



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 10th May 2022 Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.30 pm and welcomed all 17 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Barnes, Bruce Senior, Harry Day and Matthew Lloyd.

Apologies were given in advance for the June meeting from Andy Lodge, Martin Holdsworth, Nigel Birdsall, Russ Ward and Tony Ward as they will be travelling to the NOC International Rally in the Czech Republic on the date of the meeting.

The meeting was held on a Tuesday for the first time to try to avoid a clash with our venue's busy Wednesday speciality food night. Members were asked if they would support a permanent move to the Tuesday night meeting, the overwhelming majority were in favour of the move. The Landlord of the pub has subsequently agreed to reserve our traditional area in the pub for our use on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The East Yorkshire branch of the NOC hosted a 'Classic Bike Gathering', at the Mile Cafe on the outskirts of Pocklington on 8th May, 7 Yorkshire branch members attended the event with members of the Nott's branch also travelling 'up north' to the event. The weather was perfect on the day and this led to a busy event and long waits for food from the cafe, but it was nice to be able to attend a well organised get together at a good facility.

A question was raised at our April meeting about travel guidance being issued by the NOC with respect to the NOC International Rally in the Czech Republic (9th to 13th June), Tim Harrison responded to the enquiry sent by Andy and the guidance has now been

published on the NOC website.

The next informal gathering of the Wakefield and West Yorks VMCC takes place on Wednesday 18th May where they meet in the Scisset working men's club car park, this is on the Denby Dale road. Bikes arrive at 10.00am and stay around for an hour or so, a number of our branch members have been attending these meetings recently.

3. Ride Outs 2022 (Andy Lodge)

Sunday 24th April 2022 Yorkshire Dales Ride Out. - 10 bikes attended the ride out setting off from Kildwick, passing through Skipton before the first stop at Kettlewell, from there the group rode over to Hawes for a lunch stop at the Hawes Creamery. Following lunch the group rode over to Masham for another stop before heading home via Ripley and Pool Bank. 134 miles were covered in the day in dry bright conditions.

The May ride out is scheduled for the Saturday 21st May, the destination will be the Peak District. Meet at the Petrol station car park across from the Miller and Carter Steakhouse (formerly the Three Nuns Pub on Leeds Road where the A62 joins the A644, this is easily reached from J25 of the M62 – we have met there before), meeting time 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start. As per normal if the weather is bad the ride out will be cancelled, contact Andy (07810 658994) between 08.00am and 09.00am on the day if you need confirmation.

Other proposed dates for this years ride outs are:

June Saturday 18th

July Saturday 16th (This date may be changed to Sunday 3rd July for a run to the Crich Tramway Museum Classic Bike Day).

August Saturday 13th

September Saturday 17th

Volunteers are requested to organise a route for the runs for the June to September events.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £569.18.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

John Oldridge recently attended a presentation on 'Air Jackets' and was so impressed with their safety benefits that he intends to buy one (they inflate in the case of an accident and protect the riders main upper body area). John distributed a few brochures on the jackets.

Geoff Drury is selling his 750 Commando, he is wanting £8,250 for the bike which is described as being in excellent condition. Geoff is going to send a picture and further details to Andy to be circulated to members via e-mail.

Tony Ward explained a problem he has had with a Venhill throttle cable assembly purchased for his Mk3 850 Commando. The new designed junction assembly (rectangular and clip together) leaves no slack for cable adjustment so his bike would run at approximately 4,000 rpm minimum on tick over!!! He had to reuse the original screw together round tube junction assembly to enable the bike to run. Tony has been in touch with Venhill, they are now redesigning the junction assembly for the Mk3 850.

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 Tuesday 14th June 2022