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## CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2012

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What a horrible month November has been. Cold and foggy, and very, very wet. I did cheat for the last week when I used the car to go to work ....I really must be getting soft! Now we have the freezing weather to contend with. We should spare a thought for those folk who have suffered with flooding over the past few days; I can't imagine how bad it must be to have a home ruined and now having to face weeks of misery and cold.

Hope you had a good time at the NEC. I helped to make up the Funtastic Four on the first day of the show. I thought we behaved fairly well, apart from a few minutes on the 'GP/WSBK Podium' getting a silly photo for a competition. The best part of the trip happened to Chris Robinson. Chris had won a competition for her and Tony to meet up with Bradley Smith for lunch and photos. He's a nice guy; even took the time to hello to Roy and me and shake our hands. Good luck for the 2013 season Bradley.

The bike that made the most impression on me at the NEC as a possible next machine was the Suzuki 650 V-Strom. Of course we couldn't try the new 1000cc V-Strom as it was behind a Perspex screen. It felt a perfect fit and the seat was really comfortable. I know it will take a test ride to be really convinced, although I am very happy with my current bike.

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

Dec 1/2      The Scottish Dirt Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre  
Dec 8        Zoe's Place Santa Ride. Reserve day 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **2013**

**5 Jan      FIM X-Trial World Championship Round, Sheffield Motorpoint Arena.**  
**6 Jan      Christmas/New Year Party at Yarm 85.**  
**9 Jan      AGM, Cleveland Bay**  
**26/27 Jan    Telegraph Adventure Travel Show, Olympia, London.**  
**15-17 Feb    London Motorcycle Show, Excel Arena**  
**1 Apr      First Day of trains on the Lintley Line, South Dale Railway.**  
**7/8 Apr      Kirkby Stephen, Classic Commercial Vehicle Rally**  
**10-12 May    Cumbria Bike Show in aid of the GNAAS. Camping, competitions etc. Kirkbride Airfield**  
**Check out [www.cumbriabikeshow.co.uk](http://www.cumbriabikeshow.co.uk) for more info.**  
**17-19 May    BMF May Show, Peterborough Arena**  
**7-13 Jun     Appleby Horse Fair**  
**5-7 Jul      National Road Rally. Final Control station at Squire's Cafe and 4 others.**  
**5-7 Jul      BMF Kelso Bikefest, Borders Union Showground**

**5-7 Jul** Goodwood Festival of Speed.  
**17 Aug-1 Sep** Isle of Man Festival of Motorcycling (formerly known as the Manx Grand Prix)  
**20 Aug** Steam Car Club of Gt. Britain visit South Tyne Dale Railway.  
**13-15 Sep** BMF Tailend, Peterborough Arena  
**13-15 Sep** Goodwood Revival

**The Club Website.** We are really grateful to Allan Wren for working on a new website for the club. The address is at the top of the newsletter and repeated again here: [www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk](http://www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk) Please get on there and have a look at work already done. This is the Club's website and needs your inputs. Don't just leave everything to the few. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, items for sale and wanted. Anything that you feel may be of interest to club members and to the biking community at large can be put on the site. Allan will be the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

**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)

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**Yarm MC Members especially Welcome**

**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!

**Camping Gear for You.** Allen Wren (Biker of the Year!) is a well-travelled biker and uses The Tent Guys for top quality gear. You too can take of a great offer extended to club members. Go to website: <http://www.thetentguys.eu/> and get some great bargains. Quote discount code **YMC-10-7S367** after making your selection. Club members get a 10% discount.



News from the EU by the BMF's own Government Relations Executive – Chris Hodder

The Type Approval Regulation has been approved by the European Parliament by a huge majority (643 in favour, 16 against). I'm pretty sure that the European Council will also approve it at a later date, although I'm not sure when that is (they may have already done it, but I haven't seen anything on this).

For clarification, this means that we will have:

- Bikes over 47bhp exempt from EU anti-tampering controls
- Bikes under 125cc exempt from compulsory ABS (although they will require combined brakes instead)
- No 100bhp limit option for member states (i.e. France)
- Compulsory CO2/fuel consumption measurement and publication
- Standardised On Board Diagnostics so that any garage can interpret the fault codes
- Compulsory publication of repair and maintenance information so that you can have your bike repaired and serviced anywhere you like
- Bikes at the same emissions standard as cars so that we can't be accused of being dirtier
- 35,000km consistency of emissions (i.e. engines should not deteriorate for that period)

Much of the technical detail will be laid down in delegated acts over the next year and I'm still not 100% of the start dates of every provision as we need to wait for it to be published in the official journal, but essentially, this is a huge victory for FEMA in particular and the our involvement with FEMA as we've turned a potential disaster into something with genuine long term benefits for motorcycling. No, I'm not happy with compulsory ABS and anti-tampering being effectively extended to mid-sized bikes, but given that the technical detail has yet to be written, that might not turn out so bad after all, particularly as the anti-tampering stuff is likely to remain as toothless as the current regime (i.e. pretty much every moped on the road has been modified) and ABS is only "anti-locking", not "advanced braking". End

## FOR SALE

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

**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.

**Upgrade your Headlight.** The simplest way to upgrade your headlight output is to replace the OE bulb with the Phillips Extreme Power Plus or the Osram Night Racer. Both bulbs have been tested by RIDE magazine.

**Autojumbles.** Here are some details of Autojumbles in our area:

Rufforth. First Saturday of the month. Entrance fee £4.

York. Second Saturday of the month. Free entry. A Bike Auction starts at 11am. Cafe on site. Turn left at the Junction of the A64 South onto A166 to Stamford Bridge/Bridlington. Turn into site a couple of hundred yard on the left. GPS data – Murton YO19 5GF.

Scorton. Third Saturday of the month. Entrance fee payable. Cafe on site.

### Scenes from the NEC



Chris and Bradley



Podium Pandemonium!



**Chris with Randy Mamola and Leon Haslam plus Junior**

### THE END GAME.

Now on sale at IKEA - LESBIAN beds, no nuts or screwing involved, it's all tongue and groove. A Muslim has been shot in the head with a starting pistol; police say it's definitely race related.

Due to a water shortage in Ireland , Dublin swimming pools have announced they are closing lanes 7 and 8. I got a letter from Screw Fix Direct thanking me for my interest, but explaining they were not a dating agency. Paddy thought his new girlfriend might be the one; but after looking through her knicker drawer and finding a nurse's outfit, a French maids outfit, and a police woman's uniform, he finally decided; if she can't hold down a job, she's not for him.

Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy. He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and going dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says, "I tink I will ave to go home, I've come all over giddy and feel sick." Murphy asks "Ave yer got vertigo?" Paddy replies "No, I only live round the corner."

After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were amazed to find that the Titanic's swimming pool was still full.

My trip to the store: There was a bit of confusion at the Sporting goods store this morning. When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to Harper about the gun registry people running amok, I did just as she had instructed. When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card. I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer.

Beer contains female hormones! Yes, that's right, FEMALE hormones! Last month, Montreal University and scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption. The theory is that beer contains female hormones (hops contain Phytoestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women. To test the theory, 100 men each drank 8 schooners of beer within a one (1) hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects, yes, 100% of all these men: 1) Argued over nothing. 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong. 3) Gained weight. 4) Talked excessively without making sense. 5) Became overly emotional. 6) Couldn't drive. 7) Failed to think rationally, and 8) Had to sit down while urinating. No further testing was considered necessary!

**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 may be on).

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THE RACING CALENDAR – 2013

<b>Date</b>	<b>MotoGP</b>	<b>WSB</b>	<b>BSB</b>
<i>24 February</i>		<i>Australia Phillip Island</i>	
<i>10 March</i>		<i>India Buddh Circuit</i>	
<i>31 March</i>	<i>Qatar Doha/Losail</i>		
<i>5-7 April</i>			<i>Brands Hatch Indy Kent</i>
<i>7 April</i>		<i>Spain Aragon</i>	
<i>12-14 April</i>			<i>Thruxton Hampshire</i>
<i>14 April</i>	<i>TBC TBC</i>		
<i>21 April</i>	<i>Americas, Austin, TX</i>		
<i>28 April</i>		<i>The Netherlands Assen</i>	
<i>05 May</i>	<i>Spain(STC), Jerez</i>		
<i>4-6 May</i>			<i>Oulton Park</i>
<i>12 May</i>		<i>Italy Monza</i>	
<i>19 May</i>	<i>France, Le Mans</i>		
<i>26 May</i>		<i>UK Donington</i>	
<i>2 June</i>	<i>Italy, Mugello</i>		
<i>9 June</i>		<i>Portugal Portimao</i>	
<i>14-16 June</i>			<i>Knockhill Fife</i>
<i>16 June</i>	<i>Catalunya</i>		
<i>23 June</i>		<i>Possibly Brno</i>	
<i>29 June</i>	<i>Assen</i>		
<i>30 June</i>	<i>Italy Imola</i>		
<i>5-7 July</i>			<i>Snetterton 300 Norfolk</i>
<i>7 July</i>	<i>Germany, Sachsenring</i>		
<i>19-21 July</i>			<i>Brands Hatch GP Kent</i>
<i>21 July</i>	<i>Laguna Seca</i>	<i>RussiaMoscow Raceway</i>	
<i>9-11 August</i>			<i>Oulton PkTriple Header</i>
<i>4 August</i>			<i>UK Silverstone</i>
<i>18 August</i>	<i>Indianapolis</i>		
<i>24-26 August</i>			<i>Cadwell Park</i>

<i>25 August</i>	<i>Brno</i>		
<i>01 September</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Nurburgring</i>	
<i>6-8 September</i>			<i>Donington Park GP</i>
<i>15 September</i>	<i>Misano</i>		
<i>20-22 September</i>			<i>Assen</i>
<i>29 September</i>	<i>Aragón</i>	<i>USA Laguna Seca</i>	
<i>4-6 October</i>			<i>Silverstone GP</i>
<i>6 October</i>		<i>France Magny Cours</i>	
<i>13 October</i>	<i>Sepang</i>		
<i>18-20 October</i>			<i>Brands Hatch Triple Header</i>
<i>20 October</i>	<i>Phillip Island</i>	<i>Spain Jerez</i>	
<i>27 October</i>	<i>Motegi</i>		
<i>10 November</i>	<i>Valencia</i>		