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CLUB NEWSLETTER – May 2010

Hello Everyone. I have got my computer working properly now and the normal club logo is back at the top where it should be! Thank goodness the weather has perked up and riding is once more a pleasure apart from the potholes, of which there are plenty around Darlington. Most of them have paint around them so easy to spot in daylight. Just give the vehicles ahead plenty of space ahead of you and they are usually easy to spot and avoid.

The racing season is well underway now and many of us are checking the Fantasy League each week to see how we are placed. At least I'm further up the ladder than last year and beating Tony and Roy. However, as we all know, things can easily change.

Were you one of thousands of people stuck overseas with threat of Volcanic Ash literally looming over our skies? The company I work for at the airport has been badly hit, with aeroplanes and crews stuck all over Europe and it is going to take many months to recover the financial loss to the business. Ours is a small operation to many aviation businesses, so goodness only knows how they will fare in the future. Never mind. Nobody said life was going to be easy.

Committee Meeting. Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 8.30pm

Club Meeting. Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 8.30pm.

Forthcoming Events in 2010 (latest additions in Bold). Let me know of any event you would like publicising.

May 8/9	Thundersprint at Northwich, Cheshire
May 13-16	Northwest 200
May 15/16	BMF Show, Peterborough
May 29 for 2 weeks	IOM TT
Jun 12/13	BMF Show - Garden of England Motorcycle Show, Kent
JULY 11	Ridewell at Wynyard (Golden Gate Entrance) Out of Stockton on the Sedgefield Rd Past Tesco Turn right at the Thorpe Thewles junction along there on the left hand side.
July 9 – 11	VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes, Mallory Park.
Jul 10/11	BMF Show - Kelso
July 2 to 4	Goodwood Festival of Speed
JUL 25	ACE Café Streetfighter Show (TBC as not on ACE website)

Aug 12-15	Bulldog Bash
AUG 15	Trikes and Bikes Day At Shildon Museum
Aug 21 to Sep 3	Manx GP
Sept 17 to 19	Goodwood Revival
Sep 18/19	BMF ShowTail End at the Lincolnshire Showground
Sep 11/12	Bol D'Or
Oct 16/17	Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show, Stafford Show Ground
DEC 27	Christmas Party At The 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.

The BMF. The Yarm Motorcycling Club is affiliated to the BMF. For details of the BMF go to www.bmf.co.uk

Thank You From Chris and Tony. Here is a BIG THANK YOU from Chris and Tony for the good turn-out for Sunday 18th April ride out. There were 15 bikes in total and Johnny Angus came to the Town Hall in his car to wave the riders off!! A great day was had by all, complete with lovely fish and chips at South Shields. Unfortunately half the group was lost on the A1 (the A1 which the group were never meant to go on in the first place (cheers Tony!)) There was some rain and Chris almost had an iffy when the back wheel locked twice coming up to a roundabout not far from home!! Oooer. (Well done Chris and Tony)

FOR SALE BY NORMAN SIMPSON. Tel # in your Membership Card!

Baglux Tank Harness to fit CBR600F 1998 onwards. In Red as new	£40
Half Fairing Blue Mettalic,(slight scratching)to fit Fazer FZ1 03	£60
Double Bubble Screen to fit above	£10
End Can (slight damage) to fit Fazer FZ1 03	£100
Crash Bungs to fit Fazer 600 04 onwards (F & G) still wrapped	£40
GIVI Mono Rack + Back Plate to fit CBR600F 98 onwards	£60 (will not separate)
Operators Handbook Petter PJ3-4M Diesel	£4
Operators Handbook Petter AA1-AB1 Diesel	£4
Ruston 3YDA Parts list and Instruction Manual (as new)	£15
Holman Rotair 13 Parts list (as new)	£8
Ruston-Bucyrus 10RB Excavator Instruction Manual (as new)	£25
Frank Thomas Aqua Bike jacket Medium Gents in Blue	£25.

Boundary 500 Press Launch. The press launch of the Boundary 500 Motorcycle Groups events for 2010 took place at Lord Stones café on Saturday 10th April. The turnout was excellent and the weather brilliant. A cheque for £23,147.74p was presented to Zoe's Place, a result of the Santa Slept In rideout in February. Really well done those of you who took part. The GN Air Ambulance was a bit late as the Teesside helo was busy on a job. However, the Cumbrian air ambulance did a fine job of standing in. Here are some pictures taken by Harry Christie:



Caption Competition for this one!



The Boundary 500 Group flag



Cheque for Zoe's Place



A good turn-out for the presentation

**FOR SALE Triumph Trophy 1200 – 93 L Reg. Metallic Red, 44,600 miles
T&T to May. Many touring accessories
Present owner for 11yrs, very well maintained, Excellent original condition**

£1800ono. Call Ian on 07713490317

Motorcycle Instructor Falls Off Pedestal. (Reported in the Daily Telegraph 7 April). A motorcycle instructor was found to be nearly FOUR times over the drink-drive limit while giving a lesson! Sandra Kenyon from Halifax fell off her motorcycle THREE times during the lesson in Bradford. Police found an empty brandy bottle and another part full in her jacket. She was banned from driving for THREE years and ordered to do 200 hours community work. Kenyon worked for the Ridesafe Motorcycle School. (We really don't need this kind of publicity!)

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.

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

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

Better a Robber than a Motorist! (Reported in the Daily Telegraph 7 April) Robbers are receiving softer punishments than motorists who park illegally. Magistrates have handed out fines as little as £47 to convicted robbers, whereas motorists face fines of up to £70 outside London and up to £120 in the capital. Robbery is classed as theft with the use or threat of violence. Magistrates admitted that fines were low because offenders could not afford higher penalties and received discounts for guilty pleas. Where is the justice in that?

Biker Friendly Local Spots to Check Out:

Board Inn, Market Place Hawes 01969 667223

Fimber Log Cabin on the B1251/B1248 roundabout in E. Yorks. Late night Wednesday

Flag Café, Seamer (behind Weighbridge station). 07813430710. Weds nights, Sat and Sundays.

Harpers Fish and Chips at Wetwang (A164) A mile and a half further on from Fimber, left at T junction 400yds on left. Superb.

Lord Stones Café, Carlton Bank. 01642 778227. Bike night Tuesday

Old Police Station Café, Market Place, Helmsley 01439 770413. Open 9 – 5 (0830 to 1730 W/e)

Penny Garth Café, Market Place, Hawes. 01969 667066. Open 9 to 5.

Seaways Café, Fridaythorpe, Yorks' Wolds. Junction off A166/B1251. Open 8 – 4. Late night Weds

Silver St Fisheries Whitby opposite the Bus station. across the road follow the windy rd up the hill and turn right by the church spire. Has been mentioned in MCN Open 12 til 2

Squires Milk Bar. Nr Sherburn in Elmet. 01977 684618. Open 9 – 11. Camp for £2 a day.

Wear View Cafe A68 at Toft Hill (10 mile from Darlington)

Whistlestop Café, Whitby 01947 606060. open 9 – 5. Late night Thurs (9pm) for bikers

GEOFF SADLER – CALIFORNIA TO PERU (not by frog)

Sunday 20th Sept. Popayan - 367 miles. Max Altitude - 10,986ft. The next leg of the trip down to Quito normally takes three days and we were planning to do it in two. After the essential early start, we were soon Zumo-ed (lost) in one of the more unsavory areas of Bogotá. This was the dark side, glad we saw it, it put Zona Rosa into perspective. We eventually found the road east and cut our way through the traffic into the mountains. Colombia has two mountain ranges and we would cross both, the first was the Cordillera Orienta. Most of the mountains are covered in trees and vegetation and are massive. For a number of miles we had an unwelcome travel companion, a yellow, local bus. As Andy was nursing his un-servo-ed brakes, we were not as quick as usual on the down-hills. We would put some significant distance between us on the climbs but downhill was a different matter. To have a bus filling your rear view mirrors when steaming into an un-barriered corner with massive drop-offs proved to be a little unsettling. Some of the drivers were superb, their car control and cornering on narrow mountain roads is truly impressive. It's surprising what even run of the mill family cars can do in the right hands, never mind buses! We saw two trucks buried into the mountain at the side of the road, obviously brake failures and the only available option open to the driver. Some of the drop-offs are spectacular, guarded by foot square concrete blocks, it makes for interesting riding. The locals are extremely resourceful and cultivate just about every square foot of land available to them even if it is at the top of a mountain. The basic rule appears to be if it can support growth it does. Even cows graze on the sides of mountains, they must be born with crampons, it really is that steep. After a few hours of mountain riding we found ourselves on the central plateau and its verdant pastures complete with forests of giant bamboo, coffee and sugar cane plantations etc.. Rural Columbia is smattered with many small villages, the number of Afro-Colombians was noticeable. The slave trade had obviously extended into the Colombian coffee plantations.

Monday 21st Sept.

Quito - 370 miles. Max Altitude 10,900ft.

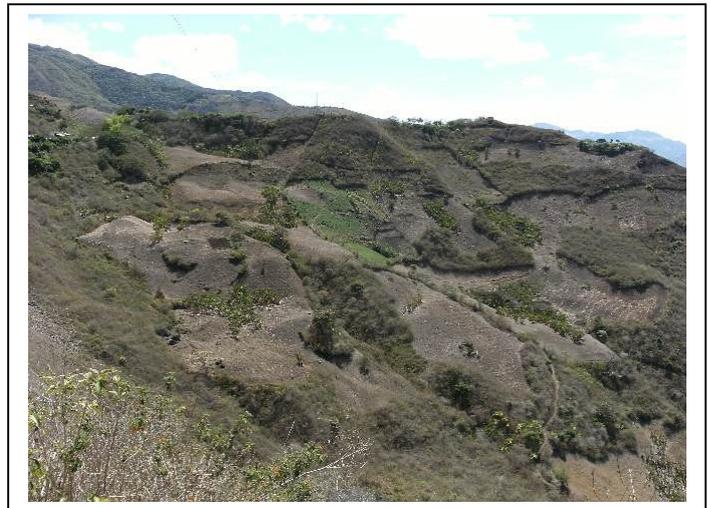
We were now in the Cordillera Central, this range extends down and becomes the Andes.

It is almost impossible to describe magnificence of these mountains, the scale is awesome. How they ever managed to build the roads we were riding is a mystery. Defying gravity, they cling to the sides of near vertical mountains. Definitely amongst the engineering wonders of the world.

We crossed into Ecuador, this time it was pretty straight forward there was no need for fixers or extra admin fees and the cambios were pretty tame. We had a missionary experience and were offered roadside prayers complete with a bullhorn to mark the occasion. We declined the kind offer.

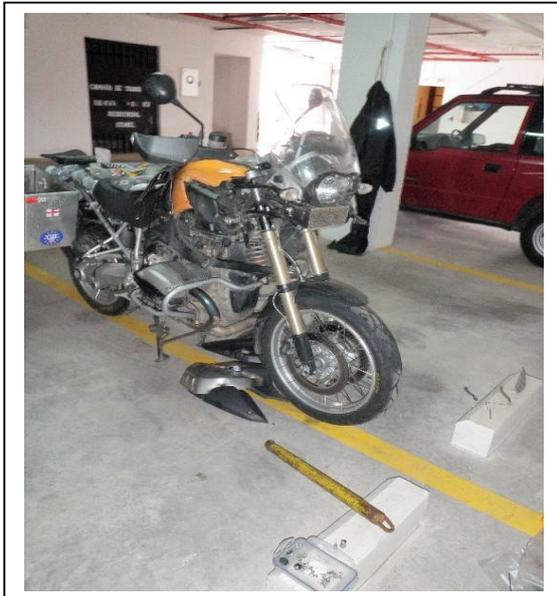
At some stage we crossed the equator, but didn't

see any roadside signs to mark the point. We did see a couple of locals by the side of the road carrying massive bundles of alfalfa(?). They were no more than 5ft tall, the bundles were at least twice that in diameter. We had to complete the ride into Quito in the dark and in heavy traffic. The unlit road proved to be a challenge, especially with traffic backing up on inclines and then all hell letting loose in a frenzy of manic overtaking. It was like Guatemala only in the dark, we all had moments! We rode into downtown Quito and then flagged a taxi driver and followed him to the hotel which fortunately was not too far.



Tuesday 22nd Sept. Quito - R&R.

After yesterday's 14 hour ride, we had a welcome day off. The hotel had magnificent views of the surrounding mountains. Quito wraps itself around a number of them and is a interesting mixture of old and new buildings. I concentrated on 'persuading' my bike's twisted Subframe back to a position where my headlight actually illuminated the road and not air traffic! Using a metal post from the hotel's car park, I eventually managed to coax it back into something resembling its original position. Now I would not have to rely on following the others, suffer constant headlight flashing from oncoming motorists and blinding passing pilots. Nastya made a welcome addition to the squad and would be riding with Andy.



Had an interesting little episode trying to find an ATM that would accept my card. Eventually found a LloydsTSB, but they couldn't give me any money as they had no reciprocal arrangements with the parent bank back in the UK. The teller directed me to a nearby ATM that fortunately worked.

Best wishes. Geoff

Next month – Machala, Pura and Chimbote

North Yorkshire to Introduce Mobile Speed Camera Van

North Yorkshire's Road Safety Partnership plans to introduce mobile speed camera vans which will operate at 28 sites across the region.

North Yorks and Durham had chosen not to operate mobile speedcameras, but following Durham's decision to operate them North Yorks have chosen to jump on the bandwagon as well.



This may be seen as yet another cynical tax on the already overburdened motorist. Time and time again we see the blunt tool of enforcement by financial penalty chosen, instead of other options.

You have been warned!

SHILDON LOCOMOTION – TRIKES AND BIKES DAY

Locomotion - The National Railway Museum at Shildon is holding a Trikes & Bikes Day on Sunday August 15. Details are in the April newsletter, including an application form.

FOR SALE Suzuki SV650S. '04 Registration. Blue. Only 2,800 miles. MOT and TAX. Comes with Optimate Charger and Paddock Stands. Yours for £2300. Please call Peter on 01642 730671 and negotiate!

Club Rideouts – Identified Club Member Leads – VOLUNTEER NOW!!

The table below sets out a date for each month when a club member can plan and lead a rideout. Don't be misled by the fact there are 2 dates shown for each month – this is to allow for the option of a Saturday or a Sunday run, as agreed at the AGM (preferably alternate w/end days will be chosen. The aim is for a member to volunteer to lead a run by at least the Wednesday club night meeting for the following weekend. Please don't be shy at coming forward!

Month	Sat	Sun	Leader	Destination
May	15	16		
June	12	13		
July	17	18		
August	14	15		
September		12	John Angus	tba
October	16	17		

Report on the Multistrada by Steve Laughton. As some of you know I've just taken delivery of a new Honda GL1800. I also had the fortunate chance to ride out on the new Ducati Multistrada 1200 in Tripoli, Libya before returning home.

A year ago the thought of a dual-purpose Ducati would have inspired hearty chuckles from the BMW GS/Suzuki V-Strom/Kawasaki KLR set-despite the fact that the seven year-old "Multistrada" name translates to "many roads." But after a day of putting the new 2010 Multistrada 1200 through its paces I'm convinced, the competition has legitimate cause for concern.

Elaborate electronics make the all new 'Multi ready for more challenging surfaces than you might expect. Adding to the bike's appeal are sport bike-derived underpinnings which lend it the highest power-to-weight ratio in its class, along with a re-worked trellis frame.

The liquid-cooled, Desmodromic-valved 1198cc twin churns out 150 horsepower at 9,250 rpm and 87.5 lb-ft of torque at 7,500 rpm. The new 1198 superbike-sourced powerplant has been massaged for increased low-end torque, and impressively, the engine produces more twist below 6,500 rpm than its superbike stable mate.



Engine manageability at low rpms is improved thanks to an increased engine flywheel mass, and power is via a six-speed transmission that's softened by a wet slipper clutch.

The base model features ride-by-wire throttle, Ducati Traction Control system and hands-free ignition, a-la Kawasaki's KIPASS system. A defeatable Bosch-Brembo ABS setup, and the brakes-with or without ABS-

are a serious piece of kit, with radially-mounted, four-piston 320mm discs found up front, and a 245mm disc at the rear. Preload, rebound, and compression-adjustable 50mm Marzocchi forks come with non-"S" models, with a fully adjustable rear Sachs monoshock offering preload settings via an easily reached knob.

For "S Sport" there are carbon fiber belt covers, air intakes, and a rear wheel hugger.

The "S Touring" has hard saddlebags, heated grips and a centrestand. Both "S" variants feature electronically-controlled Öhlins suspension and traction control. Those variables (as well as throttle mapping) are manipulated into one of four modes, via buttons on the left switchgear. The bike can be easily switched from "Sport" or "Touring" to "Urban" and "Enduro" modes, each of which offers a pre-set level of throttle response, permissible wheel slip, and suspension firmness, with rear ride height increasing in "Enduro" mode.

So, how do these whiz-bang features translate to the road? Release the low-effort clutch and the massive twin-reciprocating pistons move the Multistrada effortlessly forward. The four riding modes offer a noticeable throttle response off the bat; "Sport" is sharp and aggressive, "Touring" a bit smoother, and "Urban" considerably lazier, but still responsive enough to satisfy under lower speed situations. Similarly, the theme continues to the suspension, with behavior ranging from busy to cushy. The saddle was benchmarked against the BMW GS, so I was surprised to find the Multistrada comfortable after a day's worth of aggressive riding, with an upright posture that felt natural, and wide handlebar position revealing its enduro aspirations.

At rest, the Multistrada is also an exercise in thoughtful design, with a manually adjustable windscreen, removable saddlebags that barely leave a visual trace of their mounting points, and a well-laid out digital instrument panel that displays a myriad of information ranging from gear selection, tyre pressure (on the "S Touring" model), fuel economy and average speed...to air temperature and ride mode settings. For a motorcycle laden with such a comprehensive array of electronic features, accessing and controlling those variables is a surprisingly intuitive task, with switchgear that's not any more complicated than it needs to be. After confirming that its superbike origins make it a powerful, nimble sport tourer on the highway, we ventured off the beaten path at the end of our riding day, attacking a severely potholed secondary road in "Enduro" mode. With the ride height increased and the 6.69 inches of suspension travel maximized, the Multistrada absorbed surface irregularities with impressive ease. Though the 17 inch wheel setup isn't ideal for challenging terrain, the dual compound Pirelli Scorpion Trail tires do a better-than-expected job of keeping the shiny side up when the road gets gritty. We expect engine clearance to be the primary limiting factor for serious off-road excursions, and we noted that the Ducati's bodywork also feels a touch more precious than the sturdy panels found on the BMW.



Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman still wouldn't pick the plucky new Duke for a hypothetical third 'round-the-world journey. But for the rest of us whose primary milieu is pavement with a touch of dirt, the Ducati Multistrada 1200 is an impressively well-rounded sport adventure tourer whose available electronic aids make it ready to tackle more rugged trails than you might expect.

Considering the Italian manufacturer's image is so laden with historical baggage-both good and bad-the Multistrada 1200 challenges the past, and redefines the essence of the Ducati brand... if your considering this type of bike...enjoy, it's a fantastic experience. I'll stay with my GL1800 and give you a report on that next time.

Regards, Steve Laughton

THE END GAME.

A Husband takes his wife to play her first game of golf. Of course, the wife promptly hacked her first shot right through the window of the biggest house adjacent to the course. The husband cringed, 'I warned you to be careful! Now we'll have to go up there, find the owner, apologize and see how much your lousy drive is going to cost us.'

So the couple walked up to the house and knocked on the door. A warm voice said, 'Come on in.'

Opening the door they saw the damage that was done: glass was all over the place, and a broken antique bottle was lying on its side near the pieces of window glass.

A man reclining on the couch asked, 'Are you the people that broke my window?'

'Uh...yeah! , sir. We're sure sorry about that,' the husband replied.

'Oh, no apology is necessary. Actually I want to thank you. You see, I'm a genie, and I've been trapped in that bottle for a thousand years. Now that you've released me, I'm allowed to grant three wishes. I'll give you each one wish, but if you don't mind, I'll keep the last one for myself.'

Wow, that's great!' the husband said. He pondered a moment and blurted out, 'I'd like a million dollars a year for the rest of my life.'

'No problem,' said the genie 'You've got it, it's the least I can do. And I'll guarantee you a long, healthy life!'

'And now you, young lady, what do you want?' the genie asked.

'I'd like to own a gorgeous home complete with servants in every country in the world,' she said.

'Consider it done,' the genie said. 'And your homes will always be safe from fire, burglary and natural disasters!'

'And now,' the couple asked in unison, 'what's your wish, genie?'

'Well, since I've been trapped in that bottle, and haven't been with a woman in more than a thousand years, my wish is to have sex with your wife.'

The husband looked at his wife and said, 'Gee, honey, you know we both now have a fortune, and all those houses. What do you think?' She mulled it over for a few moments and said, 'You know, you're right.

Considering our good fortune, I guess I wouldn't mind, but what about you, honey?' You know I love you sweetheart,' said the husband. I'd do the same for you!'

So the genie and the woman went upstairs where they spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying each other. The genie was insatiable. After about three hours of non-stop sex, the genie rolled over and looked directly into her eyes and asked, How old are you and your husband?'

'Why, we're both 35,' she responded breathlessly. 'No shit,' he said. 'Thirty-five years old and you both still believe in genies?'

Wife says to husband "Would you like me to slip into something nice for you tonight?" Husband replies "How about a coma?" ouch!

I bought a new wig made from bum hair. Trouble is, it keeps blowing off!

Here's a tip for Doncaster Races next week: CREOSOTE at 7 to 1. Apparently it is very good over fences.

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'.

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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