



## Yorkshire Branch



### **Branch Meeting Minutes – 9th March 2022 Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.**

#### **1. Chairman (Russ Ward)**

Russ opened the meeting at 8.20 pm and welcomed all 14 attendees on the evening.

#### **2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)**

Apologies for absence – Peter Holland, Ian Barnes, Gary Standley and Harry Day.

All members are invited to attend the AGM which is being held at the British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon, CV35 0BJ on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 10:30am. The NOC AGM will take place before our next branch meeting in April, hopefully members will have read the new arrangement for voting in the latest edition of Roadholder. The club will be using a support company who will use the 'Mi-Voice' system which allow members who cannot attend in person to vote on resolutions put to the AGM, all members should receive either an e-mail or a letter detailing the voting procedure in advance of the AGM.

An enquiry has been made about the whereabouts of a motorcycle combination used in an ITV TV programme, the e-mail has been 'pasted' into the minutes below, if anybody has any information can they please respond directly to Jonathan Loughlin ([jmj.loughlin@gmail.com](mailto:jmj.loughlin@gmail.com)):

*'I have recently become a member of the NOC. I'm in the Tay Valley Branch.*

*My reason for becoming a member is a desire to find out what became of the Norton 500 and Garrard sidecar that starred in the late 1980s, early 90s ITV Granada sitcom Watching.*

*It was registered as KHN 712.*

*I started a thread in the off topic forum of the NOC website.*

*<https://www.nortonownersclub.org/node/13081>*

*Hopefully that link will take you to the thread.*

*Two possible owners of the bike have been suggested. Both with Yorkshire connections.*

*Leon Cooper who was based in Batley and Tony Morgan of Castleford. I understand Mr Cooper has passed away but Mr Morgan may still be around.*

*I would be very grateful if you or any of the Yorkshire branch would be able to provide any additional information.*

*Thank You,*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Jonathan Loughlin'*

### **3. Ride Outs 2022 (Andy Lodge)**

The 2022 ride out programme that runs from April to September will have a first planned ride out on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022:

Yorkshire Dales Ride Out. 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.

### **4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland – away having fun)**

Branch funds now stand at £551.18 (estimated!)

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

Tony Ward raised 2 points, the first was when talking to a number of insurance companies about his policy renewal, he was asked if he was a member of a club, a number of them didn't seem to recognise the Norton Owners Club, a few other members said their insurance companies obviously did recognise the NOC. Tony's second point was that during a recent visit to Squires cafe near Sherburn in Elmet, he noticed that the wall outside the cafe had numerous motorcycle makers names painted on the wall, unfortunately Norton wasn't one of them!

Bob Brown advised members that the Girder Fork and Classic Motorcycle Club are planning to hold their Big Bike Sunday event again in 2022 at the Skipton Auction Mart (the last event was held in the month of June so there may be a clash with the NOC International Rally in the Czech Republic where 7 of our members will be attending), enquiries are to be made with a view to the Branch attending the event and erecting our marque and putting on a display of Norton motorcycles.

The meeting was formally closed.

Russ Ward – NOC Yorkshire Branch Chairman

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 13th April 2022