



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Newsletter – 25th June 2021

As our formal meetings have not been taking place I'm taking this opportunity to update people on branch events that have taken place in the past few months.

Our first event of the year was a ride out to the Peak District on the 3rd April where the group visited the Ladybower reservoir area. Because of the the Covid restrictions the group was kept to the 6 allowable at that time. From our meeting place in Mirfield the group rode past Emley Moor and down the fabulous Strines route into Derbyshire where we stopped for refreshments at the Fairholmes cafe area in the woods next to the Derwent reservoir. On our return journey we made our way back through Glossop, Holme Moss and then finally back towards our meeting point where members made their own way home. We had good weather all day, a result for early April!

As restrictions began to ease in April a couple of 'informal' branch meetings took place where members met at Squires Cafe Bar near Sherburn in Elmet, both meetings took place outside in the car park on mid week days and each had 10 members turn up for a chat and to catch up with friends they had not seen for months. Note for these short notice meetings or ride outs we communicated using the branch WhatsApp group. If you are not already a member of the group and have the WhatsApp App on your smart phone and want to join the group send me a message and I'll add you to the group. For our 'normal' events (meetings and ride outs) I'll continue to communicate via e-mail.

Ride out to Tan Hill on Saturday 29th May. This was organised by Peter Holland, in total 11 bikes joined the run up to Tan Hill and we met 2 more Norton riders at Tan Hill itself making a total of 13 bikes, from the meeting point near Kildwick the group rode up through Kettlewell, passed Hawes and up to Tan Hill where the group stopped for lunch. The majority of the group made their way back initially heading east passing through Reeth, Layburn, Ripon and Pool Bank. 150 miles were covered in the day in near perfect riding conditions.

On Sunday 13th June the branch held a 'Get Together' where 20 branch members attended the event at Steeton which was sponsored by the NOC to the tune of a £100 grant to kick start activities, this grant has been offered to all the NOC branches. Andrew Sharp kindly allowed the branch to use his house and garden. The branch NOC marque was erected and food and drinks were provided, an added bonus was that we were able to view Andrew's superb collection of Norton's (15 off I think) and we were blessed again with a dry day.

NOC Solstice (National) Rally in Aberfoyle, Scotland. 7 branch members attended the rally over the long weekend (18th to 21st June) at the Rob Roy hotel in Aberfoyle, the rally was limited to 100 people to comply with Scottish regulations imposed on the hotel, but even with having to adhere to local Covid restrictions (no entertainment, no organised group ride outs, and we could not even have sound on the TV whilst watching the England v's Scotland football match in the bar!) the event location and accommodation was very good. Branch members organised their own ride outs to the Falls of Dochart and Stirling Castle, unusually for Scotland we had a rain free days over the weekend other than one light shower whilst stopped at the Falls of Dochart (pictured below).



So as you can see the branch has been active in the recent strange times and we hope to get back to something like normal in the coming weeks, our next events are:-

I'm planning to have **branch ride out to the east coast on Saturday 10th July**, branch members should meet at the old Little Chef car park (now Gregg's and Burger King I believe) on the eastbound A64 by Tadcaster at 10:00am for a 10:30am prompt start. As per normal if the weather is bad on the day contact me on 07810 658994 between 08:00am and 09:00am to check the ride out is still going ahead.

Our next branch meeting at the Marsh Inn at Pudsey will be on Wednesday 11th August starting at 7.30pm, this has been put back from the July date due to the delayed lifting of the Covid restrictions.

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 11th August 2021 (assuming current restrictions are lifted)