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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011**

Another sunny, dry month until the Bank Holiday at the end. Never mind, we've had some good riding days. Thanks to Bob Arnett for leading the first Leader Rideout. It was nice to see Goathland again and also have a bit of a blast round Oliver's Mount circuit at Scarborough. I forgot that the public also used the road so it was a bit of a surprise to meet a 4x4 at the hairpin after the Starting Grid! At least I got to try out the grip of the Michelins! How anybody can race round there at high speeds I'll never know. Total respect for those that do.

There has been mixed news for biking over the past couple of weeks – the Test has been revised; the French are being awkward and the police are using sneaky tactics. More on these further 'down the log. National Ride To Work Day is on June 20 (Monday).

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

Wednesday 6 July  
Wednesday 8 June.

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

May 30 to Jun 10	IOM TT
Jun 17 to 19	Farmyard Party
Jun 19	Barnsley Bike Fest
<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>National Ride to Work Day</b>
Jun 25/26	National Rally
Jul 3	Olivers Mount Race Festival
Jul 9/10	bmf KELSO Bikefest
<b>Jul 8 to 10</b>	<b>VMCC Festival of 1000 bikes. Mallory Park. Meet Kenny Roberts and Agostini.</b>
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 UKs premier two-wheel exhibition.

**NB.NEC Coach: list open to non-members after July meeting**

**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
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		

**Motorcycle Test Change.** As of now the test has changed following pressure from many interested groups, not least the trainers whose riders were injured during the 'swerve and stop' element. From now on the rider does not have to reach a minimum of 31mph (50kph) for the swerve and emergency stop. The target speed is still 31mph but a 5% error is allowed, which means you can go at 29.45mph and not fail. Further more, the emergency stop can be completed following a 'loop-around' rather than immediately after the swerve. Other changes involve grouping all the slow manoeuvres together in the first part, so that if a rider passes this stage they can go on to the faster elements. Common sense seems to have at last prevailed. Now, who is going to sue the DSA for the initial screwup and for all the injuries? What about the £millions spent on building new test centres to accommodate the 31mph element? Hanging is too good for 'em.

**Police Join Rideouts.** In order to catch naughty behaviour on the roads the police (in disguise) have started tagging on to the tail of rideouts. There have been several reports of this happening 'down South' but I wonder how long it will be before other police forces catch on. It's going to happen when you are on a roll so keep your eyes peeled, especially the tail-ender. Flash your lights and try and get the convoy to stop when it is safe to do so. Go to the police-person and give them the spiel from Paragraph 17 of the Club Constitution. Ask them if their bike is legal and if they intend to ride within the constraints of the law (that will make them smile I'm sure!). Maybe they will buy a round of coffees/teas at the next stop? Just be careful out there. You have been warned.

**Can You Love the French?** French motorcyclists are outraged at new laws being introduced later this year (by September latest). Compulsory hi-vis jackets/vests for riders of bikes over 125cc; retraining if not ridden for 5 years; jail for exceeding the speed limit by 50kph, and heavy fines for having a GPS or mobile phone that indicates where speed cameras are! All I can say is that the law in France is being managed by a load of 'pajeros' (it's Spanish for wankers). By the way, if you have a certain Mitsubishi 4x4 you may wish to change the name!

**Insurance for Carrying a Pillion Getting Tricky.** It would seem that insurance companies are doing what they do best, screw you over for something that you have to have. The latest spate of 'covering their backsides' has been promoted by Aviva, who will not insure you if you intend to carry a pillion on certain sports or high-performance bikes. It's a bit of a problem if you had a sports bike and your best mate has broken down and needs a lift. Could this be the thin edge of another wedge?

**Pirelli Cashback.** This summer Pirelli are giving £25 Cashback for every set of Diablo Rosso Corsa or Rosso II tyres purchased. Download the voucher from: [www.pirellimoto.co.uk](http://www.pirellimoto.co.uk) and return it with proof of purchase to the address on the website.

### **THE LIMA TO BUENOS AIRES RIDE**

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Jesus Maria to St Nicholas: 308 miles – A wet pilgrimage.**

My hotel room was on the top floor and provided an excellent view over the town and surrounding countryside. The view this morning was not particularly appealing, dark clouds and the occasional flash of lightning filled the sky – it was going to be a wet one. Our early rise saw us in the hotel kitchen making our own coffee, the normal Argentinean hotel dried bread/toast/jam offering is never very appealing but we forced down a few mouthfuls before wet-suiting up. My offer of Rainex for the visors was declined by Andy and Max. With perfect timing, the first song on my ipod was Annie Lennox singing Here comes the rain again – I kid you not! Fortunately the rain was patchy but then grew progressively heavier as the day wore on. We were on the autopista so the traffic was fairly light. One of the good things about the autopista is that motorbikes are toll-free, one of the bad things is the total lack of fuel and amenities. Our first fuel stop saw us exiting the autopista, finding and taking over 3 or 4 tables in a greasy spoon restaurant drying out our sodden kit. The truck drivers took little interest in us as they were watching TV and the Chilean miners being hauled out from down below. A belly full of burger and a tank full fuel and we were back on the road. As was the case in Central America the locals do not get the message that fast driving on worn tyres in heavy rain results in aquaplaning. We rode past more than one or two recent examples, with the hope that nobody was badly injured.

We passed one particularly unappealing shanty town on the outskirts of a city called Rosario, Andy saw a small child come out of one of the shacks, take a poo and then go back inside. As always, it's so disappointing to see kids not given a reasonable chance in life. What life has in store for this little girl I shudder to think.

We reached St Nicholas and picked our way through the outskirts. The heavy rain had relented but the roads and we were still wet. We found a good hotel with secure, covered parking and were soon in our rooms trying to dry off our kit. Andy and Max went hunting for a needle and thread to repair a bungee strap while I went looking for a physio to loosen my vertebrae which had seized in all the rain. We were supposed to meet later in a bar and then go onto a restaurant (Jimmy) Savilles but after checking out the bars around the town square and the restaurant in now driving rain I couldn't find them so ended up on my own for the evening. I bought some excellent savories from a small bakery, the Argentinean pies, pasties and quiches are absolutely superb certainly amongst the best I have tasted. I munched two down before reaching the hotel. Andy and Max had a few beers and another meat fest, this time a genuine Argentinean steak. We all were soaked for our troubles.

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St Nicholas to Buenos Aires 180 Miles - Garmined .**

The ride from San Nicolas De Los Arroyos to give it its full title to Buenos Aires was damp but autopista all the way. We arrived late morning, and found ourselves on an interesting around city ring-road in fast, aggressive traffic. Our first destination was the freight forwarder to drop off my bike, I was trying to keep the fuel in my tank to minimum but bottled out when I saw single figures on the bike computer in the traffic crush of downtown Buenos Aires. I ducked out of the traffic for a fuel stop. We were "garmined" (lost), so stopped for directions at a car wash and ended up flagging down a taxi and following it back out to the outskirts to a private house from where my bike would be taken to join Andy and Max's bikes on their return from Tierra del Fuego. We quickly removed the horn, battery and Autocom unit and transferred them onto the other bikes.

The lady of the house Christina and her three children were more than welcoming and made us feel very much at home. We sampled "copa de mate" served in a wooden cup with silver edges and sipped through a

silver spoon like item that serves as a combined sieve and straw. The “copa de mate” brew is a mashed tea that is topped up with hot water and sugar. Andy reckons they suck the brew morning, noon and night. Not my favourite cup of tea but glad we tried it. We said goodbye to Christina, the kids and my bike and headed back into the city and the Sheraton Hotel. I’ll let Andy take up the story. ”Checking in gave us the first financial shock of the day. The rates were high and quoted in US dollars, so we checked in for one night and I set-to finding another more reasonable hotel. All hotels on our trip so far provided free WiFi and water, the Sheraton charged for both. Even the male receptionist looked down his nose at us. We ate at a nice Thai restaurant which we found by accident following Geoff to find the hotel he last stayed in, the “Esplendor”. We also found we were across the street from the Sheraton and had taken a 15 minute taxi ride to get there!!”

**Next Month – Buenos Aries – Don’t cry for me.**

Regards, Geoff Sadler



**FOR SALE**  
**TRIUMPH BONNEVILLE SE 2010,**  
**BLUE/WHITE £5,250 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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Garaged, balance of Triumph  
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**Where is my Damn Clutch!!** I have one outstanding job to do after completing the 30,000 mile service on the R850R, and that is to put fresh fluid in the clutch system. Unfortunately I cannot find the clutch slave cylinder! OK, I think I can see it, but if anyone can confirm its location I’d be grateful. I believe it is at the back of the engine, hidden by the swing-arm and the exhaust system. I can just see part of a cylindrical object just above the catalytic converter. I can’t see a bleed nipple, and the Haynes Workshop Manual has no pictures. I have sent away for a Clymer Manual but there are now problems with delivery. I don’t want to rip off the exhaust to find there is another/better way of getting to it! In the mean time I shall try and track down an official BMW Workshop Manual.

**ITV4 Features Bikes.** Don’t forget, the programme will be featuring lots of bike programmes this summer. The IOM TT will be on several times during its 2-week run.

**Biker Friendly Café at Bellerby.** A biker-friendly café (the Manor Café) has opened in the village of Bellerby (just north of Leyburn on the Richmond road). The Manor Café is a purpose-built bikers’ café with lots of parking space. Times of operation are: Mon –Fri 10am to 4pm with Late Night opening Thursday to 8.30pm; Sat 9am to 6pm; Sun 9am to 5pm; and Bank Holiday w/ends (Sat/Sun/Mon) – 9am to 6pm. More info on [www.manor-cafe.co.uk](http://www.manor-cafe.co.uk)

## 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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**THE END GAME.** Two Irish nuns have just arrived in USA by boat. One says to the other, "I hear that the people of this country actually eat dogs." "Odd," her companion replies, "but if we shall live in America, we might as well do as the Americans do." As they sit, they hear a push cart vendor yell "Get your dog's here" and they both walk towards the hot dog cart. "Two dogs, please!" says one. The vendor is very pleased to oblige, wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over. Excited, the nuns hurry to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs'. The mother superior is first to open hers. She begins to blush and then, staring at it for a moment, leans to the other Nun and whispers cautiously. "What part did you get"?

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning. Can you believe that, 2:30am! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Baggpipes.

I sat on the train this morning opposite a stunning Thai girl. I kept thinking to myself, please don't get an erection, please don't get an erection... but she did.

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, but I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Strewth, talk about Dyson with death.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." "Sod that" says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind."

Man calls 999 and says "I think my wife is dead" The operator says "What makes you think that?" He says "The sex is the same but the ironing is building up!"

I was in bed with a blind girl last night and she said that I had the biggest penis she had ever laid her hands on. I said "You're pulling my leg"

I've just had a letter back from Screwfix. They regretted to inform me that they're not actually a dating agency.

A man walks into a welsh pub and orders a white wine spritzer. The bar goes silent as everyone stares at him..."Where are you from? You sound English". "I'm from across the Severn," replies the man nervously. "What do you do across the Severn?" asks the barman. "I'm a taxidermist." "What on earth is one of those?" "I mount animals." "It's alright boys," shouts the barman "he's one of us."

Spent £40 on eBay last week for a penis enlarger. I've just opened it and some bastard's sent me a magnifying glass!

I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice! At least I presume she was poor - she only had £1.20 in her purse.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet. What's the difference between Iron Man and Iron Woman? One's a superhero and the other is an instruction.

An old lady is being examined by her Doctor. He asks, "Have you ever been bedridden?" She says, "Yes I have and I've been table-ended and backscuttled a few times too".

Went for my routine check up today and everything seemed to be going fine until he stuck his index finger up my bottom! Do you think I should change dentists?

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said "I would like to come back as a cow". I said, "You're obviously not listening".

Doctors have just identified a food that can cause grief and suffering years after it's been eaten. It's called wedding cake.

I was in the pub with my wife last night and I said, "I love you". She said, "Is that you or the beer talking?" I replied, "It's me talking to the beer".

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I've been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

My mate found out last night that he is both gay and dyslexic. He's still in daniel.

Hi, I don't want you to panic but I'm texting you from the casualty department. Turns out the new Dyson Ball cleaner isn't what I thought it was.

**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 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.



**Application for an Observed Ride at Ridewell 2011**

**Name :** .....

**Address :** .....

**Postcode :** .....

**Contact telephone number :** .....

**E mail Address :** .....

**Category of Licence Held (please tick) Full Provisional**

**Make and type of motorcycle :** .....

**Registration Number :** .....

**Preferred time AM /PM**

**Please read the following :**

I understand that I will be accompanied and assessed by an Advanced Police Motorcyclist on an observed ride lasting approx 1 hour.

These rides are subject to availability and the organisers reserve the right to cancel or terminate your ride. Your preferred time cannot be guaranteed but every effort will be made to accommodate your request, your start time will be confirmed by post

On the day you should bring with you your drivers licence, insurance certificate and CBT certificate if applicable

You should also wear suitable protective clothing.

Prizes will be awarded at a later date for the best riders on the day in both Categories.

**I Understand that personal information relating to my entry will be kept on a computer database purely for administration purposes relating to the Annual Ridewell Event.**

**Signed.....**

**When you have completed this form please send to the below address.**

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