



## Northumbria Branch

# Announcing a weird Annual General Meeting in which YOU can participate!

**Oyez!! Oyez!! Oyez!! Read this announcement from our branch sec!!**  
**The Annual General Meeting strikes again!!!**

(But this time it is going to be different) -----

### **2021 Norton Owners' Club: Northumbria Branch AGM – 8 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> February**

This year we cannot hold a normal (face to face) AGM. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have to hold it remotely and will be using Zoom. We are still hoping for a good turnout and encourage you to try Zoom, if you haven't already!

Two Zoom meeting invitations will be sent out – one starting at 8 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, there will then be a short break followed by another call to complete the AGM. Hopefully two calls will be enough! Here are the links:

- a. 8 pm one: (first 45 mins)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76389150911?pwd=cGRTMG8xL2Rqcnd0bVF1dC9PZ2lFdz09>

Meeting ID: 763 8915 0911 Passcode: DdK57j

- b. 8:45 pm one: (Exit previous Zoom and re-enter with the following)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79054495807?pwd=VkdwS2tZRUM0TFRCUnF5L2ZzTGdndz09>

Meeting ID: 790 5449 5807 Passcode: 2Dpgq3

And now for some Zoom-handy hints (courtesy of Bob)! See next page ----

## **Our Virtual AGM – how can I take part?**

If you have been using Zoom, this note is not for you!

I'm writing for those who have never used Zoom and have no idea how to use it.

You can either use Zoom with a mobile phone or tablet or with a computer. Ideally you should use Wi-Fi (if you have it) although you can use your mobile phone network (usually 4G).

### **Mobile Phone/Tablet**

These need to be relatively modern- probably under 8 years old. Zoom says that an iPhone 4 running iOS8 or an Android device running Android version 5 should be capable of handling a Zoom call. All you need to do is to look in the App Store (on your iPhone) or the Play Store (on Android) and search for Zoom. The app you are looking for is called "ZOOM Cloud Meetings" and is published by zoom.us. It's a free app. Just click on it and download/install. It should find your front camera, microphone and speakers automatically. You will be asked some simple questions to create an account but you don't need to give any bank details or pay any money. Using Zoom is pretty simple. For the AGM you will receive an email advising you of the AGM, it will include a link which you can click onto when the meeting is due to start. This will open the app provided the meeting has started. If after downloading the app you want to try it out before the AGM, let me know and I'll send you an invitation to a test meeting by email.

### **Computer**

Again, you need a relatively modern computer (Windows 7,8 or 10) with an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam (if you want to let us see your face). You can also use other computers such as Macbooks or Linux.

If you don't want to install any software (perhaps you are using someone else's computer) the simplest solution is to use the web client. For this all you need is a relatively up to date browser (such as Internet Explorer 11 or later). You will receive the invitation by email. On the email click on the link. This will open another window in the browser. Click on "Launch Meeting". That may or may not work. If it doesn't, there are two options further down the page

1. "don't have Zoom Client installed? - Download Now"
2. "Having an issue with Zoom Client? - Join from Browser"

Just click on the Join from Browser button. You'll be asked for your name. You can enter anything but this is the name which will appear on the computer of the host of the meeting, so don't make the name too cryptic or you won't be let in!

Once you've been let into the meeting, you will see options at the bottom of the screen to start video (ie your webcam) and start audio. You should click on those and that's all there is to it.

If you are happy to install the software on your computer you can do so before the meeting and won't have to wait for an invitation to a meeting.

Go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>

Then you can click on "getting started on Windows and Mac"

It's all pretty straightforward. Like with the mobile phone apps above you'll need to create an account. Once you've got an account, you'll be able to set up meetings and invite others to your meeting. You can have up to 50 people at a meeting with a maximum length of 40 minutes. After that you have to pay!

I'm no expert but if you want some help, give me a call on 07803 193304 and I'll try my best to help.

Bob

## Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of previous meeting & any matters arising from minutes
4. Branch Officials Annual Reports
5. Election of 2021/22 Branch Officials/Committee Members:
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Newsletter Scribe
6. Branch Subscriptions
7. Branch extension – it has been suggested that the Branch is extended to include Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders. Members views to be sought.
8. Branch Meetings:
  - a. Suggest to continue with Zoom while there is a lockdown.
  - b. Once lockdown over consider zoom meetings every month – on alternate Thursday with the physical meeting.
9. Proposed events – when permitted:
  - a. A Wooler camping weekend with barbeque – w/e 2<sup>nd</sup> July
  - b. Northumbria NOC Christmas Dinner – 16<sup>th</sup> December
10. Rideouts:
  - a. Evening
  - b. Day runs
11. Newsletter:
  - a. A special thanks to the Scribe for producing the VirusCast.
  - b. The e-newsletter has proved popular and has worked well. However, postage costs are rising, preference is for e-Newsletters

## AOB

**Comment from Scribe** – Well, my understanding is that the blankness of the programme does not mean no activity – just that it will be ad hoc when and if we know what is possible. At which point we will be packing in the maximum, I suspect - - and –

**Re. minutes of previous meeting:** This will be emailed to every member for whom we have an email address, regardless of whether you take newsletters in paper form or not. There are 2 members for who we have no email and I will add a printed copy with this newsletter for them.

## **And here is a thoughtful essay from Simon Parry, now promoted to Branch Philosopher – entitled: “The Restorer’s Quest”**

The anthropologist Joseph Campbell suggested that all good stories are a variation on one basic plot: The hero's quest. In his famous book 'The Hero with a Thousand Faces' Campbell sets out this thesis with reference to hundreds of different stories from many different cultures. One story he did not include was that of the classic bike restorer. For such an activity is closer to a heroic quest than it is to a simple hobby.

The heroic restorer embarks on a quest that is all consuming: Evenings are spent trawling forums and websites for useful information; weekends are spent visiting auto jumbles, classic bike shows and part suppliers. There is a daily trawl of eBay for those much-needed parts. The hero encounters dragons and monsters on his journey: ceased bolts, broken components and parts that just will not fit together as they should. He must use his skill and ingenuity to complete the various 'tasks' along the journey and thereby progress to the next stage of the quest: fabricating parts or

finding compatible parts off other models or marks. He must face moral dilemmas: restore to original, or 'improve' on original.

The restorer also encounters the stereotypical characters that Joseph Campbell suggested are found in every great heroic quest:

**The Mentor** – that friend who has already made the journey and you can always turn to for helpful advice ('what level or runout is acceptable on the crank?')

**The Ally** – that friend who is always there to help out when a job needs two pairs of hands or two brains.

**The Trickster** – there are usually several of these – all the 'helpful' people on forums who offer advice that ultimately proves to be wrong.

**The Guardian** (or Gatekeeper) – that person who tries to discourage you from starting the quest: "It's an absolute wreck. You'll never get that thing running. You'll never be able to find the parts")

– In Campbell's description **the Shadows** is the villain of the story. They exist to create threat and conflict, and to give the hero something to struggle against. Campbell suggests that **the shadows** do not have to be a person. In our case, it is the bike itself – the cause of conflict, self doubt, pain and struggle.

Of course, in all good stories, the hero returns home with the treasure, wins the hand of the princess (wins the prize for best bike at the bike show?) and lives happily ever after.

It's the 'happily ever after' bit that is the problem. That beautifully restored bike is your pride and joy, sitting majestically in your garage. But what of the compulsive need to trawl eBay every night for those elusive parts? What about the feeling of emptiness and pointlessness as you walk around the autojumble with no list? What about the hours you spend sorting and cleaning your spanners because there is nothing needs doing on the bike? That's when the nightly eBay searches start to change to 'restoration project' and 'barn find' again.

*(Any candidates for Mentor, Ally, Trickster, Guardian, or The Shadows among our members? – and – there should be no feeling of emptiness at all, because when you actually ride the bike a couple of thousand miles, that's when you really find the faults you need to fix. ed - )*

## **Another from the archives – forwarded by Simon the Secretary ---- if it was true then, it is true now ---- originally from Bob**

Before setting off for Cornwall, I'd replaced my rear chain again, but this time, I spoke to "The Chain Man" (Andy) who advertises in the Old Bike Mart and deals only in motorcycle chain. He has a website at [www.the-chain-man.co.uk](http://www.the-chain-man.co.uk) or you can call him on 01299 403688.

He was surprisingly helpful. He explained that the problem with chain today was the introduction of a DIN standard. Unfortunately it covered all sorts of chain, including stuff used on industrial machinery and didn't set a particularly high standard. Commercial pressures being what they are, it had the effect of bringing most chain down to the lowest common denominator. He told me he's had a long involvement in Reynold and was even a Reynold shareholder, but he could not recommend the use of Reynold chain unless it was stamped "Reynold England". The other stuff could be made anywhere.

He recommended for me the use of Jwis Chain. He said the Jwis people were not the easiest to deal with but their quality was good. I ordered a new chain from him. Surprisingly, he didn't want payment up front. He simply sent the chain straight to me after our phone call and told me that if it was fine I could send him a cheque, and if it was not I should send the chain back. If I kept the chain and didn't send a cheque, he'd send his missus round to collect the money (perhaps not much of a threat since he's in Bewdley). The chain duly arrived and when I fitted it I had the impression that it sat more precisely on the sprocket than the TVH chain had done when new.

As they say, "the proof of the pudding.....". Well, apart from making sure the Scottolier was kept topped up, no more attention has been required. I set the chain up and tensioned it when new and I've had no need to adjust it at all since! Of course there's difference in price. The chain from Hunters was about £20. The Jwis chain from Andy was about £36 plus the carriage cost, but clearly you get what you pay for.

**News from our Branch-of-branch in Aberdeen, (hon members).** Hon member Campbell has fallen off his rotary while turning it around in an icy lay-by. Bike is little damaged but Campbell has some bruised ribs. Which has not stopped him struggling with fitting a fairing to the featherbed 500 he is working on – leading to much correspondence with your scribe who is a fairing fitter:

"I'm an effing fairing fitter,  
A fairing fitter, me.  
Fitting fairings keeps me fitter  
And frisky, fair and free!"

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Company	Website	Service(s) provided
Agbrigg Chrome Platers	<a href="https://www.agbriggchrome.co.uk/">https://www.agbriggchrome.co.uk/</a>	Polishing and plating
Andover Norton	<a href="https://andover-norton.co.uk/en">https://andover-norton.co.uk/en</a>	Norton & Triumph spares
Andy's Motorcycles	<a href="https://www.andysbikes.com/index.php/">https://www.andysbikes.com/index.php/</a>	Spare parts, including Lucas
AO Services	<a href="http://www.aoservices.co.uk/">http://www.aoservices.co.uk/</a>	Classic British Motorcycle electrical parts
Ashford Chroming	<a href="http://www.ashfordchroming.com/">http://www.ashfordchroming.com/</a>	Chroming
Auto Electrical Spares	<a href="https://www.autoelectricalspares.co.uk/">https://www.autoelectricalspares.co.uk/</a>	Supplier of electrical spare parts and accessories (inc. Lucas)
Brightspark Magnetos	<a href="http://brightsparkmagnetos.com/index.htm">http://brightsparkmagnetos.com/index.htm</a>	Information
British Only Austria	<a href="https://www.vintage-motorcycle.com/en">https://www.vintage-motorcycle.com/en</a>	British Motorcycles and Spareparts from 1900-1980
Burlen Ltd	<a href="http://amalcarb.co.uk/">http://amalcarb.co.uk/</a>	Manufacturer of Genuine AMAL Carburettors and Spares. Also, SU, Zenith, Stromberg and Solex spares
Chesnut Registrations	<a href="http://www.chestnut-registrations.co.uk/">http://www.chestnut-registrations.co.uk/</a>	Manufacturer of vintage number plates
Classic Bike Parts Cheshire	<a href="https://www.classicbikepartscheshire.com">https://www.classicbikepartscheshire.com</a>	Suppliers of quality British motorcycle parts
Classic Bike Shop Ltd	<a href="https://www.classicbikeshop.co.uk/">https://www.classicbikeshop.co.uk/</a>	Motorcycle spares distributor
Classic Transfers	<a href="https://classictransfers.co.uk/">https://classictransfers.co.uk/</a>	Transfers for all classic motorcycles
Duckhams	<a href="https://www.duckhams.com/">https://www.duckhams.com/</a>	Modern and classic oils
Electrex World	<a href="https://www.electrexworld.co.uk">https://www.electrexworld.co.uk</a>	Manufacturer of motorcycle electrical components
Feked Classic Bike Parts	<a href="https://www.feked.com/">https://www.feked.com/</a>	Classic Bike Parts For British Motorcycles
FW Thornton	<a href="https://www.fwthornton.co.uk/">https://www.fwthornton.co.uk/</a>	Suppliers of internal engine components for motorcycles
Grant Tiller	<a href="https://granttiller.com/">https://granttiller.com/</a>	Information
GWR Fasteners Limited	<a href="https://www.gwr-fasteners.co.uk/">https://www.gwr-fasteners.co.uk/</a>	Fasteners
Holland Norton Works	<a href="http://www.hollandnortonworks.eu/en">http://www.hollandnortonworks.eu/en</a>	Commando spares
Lucas	<a href="https://www.lucasclassicmotorcycle.com/">https://www.lucasclassicmotorcycle.com/</a>	Authentic Classic Range
Mick Hemmings	<a href="http://www.mickhemmings.co.uk">http://www.mickhemmings.co.uk</a>	Norton Commando, Norvil and Dominator Spares
Niphos	<a href="http://www.niphos.co.uk">www.niphos.co.uk</a>	Plating and polishing shop
Northeast Wheelbuilding	<a href="http://www.ne-wheelbuilding.co.uk">http://www.ne-wheelbuilding.co.uk</a>	Wheel building
Norvil Motorcycle Company	<a href="http://www.norvilmotorcycle.co.uk">www.norvilmotorcycle.co.uk</a>	Parts supplier for pre 1977 Norton
Paul Goff	<a href="http://www.norbsa02.freeuk.com/">http://www.norbsa02.freeuk.com/</a>	Classic and modern bike parts, mainly electrics
R K Leighton	<a href="http://www.rk-leighton.co.uk/">http://www.rk-leighton.co.uk/</a>	Saddle renovation/repairs
RGM Norton Ltd	<a href="https://www.rgmnorton.co.uk/">https://www.rgmnorton.co.uk/</a>	Spares for Norton Motorcycles 1920 to 1977
Spalding Fasteners	<a href="https://www.spaldingfasteners.co.uk/">https://www.spaldingfasteners.co.uk/</a>	Fasteners, tools and accessories
Speedwell	<a href="http://www.speedwellmudguards.com/">http://www.speedwellmudguards.com/</a>	Supplier of original mudguards
The Chain Man	<a href="https://the-chain-man.co.uk/">https://the-chain-man.co.uk/</a>	Supplying high quality chains
Thunderbird Spares	<a href="https://www.thunderbirdspares.com/">https://www.thunderbirdspares.com/</a>	Supplier of new classic British motorcycle parts
TMS Motorcycles	<a href="http://www.tms-motorcycles.co.uk/">http://www.tms-motorcycles.co.uk/</a>	They sell Norton Dominator and Commando parts. Also sell BSA and Triumph spares
Tracy Tools Ltd.	<a href="https://www.tracytools.com/">https://www.tracytools.com/</a>	Special size taps, dies and cutting tools
Vehicle Wiring Products	<a href="https://www.vehiclewiringproducts.co.uk/">https://www.vehiclewiringproducts.co.uk/</a>	Suppliers of auto electrical materials and components
Westfield Fasteners Limited	<a href="https://www.westfieldfasteners.co.uk/">https://www.westfieldfasteners.co.uk/</a>	Supplier of ISO metric and Unified threaded bolts, screws, nuts and washers and accessories

**Followed by a list of local suppliers – sideways on, next page.**

Name	Website	Email	Telephone	Other	Service	Street	Town	Postcode
PC Performance Bikes	<a href="http://pcperformancebikes.co.uk/">http://pcperformancebikes.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:cuthbertsonau27@gmail.com">cuthbertsonau27@gmail.com</a>	07765 136575		MOT and tyre changes	Unit 19 Jubilee Estate	Ashington	NE63 8UB
Armstrong Engineering			0191 261 4579		MOT and service	176 Westgate Road,	Newcastle upon Tyne	NE4 6AL
Classic Motorcycles			0191 261 4246		Spares and repairs	210 Westgate Road	Newcastle upon Tyne	NE4 6AN
Northeast Wheelbuilding	<a href="http://www.ne-wheelbuilding.co.uk/">http://www.ne-wheelbuilding.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:wheelbuilding@hotmail.co.uk">wheelbuilding@hotmail.co.uk</a>	0191 385 4266		Wheel building	The Boundary	Shirey Row	DH4 4P2
Wizard paintshop			01670 843123		Spray Painting	Barrington Industrial Estate	Bedlington	NE22 7DF
Elite Powder coating	<a href="http://www.elitepowdercoatings.co.uk/">http://www.elitepowdercoatings.co.uk/</a>		01670 716981		Powder Coating	Nelson Park West	Cramlington	NE23 1WG
Barkers Motorcycles			0191 536 2671		MOT and service	13K North Road	Boldon Colliery	NE35 9AF
J & F Precision			0191 564 1122		Meching	Charles Ind Estate	Sunderland	S86 0AN
Parks Motor Cycles			0191 257 0753		MOT and service	10 Northam Road	North Shields	NE29 7AU
Paint and Powder Coating	<a href="http://www.paintandpowdercoating.co.uk">http://www.paintandpowdercoating.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:mick@paintandpowdercoating.co.uk">mick@paintandpowdercoating.co.uk</a>	0191 416 9397	07964 989377	Paint and powder coating	Unit 1S Sterling Close	Washington	NE38 8GD
Stig Fasteners	<a href="http://www.a2stainless.co.uk">www.a2stainless.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:sales@a2stainless.com">sales@a2stainless.com</a>	01325 464243		Stainless fasteners	19 Leith Road	Darlington	D13 8BE
Saddle Craft	<a href="http://www.saddlecraft.co.uk/">http://www.saddlecraft.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:info@saddlecraft.com">info@saddlecraft.com</a>	0191 455 6262		Saddle and leather repairs	Templeton	South Shields	NE33 5SH
Motorcycle Restoration Service			07804 277456		Restoration and service	Unit 1 Evans Yard	Cramlington	NE23 6XW
Swift Brake and Clutch Ltd	<a href="http://www.swiftbrake.com/">http://www.swiftbrake.com/</a>		0191 273 4273		Brake re-lining	East Cramlington Industrial Estate	Newcastle upon Tyne	NE23 6KW
Ralph Scott & Sons			01670 822343		Engineering shop	5 Railway St	Bedlington	NE22 5TT
J B Coatings					Powder coating and shot blasting	West End Front Street	Bedlington	NE23 1WF
National Bike Tyres	<a href="http://www.nationalbike tyres.co.uk">http://www.nationalbike tyres.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:sales@nationalbike tyres.co.uk">sales@nationalbike tyres.co.uk</a>	01325 316771		Type supply and fitting	Unit 15, South Nelson Road	Cramlington	NE23 1WF
TJ Magnatos	<a href="https://www.tjmagnatos.co.uk/">https://www.tjmagnatos.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:jeff@tjmagnatos.co.uk">jeff@tjmagnatos.co.uk</a>	07917 274099		Magneto repairs	Aycliffe Business Park	Newton Aycliffe	DLS 6HX
D P leathers	<a href="https://www.dp leathers.co.uk/">https://www.dp leathers.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:dp.leathers@yahoo.co.uk">dp.leathers@yahoo.co.uk</a>			Saddle and leather repairs	29 Longbank	Birtley	DH3 1PX
Northumbrian Leather	<a href="http://www.northumbrianleather.co.uk">www.northumbrianleather.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:max.stables@talktalk.net">max.stables@talktalk.net</a>	0191 224 1302		Saddle and leather repairs	Skirrigill Business Park	Pennith	CA11 0PA
Buildog Custom	<a href="http://www.buildogcustoms.co.uk/">http://www.buildogcustoms.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:buildogcustomsuk@gmail.com">buildogcustomsuk@gmail.com</a>	07980 789064		Paint services	63 Heaton Road	Newcastle upon Tyne	NE6 5HE
Station Upholstery			0191 371 2859		Saddle and leather repairs	3, Waldrige Lane	Chesterle Street	DH2 3AD
A-Z Stickers	<a href="http://www.a-zstickers.com">www.a-zstickers.com</a>		0191 233 1954		Number plates, accessories and also stocks good selection of British stickers	218 Westgate Rd	Newcastle upon Tyne	DH2 3NL
Value Tread					Type fitting Motorcycle (classic & modern)			NE4 6AN
Hunters Motorcycles	<a href="http://www.huntersmotorcycles.co.uk">http://www.huntersmotorcycles.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:sales@huntersmotorcycles.co.uk">sales@huntersmotorcycles.co.uk</a>	01434 609426		Brakes, chains & accessories	Haugh Ln 241 Westgate Road	Hexham	NE46 3PR NE4 6AE