



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 11th June 2024

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward – Andy deputised as Russ was at the International Rally)

Andy welcomed all 11 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.15 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – John Oldridge, Russ Ward, Tony Ward, Nigel Birdsall, Ian Barnes, Gary Standley, Peter Holland and Barry Crosby.

Five branch members attended the Brighton aerodrome fly in day on Saturday 8th June, the East Yorkshire branch had arranged to attend the event and put on a display of classic Norton's. A good selection of bikes were displayed but the journey over to Brighton was damp for those travelling from the west.

The 2024 International Rally took place over the weekend of 6th to 11th June in Spain, 5 members made the trip to the rally. Peter Holland rode from Kildwick to Spain on his Electra and was presented with the award for the best Lightweight at the rally, Peter did point out that it was the only lightweight at the rally!

Thursday 20th June is the the third Thursday of the month for our day time meeting at Squires cafe from 11.00am. At the first meeting in May 4 members attended along with their bikes.

The Skipton Big Bike Sunday event takes place on Sunday 30th June at the Skipton Auction Mart, Mick Steele from the Aire Valley Classic Motorcycle Club has been in touch to say they are keen to have the NOC there, Andy has confirmed that the branch will be attending the event (not sure if we can organise transport for the Marque so it may not be there!). The event runs between 11am and 3pm with a £4 admission charge, again all proceeds go to charitable causes. Andy stated that the position the club was allocated last

year was not very good, Mick has said the NOC will be given a 'prominent position' this year as they have more space available.

The NOC Corbridge Hadrian Rally takes place over the weekend of 5th, 6th and 7th July, a number of members are planning to attend the event.

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

The May branch ride out on Saturday 25th May occurred as planned with the group meeting at the Greggs car park on the east bound A64, the destination being Scarborough. As the road through Stamford Bridge was closed a route to our first stop at Fridaythorpe was navigated by Martin and his trusty SatNav, this involved an interesting cross country route that kept the group on their toes! After the stop the group rode to Scarborough and stopped for an hour for a walk around. On our return journey a stop was made at the NY500 cafe which is close to Flamingo Land, this cafe has a motoring theme with cars and bikes on display inside. From this last stop the group then made their ways home via the A64, 7 bikes and 11 people (4 pillion riders) attended the ride out which covered 167 miles in nice dry conditions.

The next branch ride out is planned for Sunday 23rd June, meet at 10am for a 10.30am prompt start at the petrol station just off the Kildwick roundabout at the Skipton end of the dual carriageway that runs between Keighley and Kildwick.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland – Andy deputised)

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

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward – Andy deputised)

Andy received a request via the branch website from a guy called Mitchel Plant following the death of his father who used to have a prized featherbed framed Norton Dominator 99, his request was for someone display a similar bike at his dad's funeral at the Chesterfield crematorium on Thursday 27th June, the committal at the crematorium will be at 10:45 am. If anybody is willing to display their bike please contact Mitchel directly on 07835 993027, he says he would be happy to pay any costs incurred.

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 9th July 2024.