



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th August 2021

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

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

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Don Tovey, John Oldridge, Peter Fairbank, Ian Barnes, Gary Standley, Andrew Sharp, Barry Lodge, Harry Day and Geoff Drury.

Tom Roberts attended the meeting for the first time, Tom is the owner of the Navigator that was recently restored by Peter Holland, note this bike won the best Lightweight award at Norton Day held at the National Motorcycle Museum in July.

Andy briefly reviewed the Newsletter sent out on the 25th June to remind members that branch activities had continued where possible during the period of Covid restrictions.

The NOC 2022 International rally will be held in the Czech Republic between the 9th and 13th June. A number of members are planning to ride to the event. The following description has been copied from the NOC website '*The Rally will take place in the heart of the Czech Republic; colloquially known as “Canada” in keeping with the beautiful surrounding countryside and wildlife. The venue will be Camp Zvule, Zvule1, 378 53. <https://www.chatyzvule.cz/>*

The roads are said to be ideal for motorcycling with sweeping bends and minimal traffic. With an accompanying programme of events and rides the area provides many opportunities for exploration. From visiting picturesque towns such as Slavonice, Telc, Jindrichuv Hradec where there are historic buildings in gothic, renaissance and baroque style, to a narrow-track line with steam locomotives or

museum of American cars in Nová Bystřice or pre-war fortifications near Slavonice'.

The NOC are still wanting branches to put forward suggestions for rallies in their areas for the coming years, if anybody has a suggestion for a good venue that can provide both camping and local B&B's, whilst also being in a location that can showcase some of the best parts of Yorkshire then please let us know.

The Hebden Bridge show was again cancelled this year due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid, the £40 paid by the branch has been refunded back into the branch account.

Local classic vehicle show's are going ahead at Ripon Racecourse on the 29th August and at Ripley Castle on the 30th August. Another planned slightly further afield is at the Crich Tramway Village (near Matlock Bath), this is their Classic Motorcycle day which takes place on `Sunday 3rd October.

Following the branch get together at Andrew Sharp's home in Steeton earlier in the year the branch Gazebo is still at Andrew Sharp's, he's kindly volunteered to store it away until we need it again which is now likely to be next year.

Peter Holland explained to members that plans are now in place to create a lightweight engine strip and rebuild DVD for the NOC. The NOC already has these for the Heavyweight twins, Singles and the Rotary engined Norton's. Peter will perform the work whilst John Nettleship will film proceedings which will take place in Andrew Sharp's workshop area.

3. Ride Outs 2021 (Andy Lodge)

The last branch ride out took place on Saturday 10th July, 6 bikes met at the Gregg's car park (formally the Little Chef) on the A64, from there the group rode first to Fridaythorpe where a coffee stop was made, then the group proceeded to Scarborough sea front for our lunch stop. On the return journey we came back through Helmsley then the outskirts of York before making our ways home. The forecast for the day was poor with showers forecast, however, thankfully we avoided all the rain. Approximately 175 miles were covered during the ride out..

The next branch ride out is scheduled for Saturday 21st Aug 2021. The route will take us around the Yorkshire Dales. The meeting place will be at the Trawlerman fish and chip shop car park just off the Kildwick roundabout (the last roundabout on the dual carriageway between Keighley and Skipton at the Skipton end), this

roundabout is where the A629 joins the A6068. Meet at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start. In case of bad weather the ride out will be cancelled, if you want to check on the morning of the ride that it's still going ahead, contact Andy between 08.00am and 09.00am on 07810 658994.

As per normal our last branch ride out will be planned for sometime in September, however, as the vast majority of branch members are now retired we may well organise a few mid week rides as well before the winter season sets in!

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter advised members that the branch funds now stood at £515.18.

5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge)

Russ had discussed the provision of food by the Marsh Inn for our meeting nights as per the arrangement with the previous landlady. Unfortunately the new landlords will not provide this free of charge but say if members are willing to pay they could make these arrangements. A figure of 2 to 3 pounds per head was mentioned but would need to be confirmed so that for example Chilli or Pizza's could be available on the evening. Members were asked to think about their preference so that a discussion could be held at our September meeting as to what the majority of people wanted to do.

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 8th Sept 2021