



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 14th May 2024

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 11 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.45 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Don Tovey, Gary Standley, Peter Holland, Bruce Senior, Barry Lodge and Barry Crosby.

The NOC branch secretaries meeting occurred on Saturday 13th April, the agenda included a session where branch secretaries reported on the activities of their clubs, many branches now have mid-week day time meetings, some in addition to their regular evening meetings, also one branch reported that one of their popular events was what they called an 'open garage' event where members met up at other members garages to view their bike(s), etc and have a coffee and a chat.

A very interesting presentation was made by Paul Watkins who is the Records Officer for post war singles, Paul is a retired police officer who worked in the motorcycle crime unit so had good experience dealing with the DVLA. Paul explained to the group the potential pit falls of registering / restoring classic bikes. His advice prior to spending a lot of time and money on a restoration was to contact the relevant records officer to ensure the bikes ID is correct, i.e. engine and frame numbers are correct and will allow the bike to be registered, in some instances with a Q plate if DVLA current requirements are not met. For specials like Triton's or Tribsa's problems with the DVLA have occurred when more than one item on a bike has been replaced (example a Triumph engine and gearbox in a featherbed frame counts as 2 items changed). The way around this would be to build the project as a Norton, then when registered change the parts! Paul also pointed out that pre 1980 bikes can display silver and black number plates and that a frame without a complete number is likely to be assigned a Q plate by the DVLA.

At the club AGM at the British Motor Museum, club members were asked to vote on the planned increase in the club subscription fee, as an example of the increase, presently the fee for annual membership when paid by direct debit is £22, the proposed new amount would be £23 this was approved by a large majority.

The East Yorkshire branch 'Classic Gathering' took place on Sunday 12th May at the Mile Cafe on the outskirts of Pocklington, 9 branch members attended the event.

The 2024 International Rally takes place 6th to 11th June in Spain, 5 members are planning to make the trip to the rally. The 2025 International Rally is planned to take place in north west France in June and plans are being made for the 2026 International Rally to be held in Italy.

The Skipton Big Bike Sunday event takes place on Sunday 30th June at the Skipton Auction Mart.

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

The next branch ride out will be on Saturday 25th May, the destination will be the East Coast. Meet at the Greggs car park on the east bound A64 (formally the Little Chef) in the Tadcaster area at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

At some stage a mid week ride out to the new Norton dealer in Sheffield Via Moto (S1 4SQ) may be planned if enough interest is shown.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland deputised by Suzanne Holland)

It is estimated that the branch funds now stand at £400 as the treasurer was away on holiday.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Brian Roche informed the group that Allen Millyard is doing a series of U Tube videos about the Norton Nemesis restoration, he recommends watching them.

A discussion took place about having a day time meeting in addition to our regular monthly evening meeting. The group voted in favour of having a get together for those available at Squires on the third Thursday of the month from 11am. The first of these will take place on Thursday 16th May.

Geoff Drury has now retired from motorcycling due to ill health, Geoff donated a number of motorcycle related items, books, tools, etc that were free to any members attending on the evening. A pile of books that were not claimed were taken by Bob Nabozny to be donated to the Forget Me Not charity (Bob is a volunteer at one of the charity shops).

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 11th June 2024.