



Cleveland Bay, Yarm. Second Wednesday of the month

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CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

Congratulations to Alan Wren for winning the Rider of the Year Award. I don't have specific numbers, but Alan has attended more Rideouts and Rallies than anyone else; a deserving winner!

Thank you all for attending the AGM and for getting through the agenda in double-quick time. For those of you wanting to participate in the summer Boundary events, see the dates below.

Thanks to Les Wright for donating his Speakers Gift for his talk on the Tees Pumping Station to Zoe's Place.

Steve of 'Bloodrunners' is open for business as Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd from 1st February. See details below. **Half Price MOTs during February!**

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE! DON'T DELAY! DON'T FORGET THE GOOD VALUE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP BRINGS!

Committee Meeting
General Club Meeting

Wednesday 7th March 2012
Wednesday 15th February 2012

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

Feb 2 – 5	MCN Motorcycle Show, EXCEL, London
Feb 18/19	32 nd Carole Nash Bristol Classic Motorcycle show
Mar 10/11	Scottish Motorcycle Show, The Highland Centre, Edinburgh (Club Run 10th)
Apr 20-22	Club Camping Weekend at Marthrown of Mabie.
Apr 28/29	International Classic Motorcycle show, Stafford Showground
May 12/13	The Great Scottish Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre
May 18-20	BMF Show, Peterborough
May 19	NorthWest 200. NB. Ferry NOT from Stranraer. Now from CAINRYAN.
Jun 16	Boundary 500 – The Boundary Run
Jun 17	Boundary Classic Run
Jun 30 to Jul 1	National Road Rally
Jul 6-8	BMF Kelso Bikefest
Jul 6-8	Festival of 1000 Bikes. Go to www.vmcc.net/1000bikes
Jul 21/22	Billing Bikefest. Aquadrome, Northampton. Details on www.billingbikefest.com
Jul 27/28	Armoy Road races, Northern Island. Meet Gut Martin, Michael Dunlop and others.
Aug 25	Speedway GP, Cardiff Millenium Dome. Visit www.speedwaygp.com
Sep 8	Brighton Speed Trials and Burn Up. Mods and Rockers! See Ace Cafe diary.
Sep 14-16	BMF Tailend Rally, Peterborough
Sep 14-16	Goodwood Revival, West Sussesx. Visit www.goodwood.co.uk
Dec 1/2	The Scottish Dirt Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre
Dec 8	Zoe's Place Santa Ride. Reserve day 15th Dec.

The Club Website. Visit the Club Website at 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. 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

Wonky Electrics on BMW Finally Sorted Again! I think the saga has closed for the time being. After fixing the broken wires last month I found out that the Heated Grip on the left bar didn't work! I hadn't used the heated grips for months as it has been so mild ... but for a couple of days in early January I put them on and realised there was a problem. The feed to the grip was separate from the main loom that broke before, and I could not confirm where the break was. 'On spec' I just cut out about 14 inches in the region similar to the other repairs and hoped for the best. Thankfully, all is now good and protected by 'spiral wrap'.

Speakers. Your Speaker for February is ME! I hope to grab your attention with an update on what is happening in the world of Global Positioning Systems, what Bluetooth is about, and show you a video of the effect of laser attacks on aircraft. I intend to do it by way of a Powerpoint Presentation; stay awake at the back!

Rideouts. After last years' successful rideout programme Allan Coverdale has come up with a list of dates for the next series this year. The format will be the same as before, where a member agrees to lead a ride on the Sunday following the Club meeting. The only exception will be in August when the run will be to Cadwell Park on the 27th.

Date	Leader	Comment
25 March		
15 April		
13 May		
17 June		
15 July		
27 August		Run to Cadwell Park. Depart 0600!
16 September		
14 October		

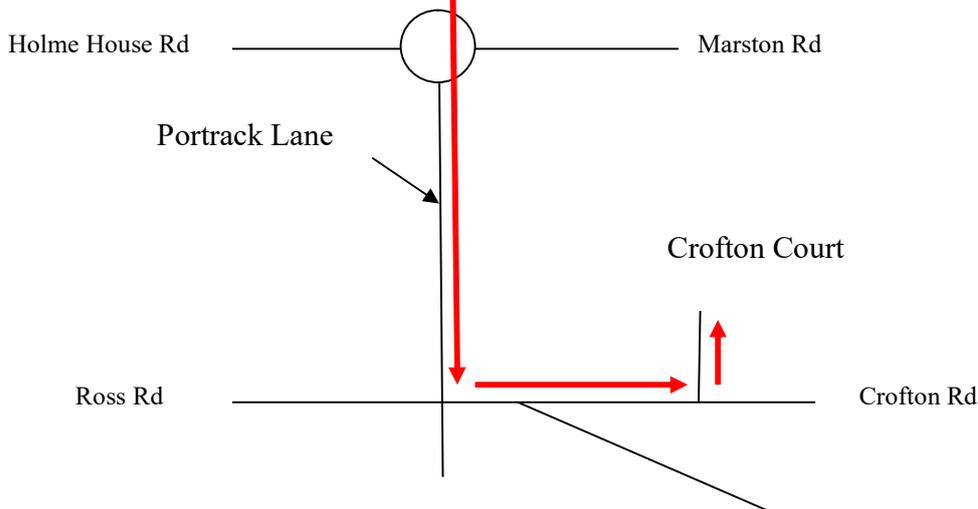
Club Rally. Our Chairman, Brian Taylor, has put a deposit down for the rally planned for 20-22 April at Marthorn of Mabie in Dumfries and Galloway. Those intending to participate should pay Brian at the AGM or the earliest possible opportunity. More details at the AGM.

BMF Rally. Members have expressed interest in having a Club stand at the BMF Kelso Rally. As your BMF Representative I will endeavour to get details at the Council Meeting in Leicester on 21st January. It would basically entail setting up on the Friday and dismantling after 4pm on the Sunday. Costs etc will be identified asap.

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Ridewell. Ridewell for 2012 has been cancelled. However, there should be a Bikewise event at Durham and other similar events throughout the North over the year. I will endeavour to get more details as police forces sort their programmes out.

Altberg News. Altberg are no longer doing full refurbishments on their boots, although they will continue to do re-soleing. The company states that it costs more to refurbish boots than make new ones.

Club Member's Book of Poems. The Club has plenty of talent about. Chris Robinson has written a number of entertaining stories which have been published in cooperation with the Easingwold Writers. Les Cairns has written a series of poems which have been collated in book form and is now on sale. The poems have received high acclaim and you should get your copy soonest. Order your copy from Les. Proceeds from the sale of books will go to the Butterwick Hospice.

THE END GAME. Theme for this month is even more wonky stuff (this newsletter is for bikers; it is not a recipe for fairy cakes!!):

From Brian Taylor: Two Prawns.

Far away in the tropical waters of the Coral Sea , two prawns were swimming around. One called Justin and the other called Christian. The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Christian, 'I'm fed up with being a prawn; I wish I was a shark, and then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten.'
A large mysterious cod appeared and said, 'Your wish is granted'. Lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.
Time passed (as it does) and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin began to realise that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight. While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn. He approached the cod and begged to be

changed back, and, lo and behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn. With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends and bought them all a cocktail.

(The punch line does not involve a prawn cocktail - it's much worse).

Looking around the gathering at the reef he realised he couldn't see his old pal. 'Where's Christian?' he asked. 'He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy & became a shark', came the reply. Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Christian's abode. As he opened the coral gate, memories came flooding back. banged on the door and shouted, 'It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again.' Christian replied, 'No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked into being your dinner.'

Justin cried back 'No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed.'.....

(You're going to love this.....)

'I've found Cod. I'm a Prawn again Christian'

Hair (or lack of It). A girl at the hairdressers is chatting to her stylist. "My boyfriend has terrible dandruff. Is there anything I can do about it?" The stylist replies, "Why don't you give him Head and Shoulders?" The girl thinks for a moment then says, "So how do you give shoulder?"

What's the only sure cure for dandruff?" Baldness.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street bald and still think they are gorgeous

A man goes into a barber shop and asks for a haircut that leaves his fringe at different lengths, creates two bald spots near the back, a spiky bit at the side, and leaves a large nick on his ear. "I'm not sure we could manage that," says the barber. "It sounds pretty tricky." "I don't see why" says the man. "It's the same haircut you gave me the last time I was here!"

When one barber cuts another's hair, who does the talking?

What should you buy if your hair is falling out? A very good vacuum cleaner.

How did they know that the shark-attack victim had dandruff? They found his head and shoulders on the beach.

It's such a shame to ruin such beautiful blonde hair by dyeing the roots black.

Man goes into a barber's for a shave. He mentions that he has problems getting a close shave round his cheeks. "I have just what you need" says the barber," giving him a small wooden ball. "Just put the ball between your cheek and gum." The man does so and the barber gives him the closest shave he has ever had. After a few moments the man says, "What if I swallow this thing?" "No problem," says the barber. "Just bring it back tomorrow like everyone else does."

And finally: There is a new Viagra pill on the market, designed for the eyes. It does nothing for your sex life but it makes you look real hard!

SCOUSERS JOIN FERRARI. "The Ferrari F1 team fired their entire pit crew yesterday."

This announcement followed Ferrari's decision to take advantage of the British government's 'Work for your Dole' scheme and employ some Liverpudlian youngsters. The decision to hire them was brought about by a recent documentary on how unemployed youths from Toxteth were able to remove a set of wheels in less than 6 seconds without proper equipment, whereas Ferrari's existing crew could only do it in 8 seconds with millions of pounds worth of high tech gear.

It was thought to be an excellent, bold move by the Ferrari management team as most races are won and lost in the pits, giving Ferrari an advantage over every other team. However, Ferrari got more than they bargained for!

At the crew's first practice session, not only was the scouse pit crew able to change all four wheels in under 6 seconds but, within 12 seconds, they had re-sprayed, re-badged and sold the car to the McLaren team for 8 cases of Stella, a bag of weed and some photos of Lewis Hamilton's bird in the shower.

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 may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.

This is the last time it will be included in a newsletter for 2012.

THE 2012 RACING CALENDAR. Always confirm fixture before travelling!

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
Feb 26		Phillip Island	
Apr 1		Imola	
Apr 6 – 9			Brands Hatch Indy
Apr 13 – 15			Thruxton
Apr 15	Qatar (evening race)		
Apr 22		Assen	
Apr 29	Jerez		
May 5 – 7			Oulton Park
May 6	Estoril	Monza	
May 13		Donington	
May 20	Le Mans		
May 25 - 27			Snetterton 300
May 28		Miller Park, USA	
Jun 3	Catalunya		
Jun 10		San Marino	
Jun 17	Silverstone		
Jun 22 - 24			Knockhill
Jun 30	Assen		
Jul 1		Aragon	
Jul 6 – 8			Oulton Park
Jul 8	Germany TBD		
Jul 15	Mugello		
Jul 20 - 22			Brands Hatch GP
Jul 22		Brno	
Jul 29	Laguna Seca		
Aug 5		Silverstone	
Aug 19	Indianapolis		
Aug 25 – 27			Cadwell Park
Aug 26	Brno	Moscow	
Sep 7 – 9			Donington Park GP
Sep 9		Nurburgring	
Sep 16	San Marino		
Sep 21 - 23			Assen TT Circuit
Sep 23		Portimao	
Sep 28 – 30			Silverstone GP
Sep 30	Aragon		
Oct 7		Magny Cours	
Oct 12 – 14			Brands Hatch GP
Oct 14	Motegi		
Oct 21	Sepang		
Oct 28	Phillip Island		
Nov 11	Valencia		