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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013**

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My abiding memory of October is the rain! I went to the BMF AGM on 7 Oct, south of Bristol; a brief report follows later in this newsletter. I did the trip there and back on the Saturday riding the R850R. The weather was awful both ways with torrential rain between Doncaster and the M5. I sat through the meeting with a soggy bottom while the bright sunshine shone through the windows! It was 280 miles each way, which I did in 4 ½ hours, including a fuel/pee stop. There were no holdups either way and the bike ran faultlessly throughout. My only glitch was the so-called waterproof clothing – it wasn't! The one-piece Belstaff suit went straight in the bin when I got home. Oct 26 I went to RAF Cosford (near Shrewsbury) and it rained hard again. I was wearing my second 1-piece Belstaff waterproof – only it wasn't! That's gone in the bin too! I do despair sometimes at how to keep dry without spending £1000 on some Rukka or equivalent gear. Deep-sea diving suit anyone!

**Forthcoming Meetings:**           **6 Nov Committee Meeting**  
  **13 Nov General Club Meeting**

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

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<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>Durham Auto Jumble, Mill House Industrial Estate, Langley Moor. Entrance £1</b>
23 Nov/1 Dec	NEC Motorcycle Live.
28 Nov	Yarm MC Coach Trip to NEC

#### **2014**

<b>9 to 18 Jan</b>	<b>Paris/Dakar starts in Risario, Argentina and ends in Valpairso, Chile</b>
<b>11 Jan</b>	<b>Christmas and New Year Party at Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Names to Secretary</b>
<b>14-16 Feb</b>	<b>London Motorcycle Show. Excel Arena.</b>

**The Club Website.** [www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk](http://www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk). The Club's website has been created by Allan Wren. Yours inputs would be most welcome. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, items for sale and wanted. Allan is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

**BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2013**

**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.

**Still Worried About Ethanol Fuel?** With older, carburetted bikes you need to be careful. Use the best quality (97 RON) Super Unleaded fuel and put Silkolene Pro FST in the tank if you are intending to store the bike soon. If you do store the bike be sure to completely empty the tank and carburettors.

### **Camping Gear for Sale**

Offers are invited for the following: Two x 2-man tents (1 Dome, 1 Tunnel type).  
2 x Sleeping Mats. 1 x Sleeping Bag. Gas Stove. Kettle with heavy alloy bottom!

**Contact Harry Beadle on 01642 781202**

**Norman Simpson Rides at Donington (well, sort of!).** As many of you will know, I have had the Norton bike for almost a year. On first delivery it failed to start and had to go back for electrical work. This pissed me off as I had waited for almost 2 years for delivery in addition to much false information. To be fair Norton sorted the bike out quickly and since then it had been fine apart from minor niggles; these were a speedo which oscillated after 60 miles running and a suspicion that all was not well with the indicators. The year would be up in November, so a service was due, but the weather was becoming increasingly colder so I arranged to ride down on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. Of course the forecast for that day was heavy rain from mid-day. Tues and Thurs were fine! Anyway, bike checked over and fuelled Tues eve and up at 0345hrs on the Wednesday to walk Milly (a dog I think! BB) and prepare. Weds morning - Thick fog! I wondered what the hell I was to encounter. I set off and rode gingerly through Yarm at 05:55 and joined the A19 at Crathorne to find quite a few trucks already rolling. The fog had cleared so I settled down behind a truck for a few miles. At Tontine I set the clock on 70ish for the rest of the journey and apart from two or three examples of filtering at various junctions on the M1, I reached Donington Hall (the new Norton HQ) in 2hrs and 15mins, not bad for a distance of 145miles non stop. Road conditions were good all the way down although most of the journey was in darkness. The new venue is much larger than the original premises, offering more floor space for spares. Apparently there are very few hiccups in the supply chain, with production at 10 bikes per week which are delivered in turn to Europe, the U S, Asia and the UK. It is still the case they can sell far more than production allows at present. A worldwide dealership is now in place. Concentration is on the Commando only. Diversifying on alternative models is not now an option apart from a V4 engined Norton for the TT(Aprilia I think). Bike's ready at 1215 just as it starts to rain. I fill up in Donington just as the heavens open. 'Bollocks' I thought; I have to get home so I head for the M1, get in the outside lane and leave the 'clock' on about 77mph . Within about ten miles my hands are wet (so much for winter gloves) although everywhere else is dry and I am at least comfortable. I reckon I can make it home none stop but no, I need the Loo, so into Wetherby Services I ride dripping wet. Straight to the toilets and its gloves to the floor and hands under the drier (after a pee of course). [I wash my hands before a pee!..and afterwards!BB]. A dry pair of gloves on and off we go, except my scarf has moved round and I feel wet. No more events enroute and I reach home in approx 2hrs 20 from start to finish. The Norton ran exceptionally well,

particularly in the atrocious conditions on the way home. It stuck to the road like a limpet. I had no aches and pains at all which was surprising given the drop bars, therefore I will not be re fitting the straight bars. I hadn't realised just how good Ohlins suspension is or in fact just how rider friendly the Norton is overall. My Wolf Jacket and Trousers are very comfortable and totally **Waterproof** I'm pleased to report. [Should I get some Wolf gear? BB]. Apart from some discomfort I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In conclusion, don't wear ear plugs, the engine sounds wonderful especially if resonating from a wall, under a tunnel or accelerating hard. Engine braking is superb which is to be expected given that it's a big twin. It's also very torquey and pulls evenly from low down in top gear. The riding position is very comfortable, surprisingly for a bike with drop bars, and the seat will easily accommodate a fat arse. Road holding - well its a Norton. So all in all its a corker. The build quality is first class. Now, the niggles. The mirrors don't give that much wide vision and when I queried these at the factory it's because of type approval; they can't be changed at present. At low speed e.g. going round roundabouts, the clutch has to be slipped or it snatches. I suppose you just ride around the problem. The paint is chipped around the air box under the rear mudguard. This is because the Hugger is too short and allows the shit to be thrown at the air box. I intend to take this up with Norton in due course. Cleaning takes 3 hours, due to wire wheels. Norman.

**Club Logo Shirts.** The following shirts with the Club Logo are available from Elizabeth Embroidery, Stockton: Polo shirt: - £10.65 +VAT. Sweat Shirt:- £12.80 + VAT. Tee Shirt:- £9.10 + VAT. All shirts are of excellent quality and in a range of colours. The Tee Shirt is available in a micro-fibre type material. If we as a club could put in a consolidated order for a quantity of shirts we could get a good deal. Listen out for announcement at the September meeting. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale.

**Electric Vehicles Flattening More People (and maybe Guide Dogs!).** Britain's roads are apparently becoming more dangerous as the lack of noise from hybrid and electric vehicles are putting more blind and partially sighted pedestrians at risk. 'Guide Dogs' chief executive, Richard Leaman is calling for noise generators to be installed on all electric and hybrid vehicles. Mary Glendon, MP for North Tyneside, is in agreement and is pleased that Nissan is taking the initiative to develop a sound generator for the Leaf vehicle. So, if you do end up with one of these 'silent' vehicles be extra vigilante where there are children about and where people are waiting to cross the road.

**Christmas/New Year Party.** The party takes place at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club on 11 January 2014. The dress and mobile phone codes of conduct are at the end of this newsletter.

### **FOR SALE**

**Honda CBF1000. '06 model. One owner. 29850 miles. FSH - Dealer maintained.**

**New chain and sprockets at last service. 6mths Tax. 12mths MOT. £3000.00**

**Luggage:-**

<b>2 x 36 Litres Givi panniers.</b>	<b>£75</b>
<b>1 x 36Litre Top Box</b>	<b>£100</b>
<b>2 x Oxford soft panniers</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>1 x Large Oxford Tail Pack</b>	<b>£25</b>

**Contact Bert Reid. Tel 01642 617068**

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Yarm MC Members especially Welcome

**Super Deals on Oxford Clothing.** You can get a 5% discount on Oxford clothing if you order on-line. Now you can do even better! Crofton Court Motorcycles are offering 8% discount on all new Oxford clothing products. Call the number in their advert, or better still, visit the shop and have a look at the stock. All the usual Oxford Products are on display plus good deals on HJC helmets.

**Bikes for Sale.** Want a good bike for little money? Don't we all! Th Steve at Crofton Court has the following for sale: Suzuki GS500 on a '51 plate. Immaculate - only 4,000 miles. £900.

CBR600 with 22,000 miles. £1400. Suzuki TL1000S 'R' reg. 37,000 miles. £2300.

Suzuki Van Van 125cc. 20,000 miles. £1200 ono.

**Camping Gear for You.** Allan Wren (Biker of the Year 2012) 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.



### **Car Care UK. Have Moved!! Now in Stockton, opposite QuickFit**

Call Adam at Car Care if you are after parts for your vehicle. A discount will be offered to club members equivalent to 'Cost Price plus 10%'. You must show a valid (current) club membership card to get the discount.

### **MOTOGP DATES 2014**

- 23 Mar** Qatar, Losail International Circuit (*Evening race*)
- 13 Apr** Americas, Circuit of the Americas
- 27 Apr** Argentina, Autódromo Termas de Rio Hondo
- 04 May** Spain, Circuito de Jerez - *Subject to contract*
- 18 May** France, Le Mans Circuit
- 1 Jun** Italy, Mugello Circuit
- 15 Jun** Catalunya, Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya
- 28 Jun** Netherlands, TT Assen (*Saturday race*)
- 13 Jul** Germany, Sachsenring
- 10 Aug** Indianapolis GP, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- 17 Aug** Czech Republic, Automotodrom Brno
- 31 Aug** Great Britain, Silverstone Circuit
- 14 Sep** San Marino & Riviera di Rimini, Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli
- 21 Sep** Aragón, MotorLand Aragón
- 28 Sep** Brazil, Brasilia - *Subject to homologation*
- 12 Oct** Malaysia, Sepang International Circuit
- 19 Oct** Japan, Twin Ring Motegi
- 26 Oct** Australia, Phillip Island
- 09 Nov** Valencia, Ricardo Tormo-Valencia

### **FOR SALE**

Aprilia 125cc. 2009 fully restricted 34bhp. 3 owners. 4000 miles. £2150.00.  
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**Christmas/New Year Party.** So far we have 37 names for the party at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club on 11 January. We can take up to 50, so please give your name to the Secretary if you want to take part.

### **THE END GAME.**

A man wakes up one morning in Alaska to find a bear on his roof. He looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Removers." He calls the number and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. "What are you going to do?" the homeowner asks.

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner. "

If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."

A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet and romantic little restaurant. Suddenly a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table.

She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband'. The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me'.

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish. So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof! ...the husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful bastards should remember fairies are female.....  
... and the theme is EXERCISE:

My sister took up body-building last year. She's really come on strong. In fact, she is so good at it she is now my brother.

One day as I came home early from work I saw a guy jogging naked. I said to the guy, Hey, why are you jogging naked? He said, Because you came home early.

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

If swimming is good for your body shape, how come whales look the way they do?

How do you get a man to do situps? Put the remote control between his feet.

Two old women are sitting on a bench talking. One says to the other, 'How's your husband holding up in bed these days?' The second replies, 'He makes me feel like an exercise bicycle. Each day he climbs on and starts pumping away, but we never get anywhere.'

Harry gets a lot of exercise. Last week he was out seven nights running.

My doctor told me if I took up jogging it would add ten years to my life. Sure enough, I took up jogging and now I feel ten years older.

If God meant us to touch our toes he would have put them further up our bodies.

**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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