



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 10th September 2024

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 15 attendees which included 2 new NOC members (John Harrop and Jim Wood) plus Andy's friend from Australia, then opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Dave Brown, Martin Holdsworth, Ian Barnes, Bob Nabozny and Barry Crosby.

Dave Robert's funeral was held on Wednesday 4th September, the event was very well attended by family and friends and 5 branch members attended to offer their last respects, respecting Dave's wishes by wearing motorcycle clothing, 3 Norton's were present at the crematorium.

Thursday 15th August was the the third Thursday of the month day time meeting at Squires cafe, 5 NOC members turned up on the day that had occasional light rain showers The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th September at 11.00am again at Squires.

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 and will be the destination for the branch September ride out (last planned ride out of the year).

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).

Tim Dickinson sent the following message:

'I'm clearing stuff out and probably have a good 1500 or so classic bike mags ...classic mechanics, etc. If anyone is interested in them they can have them, or if they want to sell

off for club funds or donate to a children's charity then even better. If I put them all on top of each other I'd say they would be 8 to 10 foot high! Please no requests for individual mags or articles'. If interested contact Tim on 07772 109544.

The options for the branch Christmas event were discussed, after a reviewing the options branch members narrowly opted for the Cedar Court Bradford Christmas party on 13/12/24 at £29 per head (deposits of £10 per head were taken on the evening with the balance needing to be paid to Andy by early November), Andy has made a booking for 21 people, details of the event are shown below:

*6.30pm Bar opens | 7.30pm 2 Course Meal | 12:30am Bar closes | 1am Finish
Don your most dazzling attire and prepare to dance the night away! Create lasting memories with colleagues and friends under the twinkling lights of the season. This Christmas party promises to be a night you won't forget.*

Including:

Arrival drink, 2 course meal, festive novelties & DJ.

Dress code - Smart casual or sparkle and shine in your Christmas best!

***Terms and conditions apply. Includes an all-inclusive bar from 6.30pm – 7.15pm.*

House wine by the glass, prosecco, selected lager or soft drinks. Only one drink per person allowed at one time. Over 18s only.

Event details. Date:13/12/2024. Price:£29 per ticket

Location - Mayo Avenue, Rooley Lane, Bradford, BD5 8HW

The NOC are trying to recruit a webmaster, see the details below sent from Tim Harrison:

'I wrote to you recently about the necessity to recruit a Webmaster to manage the club's website. I have not received any responses but I hope that you are publicising and encouraging your members to consider stepping forward for at least a discussion about the role. Our dedicated Chairman Paul Smith was, for much of last year, also carrying out the duties of Treasurer and Webmaster as well as being a Branch Secretary and attending Club events and Rallies. I say this to point out that the role of Webmaster is manageable even for a busy person. Technical professionals in respect of the website and the shop respectively are kept on a retainer to provide all necessary technical input.

It is vital that we recruit a Webmaster and the Directors are requesting that we pull out all the stops to find a suitable candidate as soon as possible. In the first instance replies may be sent to me (tim.harrison@nortonownersclub.org) and I will arrange a discussion with the Directors'.

'Norton Day' takes place this year at the National Motorcycle Museum on Saturday 28th September.

NOC 2025 Calendars - The Calendar this year looks to surpass our usually high standard, it is currently in production and will be available to order next month. Branches will be notified about the process nearer to the final publication date. The price will be a modest £5.

The secretary and treasurer will not be at the October meeting, members were advised that the November meeting is the AGM – existing officers are willing to re stand but if anybody wants to volunteer to take on any officers position and the branch supports the volunteer the officers would be happy to stand down.

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

Sunday 25st August - Standedge Tunnel after a ride over the Pennines, followed by a short visit to the Netherton Classic Bike Show.

Four 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 over the Pennines to Delph and came back again on a different route over the moors to Marsden where they met up with another two riders at the Standedge tunnel. After refreshments the group rode to Netherton via Meltham and Holmfirth to attend the bike show being run by the local VMCC branch which was joined with a classic car show. The weather was windy and showers were forecast hence the run was only approximately 70 miles but the group escaped the rain.

Next ride out date (Last planned for the year) – Sunday 15th September

The destinations will be the Snaith Bike Day, meet at Squires Cafe at 10am for a 10.30am prompt start.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds stand at £435. The claim form for the branch attendance at the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend for the sum of £100 has been paid by the NOC, this is in addition the figure quoted.

5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge)

Russ and Tony reported that the 'Not the Begonia' rally held in Essex was very good.

John Oldridge is asking if anybody has a twin bike trailer he can borrow at the end of September for a few weeks, to enable him to take 2 bikes to a rally he's attending. John

has a single bike trailer he could exchange for the period if that would help. If you can assist John he can be contacted via email on oldridgejohn@aol.com or on his mobile 07957 124917.

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 8th October 2024.