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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2011**

What a lovely, sunny and dry month we've had – no excuse for not riding to work and all that. I'm putting on the miles on the R850R and have recently completed the 30,000 service. I wanted to go for a ride out on the 29<sup>th</sup> (that famous wedding day) but I was informed that we had guests for the day, and I'd better be around! Oh dear. So I did the unselfish thing and stayed in all day ... and the sun shone, and I bet the roads were quiet.

Those of you planning to go to the NEC this November please note that the list for Club member ONLY will close at the end of the July meeting. Thereafter the list will be open to non-members. Also note that the show is earlier this year than previous so as not to clash with the Milan and Paris shows. Dates are below.

**Committee Meeting**  
**Club Night**

Wednesday 4 May

Wednesday 13 April-Speaker on Financial matters.

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

May 2 to 7	Scottish 6-Day Trial
May 14/15	bmf East of England Show, Peterborough Showground
May 17 to 21	NW 200
May 30 to Jun 10	IOM TT
Jun 17 to 19	Farmyard Party
Jun 19	Barnsley Bike Fest
Jun 25/26	National Rally
Jul 3	Olivers Mount Race Festival
Jul 9/10	bmf KELSO Bikefest
Jul 10	Ridewell at Preston Park. Featuring the Swan Factory BSB team. 10am to 5pm.
Jul 20/21	Olivers Mount Hill Climb
Jul 23/24	Olivers Mount Races
Jul 24	Bikewise at Durham Police HQ.
Jul 29/30	Armoy Races, Ireland
Aug 5/6	Mid Antrim Road Race, Ireland
Aug 5 to 7	Yorkshire Pudding Rally
Aug 10 to 13	Ulster Grand Prix
Aug 11 to 14	Bulldog Bash, Shakespeare County Raceway, Long Marston Airfield
Sep 10/11	Tail End Rally, Newark Showground
Oct 7 to 9	Weston Beach Races, Weston-Super-Mare – well, near there!
Nov 19 to 27	Motorcycle Live, NEC Birmingham. The UK's premier two-wheel exhibition. <b>NB.NEC Coach: list open to non-members after July meeting</b>

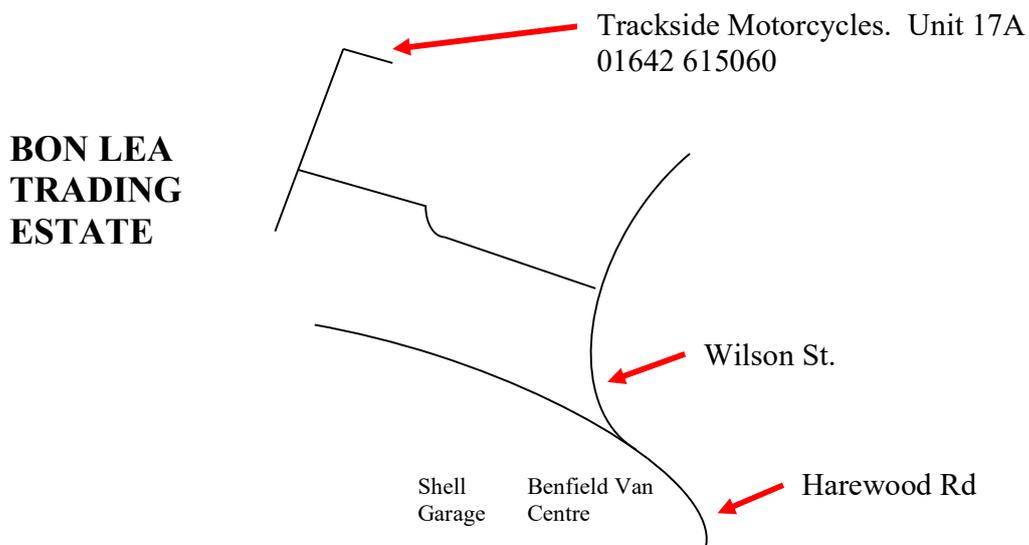
**The Club Website.** Visit the Club Website at [www.freewebs.com/yarmmcc/](http://www.freewebs.com/yarmmcc/). If you have stuff for sale or an event to promote then this is the place to put it for wide coverage. Send your material to Steve Watts on [swatts@ntlworld.com](mailto:swatts@ntlworld.com). 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](http://www.bmf.co.uk)

Table of Designated-Leader Rideouts. Just one slot left, so don't be shy. There may be some swapping of the order as various holidays etc are being planned.

<b>DESIGNATED LEADER RIDEOUTS 2011</b>		
DATE	LEADER	COMMENTS
May 15	Bob Arnett	North Yorkshire Moors to Goathland - Heartbeat country then Scarborough for chips n ice cream.
June 12	A Coverdale	
July 17	N Simpson	
August 14	B Burke	Westerdale/ Dale Head Farm Café near Rosedale /Helmsley, Stokesley, Home
September 18	B Taylor	
October 16		

**TRACKSIDE MOTORCYCLES.** Located in Thornaby on the Bon Lea Trading Estate, Trackside Motorcycles provides comprehensive servicing and MOT testing for your motorcycle, whatever the model. A full (and very comprehensive ) service for a 600cc machine costs £120, and for a 1000cc machine it would be £160. All materials used are top quality. Those of you who attended the April meeting will have heard Steven from Trackside give a talk on the Blood Runners that he and friends are setting up in the Cleveland area to serve the NHS, and of course us the public. Blood Runners has 2 VFR 800s, superbly prepared by the guys at Trackside, to transport needed supplies in a quick, efficient and conspicuous manner! It is a volunteer unit so any donations will be gratefully received. You can visit the website for Trackside at xxxxxxxxxx and the Blood Runners at [www.bloodrun.co.uk](http://www.bloodrun.co.uk). Go and visit Steven and Mick, who will service and test your bike, and make you very welcome. To find Trackside Motorcycles see map below.



## THE LIMA TO BUENOS AIRES RIDE

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Cafayate to Jesus Maria: 407 miles, 12,000 feet - Puke.**

Cafayate and the surrounding vineyards sit in a broad valley flanked by mountains, our early morning start saw us riding along the valley but then climbing once more as we headed west. The roads were variable: good in patches but with frequent sections where the surface was breaking up. This is no problem for the bike but can be a bit of a butt-clencher when cranked over in mid-corner. We photo-stopped at a viewing point of the valley and were joined by a family who recommended we should aim to spend the night at Jesus Maria.



We shared another photo-stop in the mountains where another llama, complete with ribbons was tethered. We were above the clouds but the bright sunshine kept the temperature pleasant enough for riding. As we passed over the mountain ridge the roads improved and were now on excellent roads and passing through an area where money was obviously not a problem. The road was flanked by houses that would not look out of place in Europe or the States. We stopped for coffee and cake in a resort area and took an interesting little detour around a lake where many people were fishing.

We started the decent from the mountains early afternoon, any descent from 10,000+ feet is always memorable and this one although not in the epic proportions of the Devil's Backbone in Mexico, was never less than interesting. The many hairpins and short straights were mainly tree lined but breaks in the foliage provided snapshot views of the valleys and surrounding mountains.

As stated before, motorbikes are not that high up the food-chain and we were pressured into giving way by one particularly aggressive pick-up driver complete with his young family passengers and snarling dog tethered in the back. He forced his way past the generally disciplined line of traffic and we soon lost sight of him in a flurry of red lights as he barged his way through – the king (prick) of the mountain? Am pleased to report he received his due deserts when we passed him parked by the side of the road with his wife cleaning puke from the child/cab interior.

Argentina is the world's 7<sup>th</sup> largest country and we were now riding on the massive plateau which stretches from the Andes to the Atlantic, with the road passing through grassland pampas and salt-flats. The wind picked up making riding and particularly overtaking a bit of a challenge. Fuel became a problem, at one point both Andy and me were down to single figures on our computers when we fortunately hit a town with a couple of fuel stations. The road kill count was also more interesting now we were out of the mountains, both Max and myself had bird strikes and all our visors were fly and bug-splattered.

We reached Jesus Maria late afternoon, checked into the excellent Hotel Napoleon, cleaned up and were soon out exploring. We found a bar that served ice cool beer and an outside table from which we could watch the world go by plus tomorrow was a Rest and Repair day – bliss! It was a national holiday so the streets were full of folk out for a stroll. We stumbled into an outside concert where the sound system and stage were far too grand for the band who were absolutely murdering a song. Te crowd didn't seem to mind but we didn't hang around but made our way back to the hotel and bed.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Jesus Maria – More Meat.** We had a late rise and had breakfast at the café / bar from last night. It was a real country town with lots of pick-up trucks on the road everything from old American trucks from the 50's and 60's through to the latest Japanese kit. Also lots of small Fiat 500's evident. We reckon that Fiat must have sold the production line to Argentina, similar to VW selling the Beetle production line to Brazil. Maybe Brazil got the better deal! We found a place that would wash the bikes and once cleaned we carried out a few running repairs, then sorted out kit, laundry, with haircuts and shaves for Any and myself.

We were recommended a restaurant by the hotel receptionist but as usual we were just about first in and had to wait while they stoked up the ovens. The three of us were still finding it difficult to eat a big meal after 8 or 9 pm but the locals were still coming in with their children as we were leaving.  
Next Month: **Jesus Maria to St Nicholas: 308 miles – A wet pilgrimage.**

Regards, Geoff Sadler



**FOR SALE**  
**TRIUMPH BONNEVILLE SE 2010,**  
**BLUE/WHITE £5,500 ONO**  
537 dry miles, fitted with  
alarm/immobiliser, longhaul screen,  
centre stand, rack, heated grips, (knee  
grips, fork gaitors & hand guards)  
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**Pffft Goes a Battery.** During December and part of January I left my battery on charge as I was going nowhere on the bike with all the ice and snow around. On the first clear morning, some 5 or six weeks after putting the battery under the care of one of those ‘intelligent chargers’ I was all booted and spurred ready for the off. I disconnected the battery charger and wheeled the bike out of the garage. A stab on the starter button and the battery wheezed its last breath then totally died! Oh dear. Just as well I had the car to get to work. So what happened? The battery was new; it had only been on the bike some 3 months. A bit of research revealed that the so called ‘intelligent chargers’ can accelerate the demise of a battery as they constantly charge and discharge the battery so as to measure its capacity to hold a charge. I would add that this is the second battery I have ‘terminated’ with one of these chargers; I trashed the battery on my Kawasaki the same way. The moral of the story is to use these chargers with caution; a week or two is ok, but much longer and you may be disappointed. With the BMW R850R changing the battery is hardly a 5 minute job as the oil coolers have to be dismantled and the fuel tank removed. Needless to say I am fairly slick at doing this job now!

**ITV4 Features Bikes.** I mentioned in a previous newsletter that ITV4 is to feature a lot of coverage of the IOM TT. I noticed the other day that ITV4 is also showing BSB and I managed to record the first outing at Brands Hatch. I also note that Neil Morrissey of Men Behaving Badly is going to be fronting ITV4s coverage, having got involved in track days. Let’s hope he does a good job.

## FOR SALE



Kawasaki VN 900 Classic. Bike is 8 months old with only 435 mileage. Fitted with sissy bar. Bike has been garaged since new.  
**Price £4500.** Please Contact Sara at: [sara\\_vodka@yahoo.com](mailto:sara_vodka@yahoo.com)

## FOR SALE



**A Harley Soft tail style bike. It cost a about £17K to build but would accept £10K. It's done less than 400 miles in 3 years which is the main reason I am selling it.**

### Some Specs:

21" X 90 spoked front wheel and 18" X 200 spoked rear wheel  
110" chromed Revtech engine. This means approx 115 BHP and 120 ft/lbs of torque!!!  
6 speed chromed Revtech gearbox  
3" BDL open primary with outboard bearing support kit. GMA polished aluminium front brake and clutch assemblies and micro switchgear.

Polished aluminium forward controls. Dakota digital speedometer. Supertrapp tuneable exhausts. Custom paintwork..... The list goes on.

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## CLIVE'S STORY- FROM DREAM TO NIGHTMARE

### **Part 10 – Therouldeville Revisited (the final part of the current saga)**

Everybody did their own thing on the way to Therouldeville so the usual noisy convoy of classic machines was missing from the coast road. MBCMC members arrived in ones and twos at the Chateau des Pauvres where the club was staying for the Therouldeville weekend. Dick and Dipper had diverted to an engineering in Fecamp to get a few ideas for the business and Sandy and Sal had headed for their favourite restaurant.

Granville had visited a war graves cemetery to cheer himself up after almost rebuilding his BSA Plonker on the Ferry. No matter how careful he had been large areas of dried mud had been dislodged and he thought the shiny red bike looked awful. Lyle and Lynn Flood-Gates had taken a wrong turn on the coast road and ended up in a haystack. Lynn wasn't that upset as she said it reminded her of the early days with Lyle and later it had turned out to be where they met.

Alfie Meades had stopped for a beer or two and been rather taken by the 50 year old waitress. Alfie's favourite saying about women was that under 16 they were protected by law and over 80 they were protected by nature and in between they were fair game. Jerry Barrel had stopped with Alfie to ensure his blood sugar level wasn't falling and enjoyed the plat de jour, twice. "Look at those knockers" said Alfie with the romantic sensitivity of a bull preparing to rut. "She looks old enough to be your mother" said Jerry between mouthfuls of plat de jour. "I couldn't put my finger on what the attraction was until now" said Alfie "you're a bit of an amateur trick-cyclist Jerry". But Jerry had discovered the chocolate mousse and missed the complement completely.

Clive and Maria had decided to ride straight to the Chateau and get a good room before everyone else arrived. Clive knew from previous experience that coming late could see them having to share with someone like Granville who took great exception to other people having sex when he wasn't, which was most of the time.

Clive had explained to Maria that they would probably have to share a room to ensure there were enough beds to go round. They found one narrow room with a small double bed squeezed into it. "What do you think" said Clive to Maria. "I shall be very comfortable in dis room Clive" said Maria. "Err well it's actually for both of us" said Clive. "But where will you sleep", said Maria with a mischievous look in her eye. "Well" said Clive, "in England it's normal for friends to share on a club weekend like this. "Oh well Clive I jus' have to take your word for eet" replied Maria, secretly delighted at the sleeping arrangements.

Banger had arrived late as his chain had broken in the middle of an intersection with a route nationale. He was furious as he had only bought it in 1989. The traffic had built up as Banger struggled to free the locked up rear wheel. A gendarme on a moped had tried to help Banger get the bike off the road. Unfortunately a truck driver had only seen them at the last minute, swerved and run over the gendarme's moped. Banger had offered to help the gendarme fix his bike but after a good look at Banger's machine he had politely declined.

Next morning everyone gathered for breakfast, excited at the prospects for the day. The Therouldeville Festival ran a Classic Ballade (bike run) every year now and it was becoming very popular. Dick Downham had tried to help Banger, whose chain now had four open links in it, with low key advice on how having teeth on the rear sprocket makes for a smoother ride. Banger as usual was impervious to any engineering common sense.

THE END (so far)

**Chris Hamlin**

THE END GAME. Last night I mixed up my liquid Viagra with Tippex. I woke up this morning with a huge correction!

Paddy's dad has died and he is crying his eyes out. He stops, then 5 minutes later he is crying even louder. Mick asks him "What's the matter now Paddy?" Paddy replies "Me sister rung me and she tells me her Dad has died too!"

Mr. Tickle was really excited at the prospect of marrying his girlfriend. Tess however, was not too sure about her new name.

A builder walks up to a girl in a .ar and tells her he has an 8 inch willie and that he could ride her all night long. She takes him home and the next morning she wakes up and says "You told me you had an 8 inch willie and that you could ride me all night long! Well, it was only 4 inches and you didn't last more than 5 minutes!" The builder replies " Well yeah, I am a builder and it was just an estimate."

Why is sex like a game of bridge? You don't need a partner if you have a good hand.

A woman goes into a chemists shop to enquire about Viagra. "Can you get it over the counter?" she asks the pharmacist. "Certainly can if I take two" he replied.

A wife went on holiday to Spain by herself. After a week she phoned her husband and said "I'm feeling a new woman, mind if I stay another week?" "So am I" replied the husband. "Stay as long as you like."

**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.