



Northumbria Branch Newsletter : Feb 2017

The Branch AGM is approaching inexorably like a run-away steamroller!! Come, protect and save your committee. Also, the branch secretary will entertain you by committing pre-emptive hara-kiri before your very eyes!

AND you get a free sandwich!

The Branch AGM will take place at 8.00pm at the Melton Constable Hotel, Seaton Sluice, on Monday 27th of February 2017.

Agenda (we have to have one - -):

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NORTON OWNERS' CLUB – NORTHUMBRIA BRANCH

Meeting venue – Melton Constable public house, Seaton Sluice, Monday 27th Feb 2017

1.0: Chairman's welcome

2.0 List of attendees (to complete)

3.0 Apologies for absence

4.0 Minutes of previous meeting (29.2.16).

To propose and accept that the minutes are correct and accurate.

(Will be e-mailed to members for whom I have e-mail. Anyone else, if you want a copy ahead of time, please contact me – John)

5.0 Matters arising from the minutes.

6.0 Branch officials' annual reports

6.1 Chairman's report

6.2 Secretary's report

6.3 Treasurer's report

7.0 Creation of new committee position: "Webmaster".

(Explanation at the meeting)

8.0 Election of Branch Officials (All committee officials stand down at this point). This is where it gets exciting:

8.1 Election of chairman

8.2. – secretarial position - election of two secretaries!!

John Powell will resign at the earliest practical date when he can hand over to a successor. Meanwhile he is standing as secretary until that date.

Simon Murray is standing for the position of secretary to take effect following a practical hand-over date. (Simon will not be in action in UK until after approx 1.5.17)

If anyone else wants to stand to take over one or both of these jobs he is welcome to do

so.

8.3 Election of treasurer

8.4 Election of newsletter editor

8.5. Election of webmaster.

9.0 Branch subscriptions: (and - Where to be sent??)

10.0 Venue for branch meetings

To confirm the location, time and day of the week of monthly branch meetings.

11.0 Branch and associated events including those to be advertised in Roadholder:

Due to the unusual dates of main club events, and travel plans of branch officers, we are having to juggle a bit this year. **Main Branch events in heavy print.**

Show at Bellingham in April – no info available on line yet

Clive Taylor Memorial Run will have to be 7th May, if John P is to lead it, due to his availability. Happy to do so and it is maybe a bit early for Simon to take on. Would be last "John" event before hand-over. Question: would members consider a Saturday (6th) rather than a Sunday??

Classic vehicles at Kielder, 14th May. No real interest from our members last year but still worth a mention?

Main club rally, Suffolk. 9-11 June. John hopes to go. Maybe more of us.

Wooler or elsewhere? Some interest last year in a change of venue. Davie Clark has checked with Clennell and they would have us though no contact has been made re. dates. Proposed date is 17-18 June so branch officers would be available. Suspect that Simon (proposed new secretary) would quite like a return to Wooler after so many years away. If members prefer Clennell (or anywhere else) John will ring to check availability.

Aln Valley railway open days and vehicles shows. Web shows the same weekend as is proposed for Wooler. Can be visited on the way home. There are a number of other events for the railway but none specifically labelled “classic vehicles”. Discuss site and date at AGM

Corbridge show is 2nd July. Are we doing this again?

IF WE DO REPEAT THE CORBRIDGE SHOW, WE MUST TRY TO GET MEMBERS TO PRE-REGISTER. Without enough pre-registrations, the organisers may allocate us too little space!!

Druridge Bay and Tyne Valley Classic bikes most probably both 6th Aug

(Tay Valley have Applecross – 18-20 Aug)

International rally in Belgium. 25-27 Aug

Yetholm camp. Tay valley club have chosen w-e 9-10 Sept

Main Club rally Weston-super-Mare 15-17 Sept. (Not in latest “Roadholder” but seen elsewhere)

Kamtrek: organiser (Simon Hadden) would like 1st Oct

Xmas “do” 14th Dec if 21st too late.

(some members went to Svarland last year – any more info?)

12.0 Other issues:

12.1 Rallies:

We could find ourselves lent on to run a rally pretty soon. Only about 5-6 branches are really resourced to organise UK rallies. However the main club has said it will now take over most of the organisation. This is matter for the new secretary and for the members at that time. Bob is attending this year’s branch secretaries’ meeting and the main club AGM and may be able to find out what input is still required from the branches.

12.1. Getting main club members to join branches. And vice versa.

Question of a welcome pack for people joining Northumbria. We should be promoting main club membership, and the welcome pack could include some kind of “main club” promotion. Handouts: could include badges - we only have 4 more badges. More would need us to buy (price last time for 50 was £3.25 + VAT each. However we were undercharged but let off – could be more next time. A stock of 50 would last a long time, as no general hand-out, only to new members).

12.2. First aid training:

Total failure to get first aid training following the previous “Marty Curren” course. Any ideas?

12.3 Carlisle air museum:

A few members could not make the last trip and may want to go. Alan is also talking about an invite to his place in Sanquar. Could combine. Could be “As and when”. Kevin (Longtown member) who hosted the last Carlisle visit is tied up most weekends so it may be hard to coordinate with him, but we could try.

12.4. Areas not covered by Northumbria, or by other branches:

We are doing pretty badly in our own territory, at least as far as South Durham and Teeside are concerned. There are also big territories in Cumbria (North of the Lakes), Dumfries and Galloway, right across to Portpatrick and North into the hills. There is a small group in Glasgow and a faded-out group in South Lakes, but that is about it. We have little idea how many Norton Owners there may be in any of these areas. But if there are, maybe we could “midwife” some new branches or make new “sub-branches” of Northumbria. Brainstorm??

12.5 Branch evening Ride-outs:

Not many in 2016, but enough attended them to make them worthwhile. Do members want evening ride-outs this year?

13.0 Any other business (It is traditional that at this point the fur starts to fly)

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