



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 11th July 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

This month again a good selection of bikes turned up with Norton's being the most numerous. Russ welcomed all 16 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bruce Senior, Barry Lodge, John Oldridge, Michael Pierce, Stephen Roxbrough, Peter Holland and Barry Crosby.

The NOC National Rally took place over the weekend (16th to 19th June) in Aberfoyle near Stirling in Scotland, 19 branch members attended (this did not include the 2 branch members from East Yorkshire that went to Aberfoyle) which was the highest number ever our branch has had at a National event, this led to our branch having the highest number of attendee's of any of the NOC branches attending, as a result the Yorkshire Branch was awarded a rosette to mark the achievement. Peter Holland rode his Electra to the event and won the award for the best lightweight at the rally, well done Peter, he's not afraid to clock up the miles on his 400cc twin. Unfortunately a few of our other members had machine problems on their homeward journey and needed breakdown assistance to get home. The rally was again a great success with excellent organisation and accommodation which provided an ideal base for excursions into the scenic surrounding areas, unfortunately midges also seemed to love the area too!!!.

The Big bike Sunday event took place at the Skipton Auction mart on Sunday 25th June, 6 members attended with their Norton's (1 Electra, 1 Dominator, 3 Commando's and Alberts Dominator engined special). Unfortunately as the marquee was not taken to the event the bikes were in a few different areas and the club presence could not be advertised very well. Some other branch members attended on the day without their bikes and the event

was very well attended overall with a large number of bikes being seen in the general parking area.

Tim Harrison has been in touch as the NOC is considering the issue of branch regalia once again. Previously our branch has been given the NOC marque and paid a small sum towards the pull up banners that have occasionally been brought to our branch meeting nights, if regalia is again going to be made available the branch has requested some of the NOC bunting that we could easily transport to events to advertise the NOC.

Tim also said a number of the NOC directors had expressed a wish to attend one of the many branch meetings that occur around the UK, Andy replied to the comment by stating that any of the directors would be very welcome to attend a Yorkshire branch monthly meeting.

The NOC are looking for an event location for next year (2024), the suggestion was that the event should have space for camping, caravans and motorhomes, members agreed that they would support an event being run at Squires cafe again as we did in 2008 for Norton Day if the NOC Directors wanted to pursue that option.

Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend – Sunday 6th August

The arrangements for the branch attendance at the HBVW are shown below, members who want to attend must give Andy the details ASAP as requested below to be issued in advance with an entry ticket, if you don't have a ticket you will have to pay for entry at the gate and display your motorcycle in the general motorcycle display area (only bikes made on or before 1977 are eligible). The show gates open to the public at 10.00am so branch members displaying their bikes need to be on-site by 09.30am at the very latest as the marquee will need to be erected and the bikes arranged for display. 10 spaces have been allocated, these will be issued on a first come first served basis, at the meeting 5 spaces were reserved by members leaving only 5 spaces left at the time of these minutes.

'Norton Club members taking their bikes onto the park this year will need individual entry cards to show at the gate. The cards will be distributed closer to the day and entry will not be possible without them. So please could I have the names, addresses and bike registrations of those who will be using the Norton double pitch? This can be a maximum of 10 riders and 10 bikes, all of which must be parked strictly within the boundaries of the double pitch (approximately 8 x 9 metres). If you think that 10 bikes is too many for the available space, please reduce the number. You will probably find it best to come early and park the vehicle you use to bring your marquee off the park, otherwise it will have to share the same space. Please let your members know that the vehicle entry gate will close at 11:30 am.'

3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 17th June - Branch ride out from the NOC National Rally in Aberfoyle
8 bike joined the ride out (all from the Yorkshire branch), setting off from Aberfoyle the group rode first to Tarbet on the west shore of Loch Lomond for the first coffee stop, from there the ride went through Arrochar and onto Inveraray on the banks of Long Fyne where a longer stop occurred to let riders have a walk around the town and view the stalls set up for the armed forces day. Heading north then turning west the last stop was at Tyndrum where refreshments were taken at the famous Green Welly cafe before heading back to Arrochar over the challenging Dukes Pass. Fortunately the branch ride out avoided the wet weather encountered by other NOC group ride outs on the day and 149 miles were covered in the very scenic settings.

In July Andy is unavailable so he's looking for a volunteer to organise the July branch ride out, the date and destination can be chosen by the ride out organiser. John Oldridge has said he may be able to lead a ride out but it will be on a midweek day, if he can he will publicise it via the branch WhatsApp group.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

In Peter's absence Andy reported that the branch funds now stand at approximately £477.75.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

None.

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 Tuesday 8th August 2023.