

YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2009

Welcome to Summer, even though my waterproofs have been tested more in the past few days than the previous 5 months! At least the rain is warm. It did put off a trip to Donington to see WSB...just fed up with travelling in the wet, camping in the wet and watching the racing sat on a muddy bank getting wet! Stuff it, I'll get the DVD later.

Congratulations to Valentino Rossi for his 100th GP win, taken at Assen. He slayed the opposition and made it look like a Formula 1 car procession instead of a bike race. At least Toseland got a decent result, and boy do I need it as I slide further down the Fantasy Race League table. It's all too late now and I'm just there to support everyone else! And as I go to print Toseland gets disqualified at Laguna Seca. AArrgh! Thanks to all who helped with the Boundary 500 Event at the Lord Stones Café on 20/21 June. An especially big 'Well Done' to those of you who rode in the 500 and Classic events. Riding home on the hot Sunday evening I had the visor open as I was being held up by a 4x4 on the back lanes. Something touched my face but I forgot about it as the 4x4 turned off and I shut the visor and sped up. I was about to make a 90 degree right at a junction when a large bee crawled up the inside of my visor! EEEEEAAAArrrrggghhh! It stayed there after opening the visor so I slammed on the anchors and tried to rip the helmet off in super-quick time!! Fortunately I got it off and the bee flew away with no harm to either of us! Apologies to the rider behind me at the time...it might have been Bill on his Suzuki Bergman – it was definitely a big scooter!

Visit the Club Website when you get the chance. Steve has done a nice job in updating it.

Committee Meeting. Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at 8.30pm in the Cleveland Bay.

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

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
Jul 25	BMF Council Meeting, Leicester
Aug 2	Ridewell. Preston Park
Aug 6 to 9	Bulldog Bash, Shakespeare County Raceway, Warwickshire
Aug 16	Bikewise at Durham Police HQ
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 17/18	Classic MC Mechanics Bike Show, Stafford County Show Ground. ST18 0BD
Oct 25	British Summertime Ends
Nov 8	MOTOGP Valencia...the end of the racing season...boo hoo!
Nov 27 to Dec 6	NEC International Motorcycle and Scooter Show. <u>CLUB RUN ON 3 DEC</u>
Dec 27	Christmas Dinner, Cleveland Bay
<u>2010</u>	
Apr 24/25	Carole Nash Classic Show, Stafford County Show Ground

The Club Website. Steve Watts has recently updated 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.

Team Hyosung 2009 – Boundary Run Report from Tony Petrie and Chris Robinson

Here we are again, another Boundary been & gone. It was decided this year that Chris & I would undertake the Challenge on her new Hyosung 250 Aquila, allowing us to share the riding. We camped at Lord Stones on the Friday night & set off for Simon Bailes 'early' the next morning. First call was Berwick where we met a trio of 125 riders not knowing which way to go from there! "Follow us, we know the way" we said. We took them to Keswick where they were going to camp overnight & meet up with their friend 'who knew the way from there'. We carried on to Whitehaven then Silcroft where we camped for the night. Next morning at Barrow we met our new found friends again. They'd met up with their friend who was on an R6, who it turns out didn't know the way after all! So we set off with them in tow once more. Skipton was a 'lollipop stop' followed by Harrogate for a fuel stop. It was then onto Scarborough where on the way we almost had a mishap. Whilst Chris was riding I was on the back with my legs dangling at either side looking back to see if the four bikes were still behind. As we entered a roundabout my boot got trapped between the pannier & the road. A serious wobble resulted but well done to Chris for keeping control and saving the day. At last we returned to Lord Stones at 6pm. The Hyosung 250 Aquila performed very well and never missed a beat. The only criticism is that a back-rest is essential for the pillion, who has a very small pad to perch on.

Honda CG 125.

2007(57 plate). 800 miles, Excellent condition. Only 1 owner, still under warranty.
Selling due to passing big bike test. **£1600 o.n.o.** Call 01642 885135 after 6pm
weekdays, anytime weekend.



Police Try to Ban the Bulldog Bash. The police are worried that the Bulldog Bash in August will become a war-zone following the murder of a Hells Angels on the M40 a couple of years ago and the recent jailing of 7 members of the Outlaws. The Outlaws were held to be responsible for a riot at Birmingham Airport in January where they tried to attack some Hells Angels returning from an overseas trip. The rioters were jailed for 6 years each – pretty steep considering you get about the same for killing someone these days.

I think the police are being totally paranoid about the whole thing. There has never been any trouble at a Bulldog Bash. Why not close down the M40? Isn't that where the trouble was last time? Can you imagine the Outlaws taking on the Hells Angels at their premier bash? C'mon, there is just no way they would be that stupid.....surely?

Motorists Welcome High Court Decision. The High Court has quashed Traffic Regulation Orders imposed by The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) on four 'green lanes' within Yorkshire Dales National Park. Originally eight routes were the subject of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), but Judge John Behrens, QC, presiding in the Administrative Court in Leeds yesterday, held that the Park Authority's decision had been 'unbalanced and irrational' in not considering the necessary degree of balance between the movement of traffic and the exclusion of recreational motor vehicles from 'green lanes' i.e. unsurfaced roads, in the National Park. The four routes affected by the judgment are:

- Gorbeck Road and Stockdale Lane between Settle and Malhamdale
- Street Gate near Malham Tarn to Arncliffe Cote
- Harber Scar Lane between Horton-in-Ribblesdale and High Green Field

As members of Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA), the BMF and the Trail Riders Fellowship supported the motoring organisations challenging of the decision of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to discard the recommendations of the independent Yorkshire Dales Green Lane Advisory Group and instead to impose full-time 'prohibition of driving' orders on these routes.

Speaking after the decision, Chris Hodder, the BMF's Government Relations Executive said "This is an important and welcome decision but it is not just about our ancient green lanes, the judgment is applicable to the making of traffic regulation orders on all roads and will be very useful in regulating specious traffic orders that attempt to limit access."

The case is estimated to have cost the YDNPA tens of thousands of pounds; money that need not have been expended had the YDNPA been more reasonable and listened to the representations of LARA and other users. For full LARA release see <http://www.laragb.org/>

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.

Transport for London THINK BIKE Campaign. A new advertising campaign, aimed at getting motorists to think more about biker safety, has just been launched by Transport for London. Hopefully this idea will spread to the rest of the country. The campaign was devised with help from psychologists and highlights the way our brains analyse the things we see. The campaign's message is that humans often confuse the rate at which small things travel, believing them to be much slower than larger objects – even if the actual speeds are the same. This 'size arrival effect', as it is known, could explain why car drivers so often pull out in front of riders at junctions. Click here to see the advert. <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/corporate/media/newscentre/motorcyclists.shtml>

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.

Full Monty Awaits Bikers In Applecross Those of you who watched recent BBC2 series Monty Halls' Great Escape will have noted the repeated appearance in the cast of supporting locals 'Andy the Biker@' - the freelance writer of MCM's Walker's Ramble column. It is now only an occasional column because Andy is too busy enjoying himself, having escaped from Derbyshire to live with wife Heather and kids in Applecross in the Scottish Highlands.

Monty's attempt to do the same thing – for six months – was the idea behind the TV series and our Andy kept getting his long hippie hair (now shorn) in front of the cameras. In episode one he was the guy with the nailgun (and scars to prove it) who helped Monty turn the old rundown bothy in which the TV presenter chose to live into an old rundown bothy with a roof. And in the last episode screened on 29 March, he helped him build his less-than-successful entry in a local raft race. At least, despite Andy's effort with the nailgun, it didn't sink.

In his most recent MCM column (January, issue 30) Andy wrote about how the community had come together and found the cast to keep petrol and diesel flowing from the garage pumps when they were in danger of being closed. That was good news for Applecross and the many bikers who head there each summer. Andy said "For those with two wheels and the time to spare, the area makes for a fantastic destination and is genuinely biker friendly. Fantastic (and empty) roads await, including the famous mountain pass, the Bealach na Ba. It rises to 2053 ft in under five miles and, on a clear day, the views from the summit over the Hebrides are stunning."

The award winning Applecross Inn, Potting Shed restaurant and local campsite are already a favourite with bikers on rideouts and rallies – visit www.applecross.uk.com.

Foreign Drivers Come Under UK Law. On 1 April, the police were given powers to enable them to stop and issue foreign drivers with fixed penalty fines. Previously, the police have been able to arrest foreign drivers for drink driving but were powerless when it came to lesser offences. Now foreign drivers can expect to fork out £60 for offences such as speeding or using a mobile phone, £600 for tailgating and even £900 if found to be committing more than one offence. The driver could also see their vehicle impounded until payment is made. It is believed that around three million foreign-registered vehicles enter Britain each year and were previously relatively untouchable to the law.

For Sale: Yamaha FZ1 Fazer. 2006 model. Blue. 6200 miles. Fitted with Crash Bungs, Heated Grips, Belly pan and Fender Extender.

Full Service History. 5 months MOT. Contact Dave on 01388 720601(H) or 07983525502 (M). Also contact Club Secretary – Brian.

Don't Text and Drive! The latest of Department for Transport's Think! campaigns was launched on 1 May. The campaign highlights the dangers of texting while driving after research showed 30 per cent of young drivers admitted texting at the wheel. The new radio advert features a driver's voice spelling out a text message followed by the sound of a car crash. An online 'driving challenge' game - which demonstrates how using a mobile at the wheel can distract the driver - is being circulated online via social networking communities and entertainment sites. [click here](#) to view the game. In addition, the shocking Think! TV ad will be returning to remind callers to 'kill

the conversation' as soon as they realise someone is driving. The message that mobile phones and driving should not mix is getting through to the majority of drivers but some people are still needlessly risking their own lives and putting others in danger for the sake of a text or a call.

New Test Frightening Off Newcomers? According to recent reports there are some 4,000 less riders taking the new test each month! That's a rather disturbing drop in numbers and the motorcycle industry is worried about getting new blood into biking. The most recent figures show that 18 learners have crashed doing the swerve manoeuvre and the MCIA wants to see changes to the Part 2 test to make it more reasonable and safer. The DSA has no plans to change the test as it presently is. What do you think?

Northumbria Police Ditch then Hire Bikes. A recent visit by the Prime Minister to the area meant that the Northumbria Police force had to pay Durham Police for the use of their bikes and riders to provide the required escort. Are they now having second thoughts about ditching the bikes earlier this year?

KTM Pulls Out of Dakar. After dominating the Dakar Rally for years KTM have decided to pull out. The problem is the change in engine capacity to a maximum of 450cc for professional riders and 660cc for amateurs in the 2010 Rally. For the 2011 Rally there is a limit of 450cc for all riders. KTM's 690cc bikes have dominated the top ten places time after time and there is a feeling that the organisers have well and truly stuffed them! Oh dear...I guess Yamaha will dominate this scene as well as MotoGP.

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.

Security – New System in Town. Bike parts should be easy to trace with a new security system by Retainagroup. It uses a 'readable by eye' marking system which includes a 24/7 phone number. The system has been in use by 17 car manufacturers for years and examples of the system is easily seen as etching on the glass windows. It is highly recommended by the Metropolitan Police Stolen Vehicle unit. A DIY kit can be ordered for £19.99 from www.retainagroup.co.uk.

Cat and Fiddle Run. Rear-facing average speed cameras are to be installed in autumn over 8 miles of the A537 and the adjoining A54 to enforce a 50mph limit as a means to calming down the hooligan element and reduce accidents. Behave yourselves out there folks.

Noisy Cans. Authorities are getting really annoyed at complaints from all quarters concerning noisy exhausts on motorcycles. Many members of the public, especially those living near popular routes, get upset by the racket from bikes with loud pipes. It gets even worse when the bikes are going uphill on a twisty road. It's nice to hear a bike on full song but there is a limit as to where and when. The police are threatening bikers with ASBOs and will confiscate bikes for a second offence. The world is listening so just be careful out there.

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 180 days to Christmas so rush now to place your order!

Fines Doubled. As of 1st July 'On the Spot' fines for not wearing a seat belt have doubled to £60. Similarly, fines for deliberately disguising or illegally altering a number plate have also doubled to £60

amid fears that the problem is growing. What do you expect when relying on cameras to do most of the policing!

Gimmee the Right Tools. I didn't break any bike stuff this month but had an unusual incident (in addition to the bee) while at the Boundary 500 event. After listening to a radio broadcast I pulled out the walkman earphones only to find that one of the rubber caps was missing. It had gone deep into my ear canal and I had to ride to the Walk-in Centre in Darlington to have it removed. I have now changed my earphones!

The End Game. Irish Millionaire. Patrick O'Leary had just won £500,000 at 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' in Dublin. Chris Tarrant gave the next question, worth a £1 Million: "Which bird does not build it's own nest? – a) Crow b) Starling c) Wren d) Cuckoo? You have 'Phone a Friend' left. Do you want to play?" "Yes" said the Patrick, and I'd like to phone Shamus in Derry". So Patrick reads out the question to Shamus, who immediately responded with 'Cuckoo'. "Are you sure" said Patrick. "Absolutely" said Shamus. "I'll go with Cuckoo" said Patrick to Chris Tarrant. And sure enough, Patrick won the £1 Million! He met up with Shamus later that week and asked him how he knew that Cuckoos didn't build a nest. "Easy" said Shamus "they live in clocks on the wall don't they!"

A little lad came down from his bedroom after watching TV and asked his dad "What's love juice?" After nearly choking on his tea, his dad told his son to sit down and spent quite a time explaining the facts of life. He asked the lad if he understood everything he had just talked about, and the lad nodded. "Anyway" said the father, "What on earth have you been watching up there in your room?" "Wimbledon" said the lad!

Wot! Not Got a Computer? This newsletter contains quite a few references to web sites and email addresses. Where there are alternatives such as phone numbers or mailing addresses I will publish them. Get advice from Committee member Steve Watts if you are planning to go 'digital'.

Here are the Sunday Runs for the next few weeks:

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RUN

M -- MOTO GP

W -- WORLD S'BIKES

B -- BRITISH S'BIKES

DATE		SUNDAY RUNS VENUE	RACING	VENUE
5-Jul	#	Emmerdale C'try – Harry Ramsden chip shop	M + B	Laguna-USA+Knockhill
12-Jul	#	Hawes and Devil's Bridge		
19-Jul	#	Whitby and Nth Yorks Moors	M + B	Sachsenring GE + Mallory Park
26-Jul	#	ELDON BIKE CAFÉ & ROTHBURY	M+W	Donington + Brno Czech
02-Aug	#	RIDEWELL SHOW		
09-Aug	#	Helmsley/CastleHoward/Sherburn Bike Café		
16-Aug	#	Threlkeld /Grassmere / Kendal	M	Czech _ Brno

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:

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