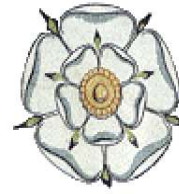




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 14th March 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 12 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bruce Senior, Gary Standley, Stephen Roxbrough, John Oldridge, Bob Brown, Dave Brown, Barry Lodge, Bob Nabozny and Mathew Lloyd.

A new member attended the meeting for the first time, Peter Smith from the Morley area has a 850 Mk3 Commando and wants to learn more about his bike, he previously had a 961 Norton.

Due to the uncertainty around the Marsh being open due to the ongoing refurbishment of the pub on our scheduled February meeting date, the evening meeting was cancelled. Instead an informal get together was arranged at Squires cafe on Thursday 9th February at 13.30 hours, 10 people attended the get together, the weather was bright but cold and most attendees made their way to the event on their bikes.

The NOC visit to the new Norton factory in Solihull, occurred on Sunday 15th January. Andy and Don were selected to attend and Mark Gresty (member from Huddersfield) received a late invite when a place became available to attend the visit.

A talk was given to the 90 visitors that outlined the progress to date of the TVS Norton venture and their plans for the future which sounded bright for internal combustion engines as well as EV vehicles. A buffet lunch was then served before the visitors were split into 3 groups, the groups then were taken to see the factory shop floor area, a selection from their heritage collection and also to see and hear a new 961 being started and run outside the entrance of the factory, the engine of the new bike emitted

significantly less noise than the pre TVS 961 and sounded good. The visit lasted approximately 3-hours.

At the January branch meeting Andy was asked to see if a branch visit to the Norton factory could be organised, Andy asked if this was possible and was told that if someone interested in buying a 961 wanted to come and have a test ride they could probably organise a tour for a small group of people at the same time (Ian Barnes and his son are visiting the factory to have test rides in the near future).

Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend (HBVW) Sunday 6th August – the branch will again be putting on a display of Norton Motorcycles at the HBVW show, on the Sunday of the show motorcycles built on or before 1977 will form part of the classic vehicle show. A double pitch has been booked with a request that we are placed adjacent to the classic motorcycle display area where we will erect our club marquee. Members attending with their Norton for display on our pitch do not have to pay the event admission fee. This event is now listed in Roadholder.

The East Yorkshire NOC Branch is again holding their Classic Bike Gathering at the Mile End Cafe near Pocklington (YO42 1TW) on Sunday 14th May starting at 10.00am and ending by 3.30pm, Yorkshire Branch members have been invited to attend. Last year this event was well attended by branch members.

3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)

The branch formal ride outs programme will recommence on Saturday 8th 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 area just off the Kildwick roundabout (near Skipton), meeting at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start. Note - Peter Holland advised that the owner of the car park may be getting upset by groups using his car park as a meeting place, so maybe it's best if we park in the adjacent petrol station area.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £527.75, this follows outgoing payments for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance donation and the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend pitch reservation.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Ian Barnes brought a new size 36 motorcycle textile jacket to the meeting that was for sale at £30, he had no takers on the evening.

Ian also mentioned that Harry Atkinson from the East Yorkshire Branch was having some difficulty confirming what insurance cover (if any) his branch would have via the NOC for their Classic Bike Gathering in May, this issue is something that we will ask to discuss at the Branch Secretaries meeting in April.

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 11th April 2023.