



Branch Meeting Minutes 14th January 2025

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 15 attendees then opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Bannister, Ian Barnes, John Oldridge, Bruce Senior and Barry Crosby.

2024 was another good year for the Yorkshire branch of the NOC, the branch was reformed in 2004 after years of inactivity in the area, so we've been going for 20 years in our existing format. So thanks to past and present branch officers for their support (Ian Jayne, Barrie Blayney, Peter Driver, Bruce Senior, Russ Ward and Peter Holland).

This year we kicked off activities with a slot car racing event in February at Farnhill near Skipton, we commenced our ride out programme in April with 6 ride outs planned between April and September, all went ahead but the September event was cut short due to the very wet conditions on the day! The rest were well supported and hopefully those attending enjoyed the routes and camaraderie, the branch attended the Bike Bike Sunday event at Skipton and the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend, at both events we erected our NOC gazebo with more bikes on show than ever.

Our members were well represented at July's NOC National Rally in Corbridge and 5 members travelled to Spain for the International Rally in June (Peter Holland rode all the way there on his Electra).

Branch meetings continued on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month, but this year we have had an extra day time gathering for those wanting to ride their bikes to Squires (Sherburn) cafe at 11am on the 3rd Thursday of the month, in addition a few members have been joining up with the VMCC morning meet at Scissett, where an interesting variety of classic bikes turn out every 2 weeks throughout the year.

In October branch members drove over to Howden for the annual quiz arranged by the East Yorkshire branch between 3 NOC branches (East Yorkshire, Yorkshire and

Nottinghamshire), our branch was again victorious on the enjoyable evening and Steve Webster OBE (multiple sidecar world champion) was on hand to congratulate our winning team. To finish off the years branch activities a Christmas Party event was attended by 22 people at the Cedar Court hotel in Bradford.

So, 2024 has been a good year for the branch (in spite of all the bad things going on in the world). I'd like to thank you all for your support, here's looking forward to 2025.

Thursday 19th December was the the third Thursday of the month day time meeting at Squires cafe, 6 branch members turned up on their bikes, the temperature was cool but bright and sunny. Thursday the 16th January at 11.00am will be the next time we meet, but it does depend on the weather!

The branch Christmas party event occurred at the Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford on the 13th December, 22 people attended the event. A two course meal was served followed by a band playing and a disco after the band. The event went well and the attendees seemed to enjoy the event.

Albert Duval has a copy of the John Hudson Heavyweight twin engine and AMC gearbox rebuilds on VHS videos if anybody wants them free of charge. Contact Andy for Albert's details.

3. Ride Outs 2024 (Andy Lodge)

The series of scheduled ride outs for 2024 has been completed, the next planned ride out will be in April 2025.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter thanked Don for collecting the monthly subs whilst he was away, Peter then reported that the branch funds stand at £600.

5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge)

Information about Peter James insurance, Andy informed the group that his 2025 insurance renewal quote was initially increased by £47 over the 2024 cost, however, after stating that he was also a VMCC member the quote came back £17 cheaper, they entered both NOC and VMCC memberships separately into 2 calculations (as they can only enter one club membership for their calculation), so any VMCC members might save a few pounds by asking the call handler to consider this.

Big Bike Sunday event at Skipton, the date for this has been set for Sunday 29th June, branch members attending on the evening decided that they would support this event again by putting on a display of Norton's.

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 February 2025.