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CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2012

Winter is here for sure. Clocks have gone back and it's dark and cold, especially riding home after work. I had to cancel going to a meeting the other weekend. I was going on a 400 mile round trip, which I don't mind, but had to cancel because of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. My left hand was completely paralysed when I got up the previous morning and couldn't get it to 'work' until mid-afternoon! I must admit I was glad to have been advised against travelling by my doc after he had pumped a load of steroids into my wrist the night before I was due to go on the trip. In the morning I saw the 2deg C on the gauge and snow flurries dancing round the garden; I was happy to be staying indoors. What started the CTS? May be the 500 miles I did on the bike the previous weekend plus 3 days of solid typing at work afterwards to meet a deadline caused the problem? It could be something any one of us could suffer from. I use my bike every day when practicable. Hopefully the injection will sort the problem out long term; it would be a disaster if it happened every time I went for a ride, cut the hedge, write a letter or type on the laptop like now! Aaaaaarrrrggh!

Put the 6th January in your diary/smart phone calendar. It's Christmas/New Year Party Time at Yarm 85. Speak to Harry about details at the next meeting.

The MotoGP calendar is coming together. There have been a couple of changes; there is a new circuit in San Antonio, Texas – Circuit de Americas. Venue for 14th April has yet to be sorted. I'll publish the BSB and WSB dates as soon as I get the information.

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

NOV 29 **NEC Coach Trip. Bus full.**
Dec 1/2 The Scottish Dirt Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre
Dec 8 Zoe's Place Santa Ride. Reserve day 15th Dec.

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6 Jan **Christmas/New Year Party at Yarm 85.**
9 Jan **AGM, Cleveland Bay**
15-17 Feb **London Motorcycle Show, Excel Arena**
17-19 May **BMF May Show, Peterborough Arena**
5-7 Jul **BMF Kelso Bikefest, Borders Union Showground**
5-7 Jul **Goodwood Festival of Speed**
13-15 Sep **BMF Tailend, Peterborough Arena**
13-15 Sep **Goodwood Revival**

The Club Website. Currently out of commission. Future to be determined.

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

Yarm MC Members especially Welcome

See Steve and crew at:

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Proposed MOTOGP 2013 Dates (Changes in Bold)

31 March – Qatar* Doha/Losail

05 May – Spain(STC), Jerez

16 June – Catalunya, Catalunya

21 July – Laguna Seca**

01 September – Silverstone

13 October – Sepang

10 November – Valencia

* Evening Race

** Saturday Race

*** Only MotoGP class

STC (Subject to the Contract)

14 April – TBC TBC

19 May – France, Le Mans

29 June – Assen**

18 August – Indianapolis***

15 September – Misano

20 October – Phillip Island

21 April – Americas, Austin, TX

2 June – Italy, Mugello

7 July – Germany, Sachsenring

25 August – Brno

29 September – Aragón

27 October – Motegi

NEC Show 2012. Lots of things to see and do at the NEC this year. There will be 23 motorcycle manufacturers and 8 Action Zones to keep you interested, as well as dozens of trade stands and fizzy (expensive) beer! There will be a Classic Zone covering the history of the motorcycle in the city of Coventry. Custom bike fans can get a fix at the Custom Xtreme zone; there will be something for everyone. If you are a senior citizen (that's about 94% of the membership!) you can save a packet by buying your ticket at the gate.

AGM. If you wish to change any part of the club constitution please be sure to submit your proposal at least 30 days before the meeting – i.e. 10 December 2012. Furthermore, please let the committee know if you wish to take on the role of Treasurer. Harry is standing down at the AGM after several years of sterling service. Fame and glory (and who knows, maybe a holiday in Hawaii) could be yours!

FOR SALE

Aprilia 125cc. 2009 fully restricted 34bhp. 3 owners. 4000 miles. £2150.00.
Contact Club Member Tony Petrie on 07983556772

The BMF AGM. The AGM was held at the Unwanted MCC clubhouse in Burton on Trent on 13 October. Yours truly attended as the only representative from our club. As an 'ex-Councillor, I was due to attend anyway. I say 'ex-Councillor' as I was 'moved' from that post to be the Deputy Chairman of Region 2. So, what was the main message from the BMF? After a number of briefings and presentations by various members of the Management Team it became apparent that the BMF financial situation has stabilised and matters are now looking much better. The Government Representative, Chris Hodder, has been busy lobbying the UK and EU governments on the Type Approval proposals currently undergoing review. Apart from changes to the driving licence next year the proposed changes are mainly concerned with mandatory ABS on bikes above 125cc and the introduction On Board Diagnostics. Otherwise there is nothing much to worry about. It will still be possible to modify your bike with road legal parts. Racing bikes will be allowed to continue adding specialist parts. In any case, nothing has yet been set in concrete. The MOT will be replaced by the Road Worthiness Test in 2016. This test will include emission checks, brake fluid integrity and noise measurements.

In the latest MCN (31 Oct) it was reported that several countries are strongly against introducing the new Road Worthiness Test. There is insufficient evidence to show that mechanical failure is the cause of accidents in any noteworthy numbers. In this country it would likely put the cost of the annual test up from £29 to £50! Some organisations are looking into the allegation that the 'evidence' provided to support the initial proposal was by a certain body that would profit very nicely from the increased testing regime!

Support the BMF. If you would like to support the BMF and help the organisation continue lobbying for Bikers' Rights then you couldn't do better than join as an individual member. This would help with funds to keep the BMF on top of the game. Furthermore, go to at least one of the BMF Shows and have a great day out as well as grab some bargains. See me, your BMF representative, for more details.

Bike Security. Just a reminder that all new bikes now produced by the major manufacturers will be fitted with a highly visible sticker and a series of special identification markings by Datatag. It is estimated that some 10,000 people a year are lost to biking because of thefts. Look for the MASTER logo (Motorcycle and Scooter Equipment Registration) on your next new purchase. A good move by industry at last.

Haynes Manuals On Line. You should now be able to get your laptop/desktop computer covered in crap instead of messing up your expensive Workshop Manual (well mine is covered in all kinds of gunk!). Go to the Haynes website to check if your bike is now catered for.

Biker App. The iBiker App, available for Apple and Android phones, allows you to plan, plot, save and share your favourite routes. You can mark places of interest, bars, cafes etc. The App is free.

IOM TT Calendar. A new calendar for 2013 has been produced by TT fan Rachael Clegg. As well as being a conceptual artist and journalist she is also the model for the various scenes around the island. Hang the Calendar in the kitchen and expect a few raised eyebrows from visitors. Costs just £14.99 from www.rachaelclegg.com Got to be worth a look!

THE END GAME. The aim this month is to offend everything, living or not. A certain level of political correctness has to be maintained however as I don't want to end up in the local being battered by a rubber truncheon wielded by some bike-hating bigot with a tiny penis and big helmet. Softly, softly does it then!

A lonely frog is sitting on a lily pad, desperate for any form of company. After a while he telephones the Psychic Hotline to find out what the future holds. The Personal Advisor tells the frog that he will soon meet a beautiful girl who will want to know everything about him. The frog is thrilled. "This is great! Where will I meet her? At a party maybe?" "No," says the Advisor. "it will be in a biology class."

A man joins a group of war veterans listening to a brass band in the park. All of a sudden the man in front of him begins to twitch his head backwards and forwards in violent, jerky movements. "I'm sorry," said the man. "It's an old injury from the war." A few moments later the man to the left of him begins to throw his arms around in the air. "Sorry," the man gasps, "It's a result of a wound I got in the war." Then the man on his right starts to shake a hand about, faster and faster. "Did you get that in the war?" the man asks. "No," comes the reply. "I got it from my nose and now I can't get it off my finger."

A woman was decided to cook some deer steaks for dinner. "Why don't you try and guess what this meat is?" she asked her children. "Is it beef?" said one. "No" she replied. "Is it lamb?" said the other. "No", she said. "Try harder." "I'll give you a clue," said Dad. "It's what your mother calls me sometimes." "Aaargh!" screamed the son, spitting out the food. "Don't eat it, it's arsehole!"

The pregnancy class was finished and the couples were preparing to leave. "Just one more thing before you go," said the organiser, "exercise is very important. I'd like to see all mums-to-be taking daily walks...and I'd like to see their husbands walk with them for encouragement." For a moment there was silence then one man asked, "Is it alright if she carries a golf bag as she walks?"

Did you hear about the man who was so mean that the only way he would take a bubble bath was to eat baked beans the day before?

A woman walked into a ladies toilet to find a man standing there. "Hey!" she exclaimed, "This is just for women." "So is this," he said, turning round.

The best thing about a blow job is the 10 minutes of silence.
Did you know that if you are having a bad day it takes 42 muscles to frown but only four to extend the middle finger and tell them to p*ss off.

A woman rings up her husband in anguish. "Jack, Jack, I'm pregnant. Why didn't you use a condom?" "But I always use a condom," he says. "Anyway, who is this?"

Two mates were drinking in a pub and discussing their wives. "Do you and your wife ever do it doggy-style?" asked one. "Well, not exactly," replied the other. "She's more into the trick-dog aspect of it." "Oh, I see, kinky huh?" "Well not really. I sit up and beg and she rolls over and plays dead."

Why is sex like a game of bridge? You don't need a partner if you have a good hand.
What would you find written on a nun's tombstone? Returned, unopened.

No woman has ever shot a man while he is vacuuming.
Two neighbours meet up in the street. One says to the other "You dirty old man, you're lowering the tone of the neighbourhood. When I walked past your window last night I saw your wife giving you a blow job." "Ha, how wrong can you be!" snarled the other man. "You'd better go and get some glasses mate, I wasn't even home last night!"

Always remember that you are unique, just like everyone else.

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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