



Cleveland Bay, Yarm. Second Wednesday of the month

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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2012**

It would have been nice welcome some better weather but as we all know, it's not been too good lately. Fingers crossed that summer will arrive soon. I'm getting fed up of putting on my winter gear every day to go to work.

It's early days yet but Norman Simpson and Alan Coverdale have been busy getting the coach and raffle prizes sorted for the NEC Trip in November. Be sure to book your place as soon as possible; the list will be open to non-members after the July meeting.

**Committee Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> July  
**Club Meetings:** 9<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June

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

May 12/13 The Great Scottish Bike Show, The Lanark Agricultural Centre  
**MAY 13 Classic Car Show, Hurworth Grange (some Bikes too!)**  
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 24 Barry Sheene Road Race Festival, Oliver's Mount  
Jun 30 to Jul 1 National Road Rally  
**JULY 1 BIKEWISE, Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads. Teasdale & M&S attending.**  
Jul 6-8 BMF Kelso Bikefest  
Jul 6-8 Festival of 1000 Bikes. Go to [www.vmcc.net/1000bikes](http://www.vmcc.net/1000bikes)  
**JULY 7-8 TTXGP at Snetterton. See the Electric Race bikes (you won't hear much!)**  
Jul 21/22 Cock O' the North Continental Road Races, Oliver's Mount  
Jul 21/22 Billing Bikefest. Aquadrome, Northampton. Details on [www.billingbikefest.com](http://www.billingbikefest.com)  
Jul 27/28 Armoy Road races, Northern Island. Meet Gut Martin, Michael Dunlop and others.  
Aug 18 – Sep 2 Manx Grand Prix Festival, IOM  
Aug 25 Speedway GP, Cardiff Millenium Dome. Visit [www.speedwaygp.com](http://www.speedwaygp.com)  
Aug 31 – Sep 2 Triumph Live Event, Mallory Park. Live bands, stunt shows, racing, demo rides etc  
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](http://www.goodwood.co.uk)  
Sep 15/16 Steve Henshaw International Gold Cup, Oliver's Mount  
**NOV 29 NEC Coach Trip. Book place with Norman Simpson and Alan Coverdale**  
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.

**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)

**Marthrown of Mabie Club Rally.** The Rally went ahead as scheduled and 17 club members turned up for a jolly weekend of eating, drinking and riding in the rain! The accommodation was pretty good considering the amount of sodden foot traffic through the place. Bunk beds with decent mattresses and pillows were provided plus well equipped kitchens and rest rooms. Heating was by wood burning stoves and there was plenty of wood around to keep things stoked up! The track from the main road to the site was pretty tricky in the wet conditions and the parking area lacked level hard-standing. Still, apart from one member (who shall remain nameless) falling off the track into a ditch in the dark on the walk back from the pub, I don't think there were any incidents with the bikes!

The Saturday rideout was a trip around the Solway Coast, with stops at Wigtown and Castle Douglas. Bob Arnett did an excellent job of leading the team around the course, showing us how to ride a big bike confidently in the wet. Yours truly managed to lose his 'bum-bag' on 2 occasions. Once while on the move and then leaving it in a cafe. On the first occasion it was hit by a car before the guys behind managed to recover it. Thank you very much guys, my spare keys, binoculars and specs inside! The Snicker bar didn't survive and everything was covered in chocolate.

Saturday night was an 'indoor' Barbie and was all very couth. (Some of my non-biker friends think all bikers behave like 'the Sons of Anarchy')! Chris Robinson added a dash of culture, giving a splendid rendition of poems – did you really enjoy Benidorm Chris? While some left for home on Sunday the remainder enjoyed a splendid brunch in the company of a couple of police officers (was anyone feeling guilty?) before going on a rideout and returning home on Monday.

Many thanks to our Chairman, Brian Taylor, for organising the event.

#### Cultural Scenes from Marthrown of Mabie Rally



**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 27<sup>th</sup>.

Date	Leader	Comment
25 March		
15 April		
13 May		
17 June	Alan Coverdale	
15 July	Brian Taylor	
27 August		Run to Cadwell Park. Depart 0600!
16 September	Brian Burke	I'm thinking of somewhere different!
14 October		

**Yarm Members especially Welcome**

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**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.

**MotoGP in HD.** Those of you able to receive HD TV transmissions will be pleased to know that the BBC is now transmitting the series in HD, apart from the Assen round.

**e-Petition.** A petition to urge the Government to increase awareness of two-wheeled users by ensuring that bike-related questions are made compulsory in the driving test is now available on-line. Look for Motorcycle Matters on the gov.uk website at: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/26272>.

If you do a trawl of the motorcycle-related petitions you will find some interesting propositions. There are still plenty of nutters out there – thank goodness. It's what makes Britain great!

**More Helmets Rated by SHARP.** A further 14 helmets have been tested by the Department for Transport's Safety Helmet Assessment and Rating Programme. The total number of helmets rated now total 261. Check out the website <http://sharp.direct.gov.uk/> Click on helmet name to get detailed info on the model.

**Items for Sale.** I have some items for sale as I am trying to make some space in my garage.

Axle Stands x 2. Heavy Duty (1500Kg per stand) as new. £10

Car Ramps – free with above axle stands else £2 the pair.

Tree saw. 4 foot with handle at each end. £10

Small electric drill (like a Dremel) with attachments. Woolworths model. Mains powered. £5

Sony Cassette Recorder with power supply. Like new. £5

Tape Measure. Leather covered (antique) 66ft. £5

Circular Saw blades. 14 assorted grades. Some new. £10

Air Horns (twin). Just needs tubing £5 (wake up those dozy sods on their mobile phones!)

Steering Lock for car. Halfords model with 2 keys. £5  
Warning Triangle. Folds up. £1  
Corner cramps. 4 off. £5  
Long cramp (2 ft). £5  
Electric Planer with spare blades. £10  
Band Saw (small) £10  
Gas Heater portable with large Calor Gas bottle £10  
Call 01325 721669 or 07517605614

**European Satnav Update.** Those of you who are keen Sat Nav users may be interested to know that the Galileo constellation has reached another milestone. There are currently 2 satellites in orbit and these have successfully come through their full acceptance checks. The next phase is to launch 2 more satellites this summer. This will be followed by an accelerated programme of launches in 2013 so as to have up to 18 satellites in orbit by the end of 2014, providing a basic service. In 2014 a new launch vehicle will be in service, which can carry 4 satellites at a time. The fully operational constellation will be ready in 2019, comprising 27 service satellites and 3 spares. Hopefully I'll still be around then to check it out!

**Improved Tracker Service.** The Tracker system is now deploying with the Mesh Network. This creates extra defence against vehicle theft whereby any vehicle fitted with the Tracker system can pass information on any other Tracker equipped vehicle that has been reported stolen when it passes by. The system is transparent to the drivers/riders. Tracker uses GPS plus the Global System for Mobile Users (GSM) plus VHF radio links; so GPS jammers will not disguise a stolen vehicle.

**THE END GAME.** Theme for this month: Madness!

Doctor on his daily rounds at the Asylum noticed one of his patients sawing imaginary wood into hundreds of little pieces and another one was hanging upside down from the ceiling. "What are you doing?" the doctor asked the first man. "I'm sawing wood," he said, "isn't that obvious?" "Well, what is your friend doing?" "Oh, don't mind him, he thinks he's a light bulb." Don't you think you should help him down before he has an accident?" said the doctor. "What!" exclaimed the man, "and work in the dark?"

The ward sister was doing her rounds in the lunatic asylum when she noticed that one man was racing around the room with his arms spread out making zooming noises. "Hello Mickey," she said, "What are you doing?" "I'm flying to America," she replied. Two days later she saw him lying on the ground with his arms still spread out, but making no noise. "What's happened now?" she asked. "I've just landed in America," said Mickey. The ward sister moved on and spotted Gerald sitting down beside his bed, masturbating furiously. "Now Gerald, what's going on here?" she said sternly. "I'm shagging Mickey's wife while he is in America" replied Gerald.

"What would you do if you came home early from work one day and found me in bed with another man?" asked the wife. "I'd beat him over the head with his white stick," he replied.

"Oh Sharon," said her husband, "I've invited Derek round for supper tonight." "Tonight!" she shrieked, "but the house is in a terrible mess, the kitchen needs a good clean and the dirty washing is piling up." "Perfect," he said. "The fool's thinking of getting married."

One guy says to the other, "Hey, have you ever gone to bed with an ugly woman?" "No, but I've woken up with plenty."

Said the bitter woman to her friend, "When the only thing that's stiff is his socks, then it's time to take his money and run."

**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.