



Cleveland Bay, Yarm. Second Wednesday of the month

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CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012

Welcome to Summer at last! Hopefully there are 3 more months of similar weather to look forward to. Get out there and show the world what a pleasure it is to ride a motorcycle, get through the traffic in double-quick time and park for free (well most places)! Make a note of 18 June – Ride To Work Day. At present I have not been able to locate any police forces who may be hosting a ‘Rideout’ on that day, but I’ll keep looking. Don’t forget to check out ITV4 for coverage of the Isle of Man TT, on most evenings at 9pm during the event.

MAG are holding a protest rideout on 24 June. Go to the MAG Website: www.mag-uk.org for details of a local starting point and times.

Committee Meeting: **4th July**
Club Meetings: **13th June**

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

May 26-Jun 8 IOM TT

Jun 16 Boundary 500 – The Boundary Run
Jun 17 Boundary Classic Run

Jun 18 Ride to Work Day

Jun 24 Barry Sheene Road Race Festival, Oliver’s Mount

Jun 24 MAG protest rideout against EU anti-tampering proposals.

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

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
Jul 27/28 Armoj 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 Millennium Dome. Visit 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 Sussex. Visit 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 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

Cumbria Police Field New Pursuit Bike. Cumbria police have just rolled out their latest acquisition, a Kawasaki ZX10R. Going by their previous record the Cumbrian police force may well write it off before too long. According to MCN they have managed to destroy 5 unmarked pursuit bikes in the past. In fact, while on the subject, MCN made a point of submitting a Freedom of Information request to all of the police forces in the country regarding crashed bikes. Most police forces replied, although North Yorkshire didn't (wouldn't?). Anyhow, the results would take up too much time and space to go through. Suffice to know that Cleveland police have had just 1 accident over the past 5 years and Durham has had none.

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
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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BMF Cautious over Historic Vehicles MOT Exemption. The announcement by the Government that vehicles manufactured before 1960 will no longer have to pass an MOT, has received a cautious welcome from the British Motorcyclists Federation. While pleased that the Government is trying to cut down on regulation, the fact that thousands of cars and motorcycles will from 18th November no longer require an annual test of any sort is a concern say the BMF.

At the time of the consultation the BMF pointed out that there was still a lot of support from the classic world for some form of an MOT as an annual check of basic roadworthiness. The BMF's response, while recognising that modern test standards were not suitable for 50 year old vehicles, also went on to

acknowledge that there was a problem in finding testers who were knowledgeable on the limitations of older vehicles.

The BMF also points out that owners of pre-1960 machines will still be legally required to ensure that they are safe and in a proper condition to be on the road, the problem now being though, who decides?

The Government have also said that it is allowing voluntary MOT tests and it might well mean that motor insurance providers will require historic vehicles to have been tested as proof of road worthiness, something that could also assist owners following road traffic accidents.

BMF Government Relations Executive Chris Hodder said: "Broadly speaking, the BMF is generally in favour of less legislation and regulation for motorcycle owners, but there is a very large degree of support for the MOT system and we did question whether exemptions should be made at all. We will now have to watch how the system pans out."

A summary of response to the consultation is available on:

<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-27/mot-historic-summary-consultation-response.pdf>

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.

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!

Items for Sale. I still have some items for sale as I am trying to make some space in my garage. Several items have already gone.

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. £2

Circular Saw blades. 14 assorted grades. Some new. £5

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. £2

Warning Triangle. Folds up. £1

Long cramp (2 ft). £5

Electric Planer with spare blades. £10

Vibrating Saw (small) £10

Gas Heater portable with large Calor Gas bottle £10

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THE END GAME. Theme for this month: Offending Everyone

During a boisterous night at his local John O'Reilly hoisted his beer and said, "Here's to spending the rest of me Life, between the legs of me wife !" That won him the top prize at the pub for the best toast of the night! He went home and told his wife, Mary, "I won the prize for the Best toast of the night." She said, "Aye, did ye now. And what was your toast?" John said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life sitting in church beside me wife." "Oh, that is very nice indeed, John!" Mary said. The next day, Mary ran into one of John's drinking buddies on the street corner. The man chuckled leeringly and said, "John won the prize the other night at the pub with a toast about you, Mary." She said, "Aye, he told me and I was a bit surprised meself. You know, he's only been in there twice in the last four years. "Once I had to pull him by the ears to make him come, and the other time he fell asleep".

Snow in the forecast and the TV weather gal said she was expecting 8 inches tonight. I thought to myself, 'fat chance, with a face like that!'

I hate all this terrorist business. I used to love the days when you could look at an unattended bag on a train or bus and think to yourself...'I'm going to take that.'

I had a big lead in a trivia competition at a local bar until the last question which I got wrong. The question was, "Where do women have the curliest hair?" Fiji was the correct answer...hell, how did I know they wanted the name of a country?

I'd just come out of the shop with a meat and potato pie, large chips, mushy peas & a jumbo sausage. A poor homeless man sat there and said 'I've not eaten for two days.' I told him, 'I wish I had your will power.'

What do Star Trek and toilet paper have in common? They both circle Uranus looking for black holes and hope to wipe out Klingons!

What's green and smells? The Hulks farts.

What do you call a greenfly without any legs? A bogey.

What can you put in a box that will actually make it lighter? Holes.

What gets smaller the more you put in it? A hole of course!

What's round, hard and sticks out so far out of his pyjamas a man can stick his hat on it? His head.

If you have a green ball in your left hand and a green ball in your right hand, what do you have? Kermit's undivided attention!

And it's 'Goodnight' from him. Please call me if you would like something putting in the newsletter.

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