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## CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012

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The time seems to be slipping by faster than ever these days. Is it because I'm getting to 'that age'? It just seems that the time between newsletters seems to get shorter every month. Still, nothing like a little pressure to keep the mind going.

What a miserable bank holiday we have just had. Glad I wasn't in a tent or caravan over the wet and cold weekend. What would be really nice would be an 'Indian Summer'.

Congratulations to Cal Crutchlow. Taking third spot on the podium at Brno; the first Brit to get on a MotoGP podium in 12 years! Fingers crossed there will be many more

**Committee Meeting:**

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Club Meetings: 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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

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 <a href="http://www.goodwood.co.uk">www.goodwood.co.uk</a>
Sep 15/16	Steve Henshaw International Gold Cup, Oliver's Mount
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>BMF AGM at Burton on Trent. Let me know if you have any issues to raise</b>
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)

**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
16 September	Brian Burke	Run to Bridlington via some 'back roads' for ice cream and seagull poo!
14 October	?	?

**Yarm MC Members especially Welcome**

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**New Circuit for Wales.** According to a report MCN there is to be a new MotoGP standard circuit in South Wales by 2015. A Planning Application is about to be submitted to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council for a 3.5 mile circuit on an 800 acre site, to be developed in line with FIA and FIM standards. Let's hope it actually comes to fruition as it will be the biggest investment in motorsports for 50 years.

**Road Casualties Up.** There has been a 6% rise in motorcycle casualties in the past 12 months to March 2012. This is not good, particularly as casualty figures were down in previous years. No doubt folk are scratching their heads as to what has happened. The chief executive of the IAM wants more done to improve driver-lookout for vulnerable road users as well as seeing changes to the driving test plus greater enforcement. I see plenty of drivers on mobile phones every day I'm out on the bike. Also, standards regarding the use of indicators seem to be getting worse. Why are so many drivers reluctant to indicate left when intending to turn left at junctions and leaving roundabouts? They really PISS ME OFF!

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies. Occasionally I see motorcyclists crossing solid white lines when there is no justification; making last-gasp overtakes causing drivers to brake hard, 'sitting' in a driver's blind-spot and riding around with headlights on high-beam in the daytime. It all serves to make us the bad guys in the eyes of the motorists. OK, that's enough of a rant from me .....

**And There is More.** Following the proliferation of 20 mph zones in many urban areas there has been a 24% increase in accidents. Politicians and those in local government choose to ignore these facts and carry on spouting some policy or other to try and justify the 'traffic calmed areas'. I try to make a point when riding through such areas by changing down through the gearbox to the point where the engine is revving just below the red line. This is to 'voice my protest' at the damage done to my nuts and my car every time it goes over some poxy road hump. (Jeez – I'm beginning to sound like some grumpy old git)

**Just a Minute – It's All Changed, or Has It?** I am getting confused now. In the same that it was announced in that road casualties are up, Motorcycle Monthly has an announcement that bike fatalities are down! Recent figures from the Department for Transport show a 10% decrease in fatalities over

2010/2011, while motorcycle traffic has increased by 0.9% over the same period. I think there is some confusion between fatalities and casualties. Perhaps the number of fatalities has gone down but the number of casualties has increased. Perhaps there are fewer fatalities because riders' protective kit is better, or perhaps the statisticians have taken the lead from our weather men and don't have a clue what they are talking about.

**Oooh You are So Fast!** A group of bike nutters from the Isle of Man have beaten the 500cc world land speed record using a Yamaha Thundercat engine in a Hayabusa chassis. They achieved 203.376mph average at the Bonneville Salt Flats, breaking the record that has stood for 33 years! A fantastic achievement by the Lonan Gentleman's Fellowship team.

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## FOR SALE

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**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

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

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**THE END GAME.** And this month I'll try and offend those people that have not been offended previously ..... which probably leaves about 4 people on the planet so far untouched. How about 'oldies' and 'battle of the sexes'?

You know you are getting old when: the 4-letter word for something two people can do together in bed is 'Read'  
you and your teeth no longer sleep together.  
you can live without sex but not without your glasses  
you can't tell the difference between a heart attack and an orgasm.  
you watch a pornographic movie and you think the bed looks comfy.

You know you are past 40 when you choose a cereal for its fibre content rather than the free toy.

Thirty is a nice age for a woman, especially if she happens to be forty.

Two old men are in a nursing home when a female resident runs by completely naked. "What was that she was wearing?" asks the first. "Don't know," replied the second, "but it sure needed ironing."

A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need. A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

If all men are the same, why does it take women so long to pick one?

A man shows he is thinking of the future when he buys two cases of beer instead of just one.

How is a woman different from a computer? A woman won't accept a 3-inch floppy.

Why do men have a hole in their penis? So oxygen can get to the brain.

What is the difference between a battery and a woman? A battery has a positive side.

The 3 words women hate to hear when having sex: - "Honey, I'm home."

What do you do if your boiler explodes? Buy her some flowers.

Why do blondes have 'TGIF' on their T-shirts? It stands for 'tits go in front.'

What does an 85 year old woman have between her breasts that a 25 year old doesn't? Her navel.

Did you know that diarrhoea is hereditary? It runs in your jeans.

The best way to get your husband to do something is to suggest that he's too old to do it.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

And for something different ..... A blind man is walking down the street with his guide dog when it leads him smack into a lamp post. When the man recovers he reaches into his pockets and finds a treat for the dog. Just as the dog is eating the treat a stranger comes up the blind man and says, "That's just marvellous, even after a mistake like that you are still giving the dog a treat." "Well, no, not really," replied the blind man. "I'm just finding out which end is which so that I can kick him in the b\*\*\*\*\*s."

A man wakes up in the Newcastle RVI hospital bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the Prudhoe by-pass. You're going to be ok, you'll walk again and everything, but your penis was severed in the accident and we couldn't find it." The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You have £9000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new penis. They work great but they don't come cheap. It's roughly £1000 an inch." The man perks up. ... "So," the doctor says, "You must decide how many inches you want. But I understand that you have been married for over thirty years and this is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now she might be a bit put out. If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision." The man agrees to talk it over with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

"Yes I have," says the man. "And has she helped you make a decision?" "Yes" says the man. "What is your decision?" asks the doctor. "We're getting granite bench tops."

**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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