



Cleveland Bay, Yarm. Second Wednesday of the month

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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011**

Hello all and welcome to the August edition. It's been a 'funny summer' with regards to the weather. Do I not remember someone writing in the national press that it was going to be a real humdinger; on a par with 1976. Well so far it has been very hit and miss. At the Kelso Bikefest (same weekend as Ridewell) I was helping organise bike parking on the Saturday afternoon when a tropical storm hit. Being in the wide open spaces, I was soaked through in seconds, and it rained for the remainder of the day. It eventually stopped at about 8:30pm. By then the Scottish Golf Open had been completely washed away and the beer tent at Kelso was pretty muddy. Still, everyone there was in good spirits, the drink flowed and there was an awesome rock band playing for the night. Fortunately Sunday was dry and the crowds flocked in. It only rained after I set off in the evening for home! The following weekend at Oulton Park was something else! That's another story!

See reports below, courtesy of John and Dot Angus, on the Glenridding camping weekend and the Ridewell event. NB Zoe's Place Santa Ride on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> with back up date 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 7 September

**Club Night**

Wednesday 10 August

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

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.  
**NB.NEC Coach: the list is now open to non-members.**  
Dec 3 **Zoe's Place Santa Ride. Details to follow. Standby day is 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
Dec 27 **Christmas Party at the Cleveland Bay**

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Jan 7/8 2012 **Classic Bike Guide Winter Show, Newark County Showground**  
May 12/13 **The Great Scottish Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre**  
Dec 1/2 **The Scottish Dirt Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre**

**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.** Why not join the BMF as an individual member and save yourself and the Club money? In order to strengthen the membership base of the BMF and thus give it more clout in working for riders' rights, the Club Member Conversion Scheme has been introduced. As an Affiliate Member of the BMF through the club, you can convert to Full Membership at a £5 reduction in the normal fee AND make a further £5 for the Club. The joining fee will be £21, reduced from £26, and the club will receive a payback of £5 for every member recruited. The payback to the club will be in the form of a credit note to be cashed in exchange for part of their affiliation fee for the forthcoming year. Speak to the Club Secretary for details and Application forms.

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
August 14	B Burke	Westerdale/ Dale Head Farm Café near Rosedale /Helmsley, Stokesley, Home
September 18	B Taylor	
October 16	J Angus	

### **The Lake District – Glenridding – Club Outing April 2011**

A BIG THANK YOU to Brian Taylor, our Chairman, for organising the wonderful camping trip. We all stayed at Glenridding – half of the team stayed in the bunkhouse and the other half camped. Seven club members set off from Jennings at 12 noon and travelled to the Lake District. The other five joined us in the Lakes later. After unpacking, three of the members set off for a ride to Martindale – plenty of tight hairpins to keep everyone alert – and then to the small church with the large yew tree. On Friday evening we all met at the bunkhouse and headed to the local pub for a good meal and drink. Bill held the 'kitty' and did a very good job in ensuring all got equal shares. Half of the team left at a reasonable time and the rest stayed for a good 'fill up'. Sleeping in the bunkhouse was very warm, cosy and quiet and felt at times as though you were in the dog house. Camping outside was very cold. The campsite owners organised breakfast for the whole site. For the Saturday night Brian organised the food with the owners for our party of twelve. In the meantime the Saturday ride out was to Kirkstone Pass, Ambleside, Dungeon Gill, Wrynose Pass and Hardknott Pass onto Ravenglass Railway Station where we had lunch. After lunch to Calder Bridge, Lamplugh, Buttermere with a stop for tea. Afterwards we went to Honister Pass, Keswick, Troutbeck, Dockray and then back to Glenridding campsite. Our day ended with a barbecue and plenty to drink. Chefs of the day were Brian and Bill. No washing up either – all in the bin! Saturday night camping was in the tents and again it was very cold (next time take a dog to cuddle! – Ed). On Sunday morning it was time to leave Glenridding. Half of the group went straight home and the remainder went via Martindale.

Well done Brian for organising an enjoyable weekend for our Club Members.

John & Dot Angus

### **RIDEWELL AT PRESTON PARK 2011**

On Saturday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> July, several YMC members turned out to prepare the site for Sunday's event. The main tent and gazebo were erected along with the boundary fence and club banners.

Sunday morning bright and early members arrived to set the scene. Half a dozen bikes were on show. Jean, Pat and Dot organised the food and drink – hot dogs and onions attracted the passing crowds, who also enjoyed the savouries and cakes donated by club members.

An elderly gentleman parked his old RAF BSA motorbike alongside our tent, brought his own chair and was quite happy to talk to all bike enthusiasts about his pride and joy.

Other attractions at the show were the Imps Motorcycle Display Team who put on a great entertaining show consisting of riders aged from 5 to 15 years.

On the day weather was good with only two light showers. Crowd seemed to be down on previous years. At the end of a good day many members remained to dismantle the tents etc. Many thanks to Harry and Les for providing and transporting catering facilities, and to all members who helped on both days.

John & Dot Angus

### THE LIMA TO BUENOS AIRES RIDE

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Buenos Aires – Tangoed.**



We were taken on a tour of Buenos Aires by Sam Fenton an American work colleague of a Cairo based friend of Andy. Sam brought his young daughter Mimi who kept us all busily entertained. As Sam had been resident in BA for three years he knew his way around all the main tourist areas.

The Boca dock area is particularly impressive; a fascinating place that still retains its working class ideals despite catering to the tourist trade. Boca is the birth place of the tango and the Boca Junior football team. The Boca inhabitants are mainly Italian origin and call themselves the Portanistas. Their original houses were built from corrugated sheeting and brightly decorated with paint taken

from the many ships that used the docks. There are still many examples standing, most of which have been converted to shops, bars and restaurants to cater for the tourist trade.



We visited Eva Peron's final resting place in her family's tomb in a bizarre graveyard where many of the coffins are on display inside the small mausoleums or lowered into a chamber directly below. Apparently if the family can no longer afford the rent, all the coffins are removed, interred in a conventional graveyard and plot passes on to the next family on the waiting list.

We had a relaxing lunch in a pavement café and walked back to the car past a massive Banyan tree. This was followed by a boat ride around the islands of the River Plate delta where the Buenos Aires well-off have second homes. There are no roads but the area is served by water-taxis and buses. We saw many boats from expensive cruisers to

small rowing boats and lots of jet skis, as much of a social blight here as elsewhere. Sam reckons 30,000 USD buys quite a reasonable property. However the area is prone to flooding.

We returned to the city where we had a buffet style dinner in another meat-house and then back to the hotel where I showered, changed, grabbed my bags, said a fond farewell and was off to the airport for another fun-filled 18 hour flight back to Qatar, Jenny and work! Filling out the Immigration exit form I remembered to write British instead of Scotch!

Regards, Geoff Sadler

(That is the last instalment on the Lima to Buenos Aires Ride. Thank you Geoff for an interesting and educational story)



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### **MOT Reminder by Text Message**

You can register for a Text Message Reminder of when your MOT is due. If you do subscribe for the MOT text reminder service, you will still be responsible for ensuring your vehicle has its MOT test by the due date. You can register via the DVLA website or go directly to the VOSA website.

To benefit from the MOT text reminder service you will need to register your details with VOSA. Once registered, three text reminders will be sent to your mobile phone to remind you of your MOT date.

They will be sent: five weeks before; two weeks before and the day before.

The text message reminders will include the vehicle registration number and MOT due date.

To use this service there is a one-off charge of £1.50 (including VAT). This charge will be collected through your mobile phone network provider once your registration has been accepted.

If you do subscribe for the MOT text reminder service, you will still be responsible for ensuring your vehicle has its MOT test by the due date. This is regardless of whether you receive the MOT reminder texts.

### **What you will need to use this service**

To use this service you will need a: UK registered mobile phone; UK registered vehicle; the vehicle's latest MOT test number, and to be able to incur charges on the mobile phone or have the bill payer's permission.

This is the only picture we got at Oulton Park for the BSB round. We enjoyed the Saturday evening, successfully demolishing all the wine and beer so as not to take it home. (Most of it disappeared down the loo later on although Tony as usual found somewhere different!!) This shot of Tony has the moon in the background to make it a more classy shot. He has probably put many people off drinking. This means more for Tony, Roy and me! Hurrah! Sunday was the most sh\*t\* day ever! The end



**French Bikers Go Bonkers in the Cities.** As is the way with our fellow bikers in France, they turned out en-masse to protest against legislation aimed at motorcyclists. The protest was against proposed new measures such as mandatory wearing of high-visibility vests, banning filtering, removing warning signs for speed traps, banning bikes over seven year old from entering cities plus compulsory additional training for all returning bikers who have not ridden in five years. To see a video of the protest go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature...&v=EFP35DIPJJs>

**THE END GAME.** The English teacher asked the class to think of a sentence where the ‘d’ word ‘dough/sounds like dough’ is used. Very soon Mary put her hand up and when prompted said, “The Italian cook made a pizza out of dough”. “Very good” said the teacher. Martin put his hand up and said, “My little brother made a dinosaur out of play-dough.” Johnny put his hand up next and the teacher asked what he had to say. “My mum says that dad is so crap in bed that she has to use a dildo.” So that was the end of the lesson!

The next day the teacher asked the students to tell her about what their parents do for a living. “My dad’s a builder, Miss,” says Carol. “Very good Carol. Your turn Stephen.” “My mum is an airline stewardess,” he replies proudly. “Well, that’s an exciting job, travelling all over the world.” She notices Jake sitting very quietly at the back of the class. “Come on Jake, tell everyone what your father does.” Well Miss, he eats light bulbs,” says Jake rather hesitantly. “Light bulbs! What makes you think that?” “Well last night when I went past my parent’s bedroom I heard Dad say, “Hurry up and turn the light off and I’ll eat it.”

A student picked up his date; he’d scraped together every penny he had to take her to a fancy restaurant. To his dismay she ordered everything that was the most expensive on the menu – appetisers, lobster, champagne – all went on the bill. Finally he asked her, “Does your mother feed you like this at home?” “Why no,” she said, “but my mother’s not looking to get laid.”

The lawyer looked at his client and said, “I’ve got good news and bad news. Your wife has found a picture worth £1 million.” “Well, that’s amazing!” exclaimed the client, “but what is the bad news?” “It’s a picture of you and your secretary.”

Man walks into library and asks the assistant if they had the book “Psycho the Rapist?” “You dumb ass” she replied. “It’s ‘Psychotherapist’ you want!”

My missus rang me earlier and asked me “Where the hell are you?” I replied, “You know that jewellers where we saw those diamond earrings you really liked?” “Yes” she said in a much softer voice. “Well, I’m in the pub opposite.”

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