead ring Andy between 8:00am and 9:00am on 07810 658994. Hopefully this ride out will be less eventful than the last one!!!

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter was not at the meeting as he's presently touring around France on a motorcycle, so no collection was made, however after the donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance the funds should be approximately £631.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Geoff Drury reported that the Castleford Classic Bike club has effectively wound up, its last 6 members agreed to donate the club funds to various charities one of which was the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA). As a thank you the YAA staff are going to give a talk on the workings of their operation, Geoff said anybody was welcome to attend, the talk will take place at the George 5th Working Men's Club in Castleford (post code WF10 4RN) on Wednesday 2nd October at 8pm, if you plan to attend please let Geoff know on 07790 582994 as the club wants some idea on the the number of people who plan to attend.

Tony Ward attended the Otley Extravaganza on Sunday 8th September and was impressed by the event and its ease of access, Tony suggested that the branch might like

to consider putting on a display of Norton's at the event next year. Support for the idea was expressed by members attending on the evening.

The meeting was formally closed.

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 October 2019