



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 10th October 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 8 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Gary Standley, Stephen Roxbrough, Bruce Senior, Matthew Lloyd, John Oldridge, Brian Roche, Peter Holland and Barry Crosby.

The 2024 International rally date has changed, the rally will now be held in Spain (Tossa de Mar) on the east coast above Barcelona on the 8th and 9th June 2024. No further details have been released as yet.

The branch AGM will occur at our next meeting in November, anybody wanting to be included in the branch officer elections for the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer needs to put forward their names to Andy before or at the meeting on the 14th of November. The existing branch officers are willing to continue in their roles if no other candidates come forward.

On Friday 20th October, Peter Shand from the East Yorks branch has organised a slot Car race afternoon at Hooke Village Hall from 12.00 onwards, members of the Yorkshire branch are welcome to attend. Sandwiches usually magically appear too! A small contribution is required towards the hire of the Hall. A fun afternoon if you have not been before, racing against 3 others, leading after many heats towards an overall winner.

The location of the 2024 National Rally is the Tynedale Rugby Club, Corbridge, in beautiful Northumberland. This is primarily a camping rally with ample space for tents, caravans and motorhomes. The area also has numerous bed and breakfasts and there is a Travel Lodge located in Hexham, as well as other hotels in the area.

Corbridge has easy access from either the A69 (east/west) and the A68 (north/south). There are plenty of options for great runs, including to Kielder , Hadrian's Wall and to the North Pennines AONB. One of the advantages of the area is that the roads are generally quiet and there is great scenery to enjoy.

Arrangements and the detailed schedule are still being confirmed and booking will only be via the NOC web site. Further details will be posted on the web site and in Roadholder.

Date of Event - Friday, July 5, 2024 – 10:00 to Monday, July 8, 2024 - 16:00

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3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 16th September – Pennine Area ride out.

This was the last formal branch planned ride outs for 2023. Six bikes (5 Norton's and 9 people) met at the Co-Op fuel station near the Kildwick roundabout between Keighley and Skipton. The group then rode out towards Colne then turned left over the moors back towards Oxenhope, the nicely surfaced road over the moor between Oxenhope and Hebden Bridge gave riders the opportunity to exercise their bikes before the poorly surfaced climb up Cragg Vale was encountered, dropping into Lancashire the sunshine appeared and the group stopped at Hollingworth Lake for refreshments at the pub overlooking the lake. The group then rode through Milnrow and turned back over the moors towards Yorkshire where the low cloud made negotiating the moorland road tricky for a couple of riders who confessed to having a few 'moments', avoiding Cragg Vale on the return leg the group rode back through Sowerby Bridge and back over the moors for the final stop at Oxenhope where more refreshments were taken in the buffet car on the platform. 102 miles were covered on the day in mixed conditions but without any rainfall.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

No update was available so the branch funds now stand at approximately £499.30.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Russ proposed that the branch repeats in Christmas function, members on the evening were in favour so Russ will make a reservation at the Rupyal Indian restaurant ion Pudsey on Saturday 16th December for our Christmas do again with partners.

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 14th November 2023.