



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 9th July 2024

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 – Ian Barnes, Gary Standley, Bruce Senior, Bob Nabozny, Martin Holdsworth and Barry Crosby.

Thursday 20th June was the the third Thursday of the month day time meeting at Squires cafe. At the first meeting in May 4 members attended along with their bikes, this time again 4 branch members attended with Alan from the East Yorkshire branch joining the group on his 961 Norton. The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th July at 11.00am again at Squires.

The Skipton Big Bike Sunday event took place on Sunday 30th June at the Skipton Auction Mart, the branch attended and erected the NOC marque, 11 Norton's were on display, these included: 1 Model 50, 1 Electra, 1 Model 7, 1 Dominator 99, 1 Dominator special, 1 Commander Rotary, 3 Commando's, 1 961 Commando SP and a V4sv. Mick Steele from the Aire Valley Classic Motorcycle Club has been in touch after the event to thank the branch for their attendance, he informs us that a nett profit for charity of £5983 was raised on the day, 1,100 people attended the event and has invited the branch back for next years event on Sunday 29th June 2025.

The NOC Corbridge Hadrian Rally occurred over the weekend of 5th, 6th and 7th July, thirteen branch members attended the event which was based at the Tynedale Rugby club. The event was well organised by Simon Murray and other members of the Northumbria branch and was set in great countryside, patchy rain on Saturday meant that most of the ride outs encountered some rain showers but generally most of the time it was dry. The Yorkshire branch won the award for having the most branch members at the rally.

The Yorkshire Classic Motor Cycle Club are having their annual classic bike show on Wednesday 24th July. The venue is at the same location as last year but the name of the pub has changed, it was formerly the New Quarry House but is now called The Country Manor. The address is Bingley Road, Lees Moor, Keighley, BD21 5QE. The event was well attended by members last year, exhibitors should arrive from 5pm, entry is £3 (cash only), free entry for exhibitors and all money raised goes to charity.

Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend (HBVW) at the Calder Holmes Park (HX7 8AU), the branch will be putting on a display of Norton's on Sunday 4th August. The branch marque will again be transported to and from Hebden Bridge by Peter and Suzanne Holland, please support this charity fund raising event if you can. 10 free entry tickets should be issued by HBVW organisers in advance of the event for those displaying their Norton (first come first served on reservation of the tickets), Andy will organise distribution of these as and when (if!!!) they arrive. Exhibitors need to be on site by 10.00am, the marque will need to be erected in advance of that time.

It was reported last week in Motor Cycle News that Teesdale Motorcycles and Norton have announced a partnership where Teesdale will stock Norton's full range of motorcycles and branded apparel. Teesdale are reportedly having their old site rebuilt and are currently in an industrial estate at the edge of Thirsk, once the business is up and running and stocking Norton's the two Yorkshire branches are hoping to have a joint ride out to the showroom.

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

The June branch ride occurred on Sunday 23rd June, from the meeting point at the petrol station just off the Kildwick roundabout 7 bikes set off initially in a north westerly direction and followed the moorland roads to Hebden Bridge via Wycoller and Oxenhope, from Hebden Bridge the group rode to Hollingworth Lake for the lunch stop via Todmorden and Littleborough. After lunch the group rode back to Oxenhope KWVR station for ice creams via Cragg Vale. When the group first set off some areas of low cloud occurred but cleared before Hebden Bridge was reached, on the return journey it was bright sunshine all the way. 97 miles were covered on the ride out with 8 people taking part.

The date of the next ride out will be Sunday 21st July, the destination will be the Peak District. Meet at the 3 Nuns Shell petrol station across from the Miller and Carter restaurant which is located on the A62 near Mirfield, the meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £404.06, the costs of the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend were the most significant recent spend, however, the branch should be able to claim £100 back from the NOC for our attendance on Sunday 4th August.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Barry Crosby is selling two of his Norton's, he has a 750 Commando priced at £4,000 and a Navigator Deluxe priced at £2,500. Andy will circulate Barry's email complete with photo's of the bikes which are both registered for the road. Barry can be contacted on 07753 318223.

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 13th August 2024.