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www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk

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Club Meets: Second Wednesday of the Month at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe
Rideouts: April to October. Meet for 10am start at Yarm Town Hall every Sunday (1)

CLUB NEWSLETTER January 2021

Ramblings: Still waiting for my letter to go for a Job. Now we are in lockdown again, get your garage heater fired up; get on with all your maintenance & projects. If you don't fancy the garage then you could get some decorating done. Decorating should always be done in the winter so you can maximise ride time in the warmer weather. I am thinking of Astro turf lawns to cut down on garden maintenance. I hate grass that's why I will be cremated the stuff isn't growing over me.

Our AGM date will have to be re scheduled for when we are allowed to meet

I am still happy to receive submissions of proposals from those who would like to be our next Chairman. Come on guys don't be shy, it's not that difficult to do & a handover will be arranged over a few beers (covid permitting). We can't have a Chairless club. There must be one of you who wants to take it on.

Pie & Peas evening. Next one deferred due to CV 19

Barbeque . Hopefully we will be able to organise one in 2021

NEC Coach Trip. Awaits covid

Xmas Party: Hopefully there will be a Christmas party this year

Forthcoming Events Hopefully can post those for 2021 when I get the info

The Club Website. www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk. **Webmaster Stephen** Our webmaster Stephen has been re-organising our web site and has now launched it. So give him your support log in and join you may need your club number and send in lots of info for him to include. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, and items for sale and wanted. STEPHEN is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2020

The BMF. Why not join the BMF as an individual member and save yourself and the Club money? Strengthen the membership base of the BMF and give it more clout in working for riders' rights. Convert to Full Membership at a £5 reduction in the normal fee AND make £5 for the Club. The joining fee will be £26, and the club will receive a payback of £5 for every member recruited. The payback to the club will be in the form of a credit note to be cashed in exchange for part of their affiliation fee for the forthcoming year. Speak to the Club Secretary for details and Application forms.

Club Logo Shirts. Shirts with the Club Logo are available from Elizabeth Embroidery, Stockton. All shirts are of excellent quality and in a range of colours. The Tee Shirt is available in a micro-fibre type material. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale. **You can also take your own garments to have the club logo embroidered by Elizabeth's Embroidery, Stockton on Tees. Tel: 01642 674 973.**

Club Badges. Allan Coverdale has Club Badges available at £8 each. These are quality items and will improve the appearance of your jacket/t-shirt/underpants/whatever!

Ride-Out Programme. There are Ride-Outs every Sunday and on public holidays. We are now meeting at Yarm Station and riding in groups of six. The rideouts have finished for the year with the clocks going back.

The Biker Guide. Want to know more about biker-friendly accommodation, cafes, camping, events and squillions of other things related to biking? Check out www.thebikerguide.co.uk

Bike Meets: Don` t worry I will put them all back when we can go out again

BE ADVISED:

- Avoid crowded spaces= Ride Motorcycles
 - Do not use public transportation =Ride Motorcycles
 - Well ventilated spaces are virus free = Ride Motorcycles
 - Protect your nose and mouth = Ride Motorcycles
 - Recommended use of Gloves = Ride Motorcycles
 - Try not to touch contaminated surfaces = Don't let anyone touch your Motorcycle
 - Avoid shaking hands = Do not remove your gloves when getting off the Motorcycle
 - Keep a Safe distance from people who sneeze or cough = Ride Motorcycles
 - Maintain a positive and prudent attitude = Only way to ride a Motorcycle
- *Feel Free to Share this Important Information

At present the BMF guidelines state that we can't ride for pleasure only to go shopping or go to work



Amazing what can be done with an outfit, makes us look like wimps

Crash helmets

Most people didn't wear them when the photo above was taken, but they have been compulsory for a long time now.

I recently came across an article about approval codes so I thought you may be interested to know for when you buy your next mutt.

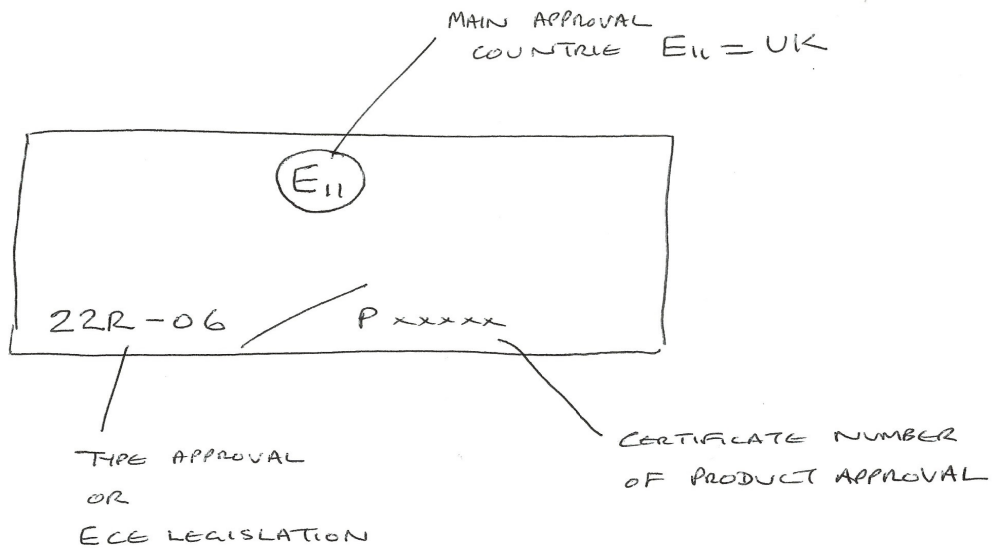
The legislation is controlled by the United Nations Economic commission (UNECE and has 16 main members such as Canada, Israel, UK, USA, EEC etc., etc.

Did you know that from 2020 all helmets are supposed to comply with:

UNECE 22.05 UK is BS 6658:1985 + BSI 

Recently I was looking for a period style open face helmet to go with my New Hudson Autocycle and was concerned to find that if I followed expanded the adverts fully then quite a lot of helmets don't comply with this legislation. This means of course that your insurances may be invalid if you hurt yourself in a tumble. Worse still some insurance companies may invalidate to avoid avoid paying third parties, so you could be sued for any third party damage or injury.

I nearly fell into this trap as I was really fancied a replica pudding basin. The daft thing is my 1964 pudding basin is still legal, if I wished to risk it. I have sketched below what the approval tag looks like so you can check for yourselves



1967 Secretary at Silloth airfield circuit, Cumbria. Note the pudding basin.
650cc Triumph engine Norton featherbed chassis with 16" wheels. Watsonian racing
sidecar had no brakes and was given me by Matty Mines of Darlington & Matty Bell from
Shildon gave me the front fairing. Sporting days those



RARITY



**'IT WON THE 1000cc
CLASS OF THE 1924
GERMAN ROAD RACING
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mad Megola racer found

A recent barn find, this rotary five-cylinder curiosity, was a 1920s German championship-winning machine

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IT WAS THE sound that first heralded one of the most bizarre days in motorcycle racing. A deep drone vibrated through the air, giving the impression of a low-flying World War I bomber on the

as remarkable as the Megola. Its five-cylinder engine was mounted inside the front wheel. There was no clutch or gearbox and only the rear wheel had a braking system. Pioneering German designer Fritz



How about this lovely machine for early innovation, no clutch, no gearbox, rear wheel brakes only. Engine is 640cc side valve rotary similar to a French Gnome aeroplane engine. It would rev up to 3000rpm.

In 1924 'Toni' Bauhofer lapped the AVUS German circuit at 87mph. Bauhofer went on to win over 20 races and took the 1924 German road race championship for the 1000cc class.

The factory also made a touring version and around 2000 were made. Now one of those would be a great restoration project for me.

Can you figure out how they got sparks & fuel to the engine when the whole thing rotated around the front axle, must have had some good sliding electrical connectors and gas seals.

If anybody is interested I have the complete article.

The End Game.

Now we are back in lockdown, get out your pics & write some articles, send your stuff in as it may be a long winter & lockdown so I need loads of tales to publish. Come on guys help me out a bit,

You are all welcome to comment about or suggestions for the newsletters (polite ones only please) It would be good to get some feedback

Send your photos of trips, days out & rideouts to Stephen Pratt for the club website & photo archive. Stephen will also put ads on the website so send them via me you can get my contact details from the web site

Stay safe out there

'Cheerio' from the two Bs

Please message me or email if you would like something putting in the newsletter.

There is no deadline...you either make the next issue or you don't!

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