



# Yorkshire Branch



## Branch Meeting Minutes

– 10th January 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

*Important note – the Marsh Inn is scheduled to undergo an imminent refurbishment, at this time it is unclear if it will be open on the scheduled meeting date for February, also as this date is Valentines Day it may be detrimental to some peoples marital status if the meeting is also held on that day at the Marsh or another location! If an alternate venue (and date) is required in Pudsey, Andy will communicate this in advance of the February meeting.*

### 1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 20 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Holland, Barry Crosby, Geoff Drury and Martin Holdsworth.

Three NOC members attended for the first time:- Mike Pierce has a Norton Atlas, Alec Westley has a Norton 19S and Matthew Lloyd has a 750 Commando, all 3 were welcomed by the branch attendees.

Geoff Drury has been in touch to confirm that his driving licence has now been revoked by the DVLA due to his eye sight problems, Geoff has a Triumph Sprint ST and a Norton 99 Dominator that he plans to sell (also his car which is a Suzuki SX4 4-wheel drive), if anybody is interested in purchasing them. Geoff has passed on thanks for all the great rides and camaraderie over the years and sends his best wishes to branch members.

Don Tovey distributed T-shirts and Fleecees embroidered with the Yorkshire Branch logo that had been pre-ordered by members. Prices were £8.50 per T-shirt and £17.50 per zip up fleece. Don handed out 32 garments to members.

The branch donation of £100 has now been sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA), as agreed at the December meeting.

The NOC sent out an email to inform members they could put their names into the draw to visit the new Norton factory in Solihull, it appears two members (Don and Andy) have announced that they have been selected and will visit the factory on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Bookings are now open for the NOC International Rally to be held in Degeberga, Sweden between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023. At present only 2 members of the branch have indicated they may attend the rally.

### **3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)**

The branch formal ride outs programme will recommence on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023, our first ride out of the year will take in the Yorkshire Dales, as per usual we'll meet at the Trawlerman fish and chip shop car park just off the Kildwick roundabout (near Skipton), meeting at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

### **4. Treasurers report (Andy deputised)**

Peter is away in France until early February, Andy estimated that the branch funds now stand at approximately £560. No sub's were collected in the treasurers absence :)

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

When Don and Andy visit the new Norton factory on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, they were asked to see if a branch visit and a factory tour could be arranged at some time in the future.

Russ Ward has now received his electric starter kit for his 750 Commando from Colorado Norton Works (CNW) in the USA, he has yet to install the kit but is pleased with the quality of the kit so far.

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 is **TBA February 2023**.