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CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2010

Ridewell will be upon in a couple of weeks. As usual there will be a need to have helpers erect the gazebo and tent so that we can better enjoy the day. Please don't be shy at coming forward to give a hand. 'Erection Party' meets at 10 o'clock Saturday on site. Directions below under Forthcoming Events.

Well, had a nice ride out the other day on a Ducati S2R Monster. One of the guys at work decided to commute from his home the far side of Dewsbury seeing as the weather was so nice. I covered about 6 miles in a fast circuit and got to test most aspects of the V-Twin. It sure flies and it was very easy to handle. It stops and goes very well indeed. The acceleration seemed relentless; linear all the way to silly speeds, unlike the Japanese-fours I used to ride, which had a 'rush' after about 7000 rpm. Whether it would be a pleasure to ride after an hour or so I don't really know, but it was addictive! I wouldn't own one though unless I had a 'commuter' machine handy as well (such as the R850R which I enjoy very much. I must write an article on the BMW sometime soon.

Committee Meeting. Wednesday 7th July 2010 at 8.30pm

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

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

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. Details in April Newsletter
Aug 21 to Sep 3	Manx GP
Sep 11/12	Bol D'Or
Sep 18	Triumph 20 Years Celebrations at Mallory Park. See article below
Sep 17 to 19	Goodwood Revival

Sep 18/19 BMF ShowTail End at the Lincolnshire Showground
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

The BMF – Pleased at Forthcoming Motorcycle Test Review The bmf Government Relations Executive, Chris Hodder, is delighted that the Department for Transport is to review the motorcycle 2-part test after much lobbying. Many action groups as well as the bmf have been critical of the new test and the Under Secretary for Transport has agreed the review after attending a test centre to see for himself where the problems lie. More information will be passed on as soon as any news comes in. If you want to submit a proposal email DoT on RUSD4consultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Rider Magazine – Feature on Yarm Motorcycling Club in the June/July 2010 issue. I was asked by the editor of Ride Magazine to produce a 500-word article on the Club...and I had about ten days to do it, which included being away for 5 days! The article is reproduced below, although I have inserted the correct photo. (I sent 2 photos of club members, and they managed to get the titles crossed!)

The Yarm Motorcycling Club was formed in February 1994 and now has around 60 members. The club was formed to promote friendship and fellowship among motorcyclists by encouraging a range of activities in support of its members for the benefit of all. Members bikes range from vintage trials machines to modern Japanese and European machinery. As a club we participate in numerous activities, many with the aim of raising much needed money for local charities. Two such charities are the Great North Air Ambulance and Zoe's Place Baby Hospice, which enjoy the support of many other bikers and clubs in the north east under the umbrella of the Boundary 500 Group. The Boundary 500 Group has raised some £260,000 over the past 3 years to help these worthwhile causes and the Yarm Motorcycling Club is proud to be associated with such kind spirited bikers. Charity runs happen throughout the year; some are gentle runs through the local countryside while others are more challenging, such as the 500 mile Yorkshire and Cumbria boundary event, which covers the area serviced by the Great North Air Ambulance. Probably the one event that the locals are most familiar with and enthusiastically supported by local bikers is the annual Santa Run in aid of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. Some 200 motorcyclists dress as Santa and go on a 30 mile journey through Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar in late December, escorted most efficiently by the Cleveland Police motorcycle section. It may be cold but the heart-warming response of the public is more than enough to help us through!

Other events include the chance to present ourselves to the public at the Ridewell event held in July each year. This event is organised by the Cleveland Police and is an excellent venue for showing off our club, putting across the many benefits of motorcycling, as well as being fertile ground for recruiting new members. Many of the members participate in observed rides during Ridewell. This not only sets a good example to other bikers but also shows our support to our local police motorcyclists who always seem to be under pressure to maintain their numbers in these days of financial constraints.

We are fortunate in being located where we are. On our doorstep are the Yorkshire Dales and Moors, Northumbria and Cumbria, and the east and west coasts. All be enjoyed via great biking roads. Many members go much further afield, enjoying European tours and attending race meetings throughout the season in several countries.

The Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Cleveland Bay in Eaglescliffe near Yarm. The members regularly enjoy talks by enthusiastic experts on topics related to motorcycling and the socialising continues after the raffle of bike related prizes.

The Yarm Motorcycling Club is a very active and friendly outfit. If you are ever in the area on a club night please drop in. You will be guaranteed a warm northern welcome!



Here are some of the members after completing a 'Santa Run' in aid of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice

Regards, Brian Burke
Secretary, Yarm Motorcycling Club

New Social Website for Bikers. A new website aimed at bikers has gone live. Visit www.fullchatter.com. The site permits blogging, networking and places to buy and sell etc, all for free.

**FOR SALE Triumph Trophy 1200 – 93 L Reg. Metallic Red, 44,600 miles
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'mating' rack for your own bike - £10. Magellan GPS for aviation use (Visual Flight Rules
model) – about the size of a large paperback. Grey-scale display. Runs off 12v. works fine
£25. Contact Brian (Secretary) 07517 605614 or 01325 721669**

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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.

GEOFF SADLER – CALIFORNIA TO PERU (not by frog)

Final Destination! **Saturday 26th Sept.** Lima - 417 miles. Max altitude - 13,500ft
The last day's riding was always going to be an adventure, it saw us heading out of Chimbote at about 6am. Even
at this time the roads were v.busy. Heading for the mountains for what we thought would be an interesting
excursion using some of the B roads. We were soon riding through the farming communities and started
encountering some serious lumps of rock. We traced the Rio Santa as it cuts a path through the mountains and
soon ended up at a crossroads. We stopped for breakfast of bread and bananas at the end of the seal while we
contemplated the police check point and the decidedly 'off-road' looking way ahead. Not what we wanted with our

Maxxis road tyres, but what the hell, the map showed it was only 40+ kilometers of 'orange' before we were back on the 'good stuff'.

In the true spirit of adventure, we decided to give it a go. It took 5 hours before we saw tarmac again!

Another testament to the Peruvian road builders, the trail was hewn out of the side of mountains and at times through them. Never less than spectacular, we met just about every surface possible from rocks to fine dust with landslides and water thrown in to help concentration!

The longer of the 30+ tunnels were a challenge as they are heavily rutted, choked with dust and we were never sure if we were sharing it with another on-coming vehicle or animal. We later learned that the road was a haunt of the Shining Path Guerillas and tourists are strongly advised to check that the road is open for use.

Apparently kidnapping is a popular activity with tourists providing an easy target.

The road eventually improved and we started riding on tarmac with the occasional stretch of rock. We pitstopped for lunch at Huaraz at a cowboy restaurant and enjoyed our normal bowl of chicken soup. We were still climbing and as we were close to the snow line it was decidedly fresh. We rode for a time on a plateau of rolling hills broken up by occasional snow covered peaks. The decent was marked by a couple of accidents, one involved a bus, wonder why we weren't surprised! The road through the foot hills was superb, newly laid tarmac and light traffic saw us making good time.

We hit the main coast road and heavier traffic in the late afternoon. Max made the save of the day when he was forced off the road into the gravel by a car attempting a three-abreast overtaking maneuver. It had blackened out windows so it is doubtful if the driver saw Max's heroic efforts to control his bike as it scrambled for grip in the heavily cambered run-off. An impressive piece of sphincter control!

We hit the Peru ring road and relying on Andy's knowledge of the place, worked our way to the south of the city. We had some difficulty maintaining our protective '3-bike bubble' but in the main we survived relatively unscathed. Again we hired a taxi to show the way to the hotel and were there within 10 minutes. It had been 14+

hours of some of the best riding of the trip. We had rode the equivalent of halfway up Mount Everest and back. Beer never tasted so good! The Daniel Hotel was excellent, mainly used by long stay guests, the rooms were the size of El Salvador and we were made to feel very welcome by a more than accommodating owner and staff.



Sunday 27th Sept. Lima R&R.

Lima is worth visiting, a cosmopolitan if not wealthy city it manages to embrace its Inca heritage without too much compromise to the tourists.

We had a shopping trip to buy our Inca silver and alpaca products. Must say we were impressed by the range of products and the friendliness of the market people who actually gave you space to look at their goods.

We made some final repairs to the bikes and cleaned our kit before gathering for the customary end-of-ride photo outside the hotel before we took them for storage at a warehouse owned by Gerardo, one of Andy's friends. Once we had the bikes all

packed away we head off for lunch with Gerardo, followed by a leisurely afternoon at the Banjos and Turkish bath to have beards scrapped off and a haircut. Later that evening we all went out for dinner to a swanky restaurant overlooking some Inca ruins. Everyone was looking dapper with their unbelievably close shaves and well groomed hair cuts.



Bottom-note:

It was on this day that I caught a stomach bug, it was either the raw fish starter we had for lunch or the tap water I had used to brush my teeth. Either way, breakfast was the last meal that I managed for the next week or more. Losing over a stone in weight, I think the bug's effect was concentrated and multiplied by the 22 hours flying back to Doha. I was quite severely dehydrated and remember little of the flights apart from many repeat visits to the aeroplane's smallest room! Oh the joys of foreign travel!

Footnote:

The trip had taken 18 days of riding, during which time we had traveled nearly 7,000 miles (11,000 kilometers) visiting 10 countries. We crossed 5 major mountain ranges reaching a maximum elevation of 13,500 feet. We met many people, some more generous than others and some that we would prefer not to meet again. But they all have lives to lead and mouths to feed by whatever means open to them so it is perhaps too easy to criticise. We all had a few aching muscles and joints, various bumps and bruises and sore bits and everybody had at least one challenging riding moment or three, that is the nature of the game.

Here's hoping we can all make the start-line for next year's ride down to Tierra del Fuego

The End....until the next adventure!

Regards, Geoff Sadler

Next Month will see the return of Chris Hamlin (our Phillipine Biker) with stories of a classic bike.

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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		

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THE END GAME. Education, Education, Education! “Miss, Miss” said the young boy. “I have just been circumcised and my willy is sore!” The teacher suggested he ring his mother and tell her the problem. This the boy did and returned to the class. A short time later the teacher passed his desk and was shocked to see the boy’s willy hanging out of his trousers. “What’s going on?” she demanded. The boy explained “ I told mum how I felt and she told me to stick it out until lunchtime and then she would come and collect me.”

“If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up,” said the sarcastic lecturer. After a long silence, one student rose to his feet. “Now then young man, why do you consider yourself an idiot?” enquired the lecturer with a sneer. “Well, actually I don’t,” said the student, “but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself.”

Tommy arrives home from school and sees his mum in the kitchen. “What’s this?” she asks, looking at the clock. “why are you so early?” “I was the only one to answer the teacher’s question,” he replies. “Well done,” she says, “and what was the question?” “Who threw the rubber at me?”

And now for something completely different.....

While in China, a man is very sexually promiscuous and does not use a condom all the time he is there. A week after returning home in the States he wakes one morning to find his penis covered with bright green & purple spots. Horrified he immediately goes to see a doctor. The doctor, never having seen anything like this before, orders some tests & tells the man to return for the results in two days.

The man returns a couple of days later and the doctor says 'I have got bad news for you' you have contracted Mongolian VD. It’s very rare & almost unheard of here, we know very little about it. The man looks a little perplexed & says 'well, give me a shot or something to fix me up, doc.' The doctor answers 'I'm sorry there is no known cure were going to have to amputate.' The man screams in horror 'absolutely not, I want a second opinion.' The doctor replies 'Well ok, but it’s the only option.'

The next day the man goes to see a Chinese doctor, figuring out that he will know more about his condition. The Chinese doctor examines his penis& proclaims 'Ah, yes, Mongolian VD, vewy rare disease' The man says to the doctor 'yeah, yeah I know that but what can we do about it?' my american doctor wants to amputate.

The Chinese doctor shakes his head & laughs, 'stupid american docttah, always want to opawate, make more money that way, no need to amputate.' 'Oh, thank god' says the man.

'Yes' says the Chinese doctor, 'wait two weeks.....fawl off by self'

(from Tony)

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: **brian.burke2@btopenworld.com** or phone me – 01325 721669 (Answerphone on). Mobile 07517 605614.