



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 12th July 2022 Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward))

Russ welcomed all 15 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm, the meeting was conducted outdoors in the sunshine :)

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Nabozny, Ian Barnes, G Standley, Geoff Drury and Bruce Senior.

A new member of the NOC joined the meeting, Chris Holmes from the Huddersfield area arrived on his 750 Commando, but Chris also has a rather impressive collection of other motorcycles. Chris was welcomed by the group.

The Big Bike Sunday event took place at the Skipton Auction Mart on Sunday 26th June, the branch put on a display of 8 Norton's and erected our NOC Marquee in the car park area. This is the first time the branch has attended this event. The owners club area housed the NOC, Moto Guzzi, Royal Enfield and Harley Davidson clubs. The NOC area was the only one with a marquee and a well presented offering of bikes. Thanks go out to Andrew Sharp yet again for transporting the marquee to and from the event in addition to his 16H Military Spec Norton.

NOC International Rally in the Czech Republic - 7 branch members (5 bikes all ridden to the event) attended the rally in the Czech Republic that occurred between the 9th and 13th June. Distances covered ranged from 1,800 miles to over 2,000 miles depending on the routes taken and planned overnight stops along the way. The rally was well organised by the NOC team and especially members of the Czech Branch of the NOC who worked hard to make the event a success, the location of Camp Zvule in the woodland area next to a lake was good. The facilities were OK and the catering put on over the rally period was very good.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend is being run again this year (after missing 2 years due to Covid) on Saturday 6th August and Sunday 7th August. Entries are being accepted on-line only so if you are interested in attending you need to search for the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend on the internet and fill in the on-line application form.

Sunday is the day for the older motorcycles (branch members will attend on Sunday), there is a cut off for the year of manufacture of 1976, bikes younger than this can be displayed on Saturday. The cost for admission is £5 if you are displaying your bike and this includes entry for the rider and a passenger. Bikes must be on display by 11.30am at the latest and they request that you stay until 4.30pm (which doesn't normally happen as people leave when they want to).

3. Ride Outs 2022 (Andy Lodge)

The branch July ride out took place on Sunday 3rd July, twelve bikes (5 Norton's) met at the old Little Chef car park (now Greggs) on the east bound A64 between Tadcaster and York, Ian Barnes came for a chat with the guys on his Honda CB750, but couldn't join the group for the ride out due to other commitments. The ride out set off to the East Coast with a stop at the Seaways cafe in Fridaythorpe, then rode onto Flamborough Head where dinner was enjoyed at the excellent cafe next to the lighthouse. The return journey skirted the outskirts of Filey before returning via Sledmere with a last stop at the cafe in the woods by Fimber. A few spots of very light rain fell whilst at the cafe but nothing really worth mentioning so the ride out was conducted in dry weather. 173 miles were covered in the day.

Other proposed dates for this years ride outs are:

August - Saturday 13th - Peter Holland will organise this run. Start 10.30am at the Trawlerman (Kildwick roundabout). Assemble with full tank from 10.00am.

September - Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th - Russ Ward will organise a Chairman's Ride Out, details are to be arranged.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £593.18. Regarding the clubs escalating branch bank balance it was suggested we might consider subsidising the purchase of branch badged T-shirts for regular members who attend the meeting and contribute to the bank balance through their subs payment. Initially Andy and Don will get alternate quotes for T-Shirts before any further discussions take place.

On the current Yorkshire Branch e-mail circulation list there are 80 members listed, some of these will be historic and may have diverted branch e-mails to 'Spam'. Occasionally when e-mails are sent the address is no longer valid, a return e-mail bounces back, these are already deleted from the list as they arise by the branch secretary. Andy will send out an e-mail asking recipients to confirm they still want to receive e-mails, if after a month there has been no reply the relevant e-mail address will be removed from the list.

Branch members Peter Holland and Brian Roche both had good articles published in the July edition of Roadholder (this should have been acknowledged at the meeting).

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Ian Barnes has enquired about holding an extra meeting each month on a different day and location in a different part of the county so that we could have more options for NOC members to attend, after a debate no decision was made with regard to this idea as Yorkshire is a very large county and whichever direction was chosen no doubt some people would be unhappy if it was further for them as current regular attendees to attend! A comment was made that we have the WhatsApp group which is already popular, so if any members want to organise a meeting or ride out this can, and is being used in this way. If a member wants to organise an additional venue and time and date it would be interesting to see if this was well attended, especially if it attracted members to attend who are already in the NOC, but don't want to travel to Pudsey on an evening.

John Oldridge is wanting to buy a Dominator 88 or 99 engine (it must be an alternator version), if you have one for sale please contact John on 07957 124917.

John also passed on details of a retired wheel builder who worked for the established classic bike dealers in the area, he lives in the Morley area and now will build wheels at home. His name and contact details are: Stewart Hutchins 07891 996998.

Russ Ward advised the group that a friend of his was selling a 69/70 Norton Commando Fastback, it had been little used for a long period of time but had recently been serviced and MOT'ed, Russ will send Andy the details so these can be circulated via e-mail.

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 9th August 2022