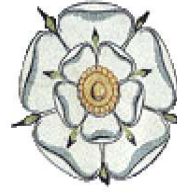




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 13th August 2024

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Andy welcomed all 14 attendees in Russ's absence and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Phil Robertson a new branch member was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Russ Ward, Peter Holland, Gary Standley, Bruce Senior, Bob Nabozny and Barry Lodge.

The following message was received on Monday 12th August:

Just contacting you to let you know that Dave Roberts (Sowerby Bridge) passed away yesterday evening.

*Could you please share this information with anyone who may have know him?
There is also a post on his Facebook page which will be update with any funeral details.*

Kind Regards,

*Bernie (Dave's daughter)
International Sports Services
Asquith Bottom Mill, Sowerby Bridge
West Yorkshire, HX6 3BT*

A response was sent back to Bernie expressing sorrow and offering condolences from the branch, and requesting that she keeps us informed about the funeral arrangements. A 'Deepest Sympathy' card was signed by members attending the branch meeting who knew Dave, the card will be posted to the family. Dave was an active member of the branch for many years, amongst other things he will probably be best remembered by branch members for his work organising the Sowerby Bridge Classic Bike show.

Thursday 18th July was the the third Thursday of the month day time meeting at Squires cafe, 11 NOC members turned up on the day which was a big increase on past numbers no doubt boosted by the good weather. 2 NOC members from the north of the county turned up on their new Norton V4's. The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th August at 11.00am again at Squires.

The Yorkshire Classic Motor Cycle Club held their annual classic bike show on the evening of Wednesday 24th July at the Country Manor pub, on the moors above Keighley. The event attracted many visitors and exhibitors which included nine of our branch members, Brian Roche's 850 Mk3 Commando upheld Norton honours by winning the best British classic bike category, Well done Brian.

The branch put on a very good display of 11 Norton's on Sunday 4th August at the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend, the branch marquee was transported to the event by Peter and Suzanne Holland. The display included 5 Commando's, a Rotary Commander, a Model 7, a 1920 Model 9 flat tanker, 2 Dominators and an Electra. The show was very busy with more vehicles on the park than seen in previous years, many charities will benefit from the money raised by the local Rotary Club. Some riders ran into a little bit of light rain on the way to the event but throughout the day the weather remained fair and dry. Two NOC members attended who weren't linked to the branch, 1 couple travelled from Chorley and another guy travelled from York with his flat tanker to join the NOC display. A report has been submitted to the Editor of Roadholder, this along with pictures of the event will appear in the October edition of the club magazine.

After the event 2 incidents occurred, Tony was knocked off his Commando on the way home (both Tony and the bike suffering light damage), Peter more seriously ended up in intensive care with medical problems the next day, thankfully after a prolonged stay in hospital Peter was sent home where he's been recovering.

The annual bike day at Snaith in East Yorkshire takes place on Sunday 15th September, this event has been very well attended by branch members in previous years.

The East Yorkshire branch will again be hosting their annual quiz night on Thursday 17th October with the Nott's and Yorkshire branches being invited to compete at their usual meeting place (The Bowmans Hotel in Howden commencing at 8.00pm).

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

Sunday 21st July - Peak District

Eight bikes met at the 3 Nuns petrol station across from the Miller and Carter restaurant which is located on the A62 near Mirfield, from there the group rode past the Emley Moor mast and met up with another two riders next to the Langsett reservoir. A great ride down the Strines followed and the group stopped for a break at the Fairholmes cafe in the woods for drinks and a chat. The next destination was the cafe at Monyash for lunch which was reached by passing through Bakewell. Monyash was very busy with a variety of modern and classic machines attending. After lunch the group made their way back home via Buxton, Glossop and the Woodhead pass. The weather was perfect for biking and 110 miles were covered in the day.

Next ride out date – Sunday 25th August

The destinations will be the Standedge Tunnel after a ride over the Pennines, followed by a short visit to the Netherton Classic Bike Show.

Meet at the 3 Nuns Shell Petrol station (across from the Miller and Carter restaurant, Mirfield) at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

In Peter's absence Andy reported that the branch funds stood at £404.06 last month, this month a claim form for the branch attendance at the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend for the sum of £100 has been submitted to the NOC.

5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge)

Tony told the group about issues he was having getting a settlement from his insurance company (Peter James) following his recent accident, he explained his calls went to a claims agency and a he was then passed between a number of different companies.

Andy brought a copy of the NOC Dominator service notes to the meeting, he told members who had Dominators that it was a very good investment.

Nigel asked members what tyre pressures members were running in their Commando's, the responses were wide ranging from 26 PSI minimum in the front to 42 PSI maximum in the rear.

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 10th September 2024.