

YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – MAY 2009

What a great Easter we just had! Sunshine all the way, great biking weather, and I never rode an inch!! Oh well, sometimes you just have to make the best of being off work and catch up with the family as well as do the DIY that's been hanging around for months. Still, I made it to the Lord Stones Café on Easter Monday after a trip around the moors with Olwyn (in the car). Hopefully there will be more sunny days ahead (I think I said that last year and boy was I wrong). However, just heard the long-range weather forecast for this summer on the radio and it is good....haven't we heard that before? Anyway, ride while you can before the authorities stop us!

Committee Meeting. Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 8.30pm in the Cleveland Bay.

Forthcoming Events. (latest additions in Bold). **Please let me know of any event you would like publicising.**

May 1 to 31	Paignton Bike Festival
May 2	Tandragee Irish Road Race, North Armagh, NI
May 10	Thundersprint GP at Northwich. See/hear James Toseland and Crash (the band!!)
May 12 to 16	North-West 200, Portrush/Colraine
May 16/17 th	BMF Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough
May 23/24	Barry Sheene International Classic Road Races, Scarborough
May 23/24	London International Custom Show at Earls Court
May 29	Pre-TT Classic Races, Billown, IOM
May 30 to Jun 13	TT Fortnight. Rossi to ride the Mountain Circuit with Agostini on 6 th June
May 30/31 st	BMF GEMS. Kent County Showground
30 May.	Estonians Motorcycles Club. The Great Tees Valley Bridge and BBQ Run. Meander through Tees Valley and cross 21 bridges. End up at country pub for BBQ. Cost £3 per person. Contact Ju Ju 01642 289153.
Jun 7	NE BMF Annual Regional Meeting at Squire's Café, Sherburn in Elmet
June 12	TTXGP, Isle of Man. 'Carbon-free' racing on the Mountain Circuit
Jun 13	Southern 100 Road Races, Billown, IOM
June 19 & 20	Lord Stones Cafe. Caille Night & Rock Night. Free to all Boundary participants.
Jun 20/21	Boundary 500 Challenge and Classic Events
Jun 20/21 st	BMF Southwest Bike Show, Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
Jun 27	British Speedway GP, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
Jul 3 to 5	Goodwood Festival of Speed
Jul 3/4	Skerries Road Race, Dublin
Jul 4	Estonians Motorcycle Club Barnstormer. One night only. Live bands, disco, bar, raffle. Camping and catering on site. Contact Ju Ju 01642 289153 or 07920-122206. £3.50 in advance or £5 on the door.
Jul 4/5	The National Rally. Participation yet to be determined!
Jul 10 to 12	Festival of 1000 Bikes, Mallory Park
Jul 11/12	Cock O' the North Road Races, Scarborough
July 11/12 th	BMF Kelso Bikefest, Springwood Park, Kelso
Jul 23	Riders for Health Day of Champions, Donington Park
Aug 2	Ridewell. Preston Park
Aug 6 to 9	Bulldog Bash, Shakespeare County Raceway, Warwickshire
Aug 22 – Sep 4	Manx GP
Sep 12	Bol d'Or 24 Hour (lasts about a day then!)
Sep 18 to 20	Goodwood Revival, Goodwood, West Sussex
Sept 19/20 th	BMF Tail End Rally, East of England Showground

Oct 2 to 5	MCN Live, Butlins, Skegness
Oct 25	British Summertime Ends
Nov 8	MOTOGP Valencia....the end of the racing season...boo hoo!
Nov 27 to Dec	NEC International Motorcycle and Scooter Show
Dec 27	Christmas Dinner, Cleveland Bay

The Club Website. Visit the Club Website at www.freewebs.com/yarmmcc/. If you have stuff for sale or an event to promote then this is the place to put it for wide coverage. Send your material to Steve Watts on swatts@ntlworld.com. Check out via the Guestbook when you have finished your comments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONTROL CAR PARKING AT LORD STONES CAFÉ FOR BOUNDARY 500 RIDE 20/21 JUNE. PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CHAIRMAN – LES, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP

For Sale GIVI Top Box and 2 Side Panniers, with mountings to fit VFR 800. As new. £300. Tel: 07931816812 or contact Steve Griffiths 01642 350640.

Tyre Woes. A few months ago I reported on a tyre test by the German motorcycle magazine 'Motorad' regarding the poor performance of Bridgestone BT021s. They were totally trashed after some 2,500 Kilometres – the worst performing tyres they had ever tested. Well, I'd had the same fitted to my bike before I saw the magazine and although they have fared better, they have been the worst I've had – ever! After less than 5000 miles the front is completely wrecked yet the back has plenty of life left in it. Furthermore, the bike had a tendency to flop into corners – very disconcerting. The previous Bridgestone 020s had similar handling quirks. I've swapped to Michelin Pilot Road tyres, the first time I've ever tried Michelins and I look forward to seeing how they work out in the long term. The first impression is, after about 30 miles, is that the handling has improved a lot, with the bike being much more controllable in corners. It could be that the Kawasaki just doesn't suit Bridgestones, as I'm sure that many people are more than satisfied with them on their machines.

For Sale: Yamaha FZ1 Fazer. 2006 model. Blue. 6200 miles. Fitted with Crash Bungs, Heated Grips, Belly pan and Fender Extender. Full Service History. MOT. Contact Dave on 01388 720601(H) or 07983525502 (M). Also contact Club Secretary – Brian.

The Motorcycle Sport Political Strategy Group (MPS). The BMF reports that the Auto Cycle Union, the Amateur Motor Cycle Association and the Motor Cycle Industry Association have joined together to combat the increasing political and social pressures threatening motorcycle sport in the UK. The new strategy group is supported by James Toseland. James feels that introducing youngsters to the many facets of motorcycling will encourage responsible behaviour and improve their lot with society in general. The MPS has 4 main aims: to create a more sympathetic environment towards motorcycle sport; to demonstrate that motorcycle sport has a value to society in engaging young people; to persuade Government ministers that motorcycle sport should be integrated within wider Government sporting and social objectives, and to create common standards in the sport.

For Sale: 1 one-piece set of Figo leathers size 46. Red/Black & silver. Worn twice. Bargain at £80.00. See Tony Petrie for details/picture at Club meetings or call Brian (Secretary). Telephone no. at bottom of Newsletter.

Bus Lanes. The country is watching the Transport for London trial and all motorcyclists are urged to cast their vote at the TfL on-line survey. Visit <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/roadusers/finesandregulations/motorcycleinbuslanes/default.aspx> and go to 'users views' and complete the survey - (what a mouthful!). Large numbers of cyclists have orchestrated a campaign against bus lane use by motorcyclists so we all need to act.

Need Help with Your Computer. Quick, efficient service at very competitive prices assured. Contact Steve on 07765881062 or 01642 651086. Alternatively you can email Steve at swatts@ntlworld.com.

Boundary 500 Run. The Boundary 500 Run will take place on 20th June and routes via Berwick, Whitehaven, Skipton, Scarborough and finishes at Hurworth Grange. Riders can take 2 days to complete the course if they wish. The Classic Run on the 21st goes via Stokesley, Masham, Hawes, Thwaite, again ending at Hurworth.

No More Leaky Tanks. Many older bikes suffer from leaking fuel tanks, especially when laid up for long periods. Petseal from Motohaus can solve the problem. Its resin forms an impervious seal inside the tank, bonding with any rust to form a smooth corrosion resistant lining. One tin of stuff will seal an 11 litre tank. **Costs £17.61.** Call 01256 704909 or visit www.motohaus.com

Family Backs Film of Biker's Death. The family of Chris Burrell, 44, have agreed to release footage of him performing a wheelie on his bike and then colliding out of control into an oncoming vehicle on the A41 near Market Drayton. The six-minute film, entitled "Dying for a Ride?" has been produced by West Mercia Police and will be screened at various locations to encourage more responsible riding.

New Motorcycle Test. The new 2-part test is now in force. It complies with the EU' Second Driving Licence Directive and will cost learners 50% more than the previous test regime come October. The cost will be £90.50, an outrageous price to pay, and all because our European ministers failed to negotiate derogations from the Directive. Thanks to their lack of skill and judgement the Government has spent £71 Million needlessly!

Club Regalia. Stand out from the crowd. Wear something with the club logo on? Speak to our Chairman, Les Wright, for list of products and prices. Look the part for that holiday/ride-out/bikeshow. There's only 225 days to Christmas so rush now to place your order!

Hone Your Skills with the Yorkshire Police. (repeated from last month) North Yorkshire Police are running Bikesafe classes as part of a campaign to drive down the number of road casualties. The aim of the course is to bridge the gap between that basic skill and the kind of further training that enables riders to combine tremendous enjoyment with a much higher level of personal safety. The workshops cost £50 and consist of two modules. The first module is based at Thirsk Police Station on a Wednesday between 7pm and 9.30pm and will be an informal talk on advanced riding. Module 2 will be on a Sunday on the road putting the theory into practice. Module 1s will be on March 25, April 15 and 29, May 20, June 3 and 17.

Module 2s will be March 29, April 19, May 20 and 24, June 7 and 21. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Call Sgt Mason on 01904 618870 or by emailing northyorkshirepolice@bikesafe.co.uk

In-Line Three-Wheeler..whatever next? This KTM powered Axial Three Wheel concept bike is the result of 2 years work by Paris-based Julian Rondinaud. Leaned-over roadholding is more precise and the loss of grip should no longer result in a crash. The rear hub is auto-steering which means it can easily handle tight corners as well as long sweepers. The short wheelbase between the first two wheels gives the bike incredible nimbleness. We look forward to hearing more about it in the near future.



For Sale: Suzuki 650S. 2004 model. Blue. Only 2,800 miles...yes...2,800 miles. Asking £2600 ono. Call Peter on 01642 730671

Parish Council 'goes to pot'. The Daily Telegraph 16 April reported that Navestock Parish Council in Essex had decided to leave gaping holes in the road following the harsh winter as a means of traffic calming. The scheme is branded as dangerous by some residents, who are furious that routes around the village have been left in such a state of disrepair. Retired policeman Roy Tyzack has stated how dangerous potholes are, particularly for the elderly, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders, and even more so with unlit lanes.

So, is it a good money saving scheme? Probably not, especially when the council gets sued by someone hurt as a result of hitting a pothole. Just be careful if you do go down there...it is near Brentwood.

Gimmee the Right Tools. The weekend after Easter was really busy. And for once I had all the right tools! Got the new tyres on after taking the wheels round to C&S Tyres in Middlesbrough. Cleaned everything up and took out the front forks and changed the oil. I will fit the progressive springs next weekend...I thought I had the wrong springs from Hagon...seems I was wrong! Also cut the old chain off and fitted new front and rear sprockets and nice Tsubaki chain. Had to buy a new rivetter as my old one was truly knacked. I was going to fit a smaller front sprocket to give me more acceleration but will do that later...this time I had the wrong size delivered.

And it's 'Goodnight' from him. Please call me if you would like something putting in the newsletter. There is no deadline...you either make the next issue or you don't! My email address: **brian.burke2@btopenworld.com** or phone me – 01325 721669 (Answerphone on if not able to get to the phone straight away). Brian