



# Yorkshire Branch



## Branch Meeting Minutes

– 11th October 2022

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Russ Ward))

Russ welcomed all 16 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Barry Lodge, Barry Crosby, Ian Barnes, Bruce Senior, John Oldridge and Garry Standley.

Six members attended the NOC National Rally at The Friars, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent over the weekend (15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September), feedback from those attending was favourable and people enjoyed the rally.

Don Tovey has sent out an image which shows a proposal for a new batch of T-shirts and Fleecees based on the original Yorkshire Branch logo. Prices would be £8.50 per T-shirt and £17.50 per zip up fleece, note the wording would be embroidered on a black garment in gold and the white rose would again be embroidered in a similar fashion to the original. Don's proposal was accepted with no alteration, comments received so far include one request to have a heavyweight hoodie and one for a polo shirt rather than a T-shirt, Don is going to enquire about the availability of other items and will also see if it's possible to get a few samples so that people can ensure they get the correct size by trying the samples on at one of our meetings. Another suggestion was that people might like to buy their own garment (e.g. heavyweight hoodie) and just have the branch embroidery completed, again Don will ask if this is an option.

To avoid problems the branch will not be paying for the garments, members will have to pay for what they order, the branch will only pay the set up costs for the embroidery which is £13.50. Don is going to collate the orders from members, so people can now place their orders for the standard garments (T-shirt or/and fleece) by emailing Don on [nortoncalendars@yahoo.com](mailto:nortoncalendars@yahoo.com). Note – orders will have to be collected from one of our

branch meetings or alternatively by arrangement with Don. Once an order has been placed the branch will not be responsible for any returns (e.g. tight or loose fitting of the ordered size), these would have to be directed directly to the supplier.

The East Yorkshire Branch are having a quiz (their 5<sup>th</sup> inter branch quiz) on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November with people being asked to arrive around 7.30pm, the Yorkshire and Nott's branches have again been invited to attend. The Yorkshire Branch will be sending a team of around 8 people over to compete with a hope of reclaiming the winners title! The quiz is being held at the regular East Yorks Branch meeting place, the Bowmans Hotel at Howden (post code DN14 7AE).

The Wakefield section of the VMCC have their regular monthly evening meetings but have an informal gathering where bikes turn up at a cafe in Scisset half way between the monthly meetings during the day, Andy suggested that maybe we could introduce something similar, so on the first Saturday of the month it was proposed that anybody wanting to meet up should be a Squires Coffee bar near Sherburn in Elmet at 11.00am where we could have an informal gathering between 11.00am and 12.00 noon. Three members are normally already there at that time after attending the Rufforth Autojumble. The timing of this gathering would result in people getting together 11 days before our monthly evening meeting on 9 occasions if we continued with it until the end of 2023 and 4 days before on 5 occasions.

At the November meeting we will be holding the branches annual AGM, if anybody would like to stand for any of the branch committee positions (Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer) they will need to come forward and have a proposer and seconder, the existing committee members are willing to continue in their roles if no elected successors come forward.

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

Ride out – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Lakeland Motor Museum

Russ Ward organised the Chairman's Ride Out, the destination was the Lakeland Motor Museum at Newby Bridge which is at the southern tip of Lake Windermere. Ten bikes met at the Trawlerman fish and chip shop car park and rode directly to the museum, the temperature was decidedly chilly with a light rain shower taking place in the last mile before arriving at the museum. All the riders headed straight to the cafe for lunch and a hot drink to warm up, then spent an hour and a half looking around the museum before

heading homeward. A stop was made at Devils Bridge on the return journey which occurred in dry, slightly warmer weather. Rocky an NOC member from the Sheffield area joined a ride out for the first time and was riding a 961 Norton. 159 miles were covered during the ride out.

#### **4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)**

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £642.18.

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

Russ asked attendees if they would be interested in having a Christmas get together meal with partners again this year, the response was positive so Russ will book a date on a Saturday night in December at the Rupyal Indian restaurant in Stanningley, once the date is set we can confirm the numbers who are able to attend. The branch will support the event by paying for a quantity of wine to be provided as per previous years.

Nigel Birdsall asked if anybody had a motorcycle garage lift for sale, none were forthcoming on the evening.

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 8th November 2022