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### CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013

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November wasn't too bad as regards the weather and things to do. The main events for me were the NEC and the Santa Ride for Zoe's Place.

The NEC was much better in terms of layout and displays compared to previous years of late. There were loads of new and updated bikes to clamber plus the chance of a quick chat with John McGuinness while he signed a book on his biking history. The Santa Run was brilliant, both in terms of the weather and the turn-out by the riders and the public. The police did a fantastic job in keeping the whole plot moving through the route, and they really deserved the accolade they got at the finish; I don't think they 'tasered' anyone in the queue for the bacon butties at Kirkleatham Hall. The police band and the ladies choir finished the event off nicely. Looking forward to next year's, assuming there are no barriers to taking the roads with such a large group.

Committee members please note that the January meetings is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Forthcoming Meetings:**            **Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**  
   **January 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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

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#### 2013

15 Dec            **Newark Mega Jumble. Newark and Notts Showground. Get your winter project here**

#### 2014

8 Jan            **Annual General Meeting**

11/12 Jan       **Manchester Motorcycle Show at the Manchester Central (GMEX).**

9 to 18 Jan     **Paris/Dakar starts in Risario, Argentina and ends in Valpariso, Chile**

11 Jan           **Christmas and New Year Party at Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Names to Secretary**

14-16 Feb       **London Motorcycle Show. Excel Arena.**

28-31 Mar       **MCN Biker Party at Skegness. Check out [www.mcnlive.co.uk](http://www.mcnlive.co.uk)**

24 May- 7 Jun **IOM TT Fortnight.**

7 – 10 July      **Southern 100 Road Races, IOM**

16 – 29 Aug     **Manx Grand Prix, VMCC Rally & Classic TT Races**

**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 2014**

**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.

### **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**

**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. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale.

**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**

## Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd

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**NB: Check above for opening times over the Christmas / New Year period.**

**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.

**Camping Gear for You.** Allan Wren (Biker of the Year 2011) 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

**WSB and BSB dates will be posted asap.**

### **FOR SALE**

Aprilia 125cc. 2009 fully restricted 34bhp. 3 owners. 4000 miles. £2150.00.  
Contact Club Member Tony Petrie on 07983556772

**Sean Emmett.** Ex BSB racer Sean Emmett has been arrested at Heathrow on suspicion of murdering his new wife. Sean had been held in Dubai for 10 months for consuming alcohol without a licence. I reported in the newsletter a couple of months on the circumstances of his wife's death and sequestration of his passport. Although the original verdict by the Dubai courts that the death was accidental, there has obviously been some developments.

I had the option of going to Dubai this past week to deliver some important documents from work. It would have meant spending 6 days on my own, and without a beer! I told them I couldn't go; I should have told them to stick it as I do not like certain Middle Eastern countries attitudes to Western behaviour, particularly with regards to beer consumption!

### **AUTOPLUS (UK) LTD 316-318 Norton Road. Norton** **01642 556000**

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**Motorcycle Live at the NEC 2013.** The Fun Four turned into Three owing to Chris having to look after her new baby – Arty the Whippet! The plan of setting off early on the Saturday went awry at the beginning. A bulb failure in a headlight of our transport – a gas-powered Transit, had Tony flummoxed (put in a dud replacement bulb didn't he!). After what seemed a total rebuild of the front end we got going 3 hours late. We made to Birmingham in good time but had to 'gas up' before finding our accommodation. After driving what seemed about 10 miles down the Coventry Road through the worst traffic I have ever seen (bumper to bumper and bad manners!) we got sorted and made it to our Travelodge. Next door was a Peachy Keens, an all you can eat sort of place but a notch or two up on a Toby. After consuming a bottle of wine – we must be getting old as it would normally be a bottle each – we went next door and started drinking and eating. What a great selection of food from various places in the world, and much of it cooked to your liking. Topped with buckets from the Chocolate Fountain and a few pints of Guinness we were ready for a sleep. The accommodation had one double and one single bed; who slept with who remains our secret! Several trips to the loo and the usual belching and farting ensured that sleep remained a distant wish. No one felt like breakfast and we made it to the show by opening time. Even though we spent 8 hours in there we never got to see everything. What an excellent show, just a fantastic job by everyone involved. I note that Prince William parked his bum on the same seat as I did on the Triumph stand (Daytona 675R). I got the heated glove-inners I was after, although there was no reduction in price! (Probably get a chance to try them for an extended run to Leicester in January for the BMF Council meeting). Anyway, we all had different experiences at the show: I got to sing with George Formby on his Shuttleworth Racer; Roy got to blow everyone's ear drums out with the stereo system on a Victory Chieftan and Tony got to try the Kawasaki Girls!

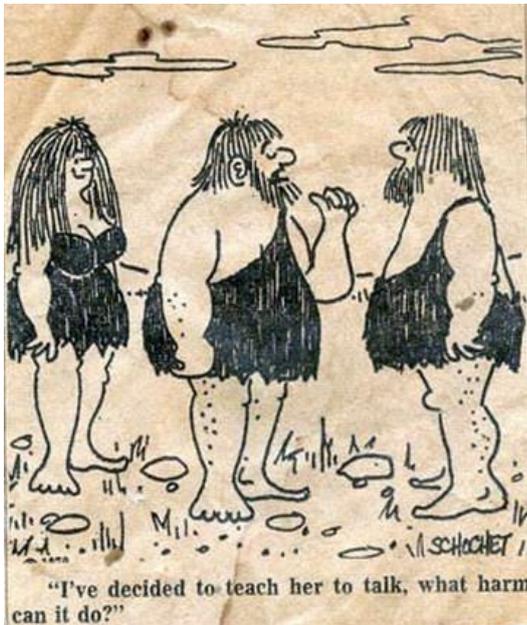


The journey home was uneventful, unlike last year when we accidentally ended up on the M6 Toll Road! We had just enough cash on us to leave at the first exit. Of course, Tony missed the basket and had to get out of the car to pick up the change. In the meantime cars are backing up and drivers getting impatient. Eventually we got it together, go through the barrier and wait for Tony to walk through. At which point the barrier came down and cracked him on his skull ... which kind of answers a lot of questions we had about his sanity!! Cheers Tony, it did make the trip worthwhile. Looking forward to next year!

## THE END GAME.

Fox Radio of Australia (the Radio outfit that ran a hoax call to the Duchess of Cambridge when she was having a baby) ran a competition live on-air whereby couples were asked questions in isolation, rather like our 'Mr and Mrs' on the TV. Anyway, if the couple answer the same response to a series of questions they win 2 weeks in Hawaii, all expenses paid. A guy at work is called and is asked a series of questions. After a few basic questions, such as what he had for breakfast, what was his favourite TV show, he was asked if he had sex before going to work. The reply was 'Yes'. 'Where did you have sex?' was the next question. 'Er ... do I have to answer that?' asked the guy. 'Well, yes, if you want to win the prize.' 'Ok, we had it on the kitchen table'. 'Well thank you very much. Stay on the line and we will call your wife and ask the same questions.' So, the wife is called and the competition rules are explained. Things are going well, and the husband is pleased with how it is going. The last questions got tricky. 'Did you and your husband have sex this morning?' 'Do I have to answer that?' she said. Husband interjected 'Go ahead Mary, you are doing really well, just answer the man truthfully.' 'Yes, we did have sex' she said. 'Good!' said the radio celebrity. 'And now, the final question. Where did you have sex this morning?' 'Oh gosh!' she said, 'I really can't answer that!!' Husband jumps in again, 'Go on Mary, just tell the truth. We are on line to win that holiday!' After more pleading from her husband she said, 'Alright, but I shall be so embarrassed! I had it up the bum!!!' Stunned silence all round!

A major International company was looking to hire someone for an important position, so they interviewed dozens of applicants and narrowed their search down to three people from different parts of the world. In an attempt to pick one of them, they decided to give them all the same question to answer within 24 hours, and the one with the best answer would get the job. The question was: "A man and a woman are in bed, nude. The woman is lying on her side with her back facing the man, and the man is lying on his side facing the woman's back. What is the man's name?" After the 24 hours was up, the three were brought in to give their answers. The first, from Canada, says "My answer is, there IS no answer." The second, from England, says "My answer is that there is no way to determine the answer with the information we were given." The third one, from Scotland, says "I'm not exactly sure, but I have it narrowed down to two names. It's either: Willie Turner or Willie Nailer." The Scotsman got the job.



Son: "Dad, we're learning about prisms at school. They're fascinating." Dad: "That's good son, because as a dyslexic black boy, you're bound to end up in one."

A young man is organising the washing powders in a supermarket aisle. As he is laying out the boxes he hears a familiar voice behind him. He turns round; it's the girl he went on a first date with last night. 'What are you doing here?' she asked. 'You told me you were in an aerobatics team.' The young man is a bit embarrassed. 'Actually, I told you I was in an Ariel Display Team!'

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.....

I had a mate who was suicidal. He was really depressed, so I pushed him in front of a train. He was chuffed to bits.

**THE PROBLEM WITH POLITICS.** A farmer named Billy was overseeing his herd in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the old man, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Billy looks at the young man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?" The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The yuppie then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to Billy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, you'll be helpin' yourself to one of me calves, then, since you won it fair en square." says Billy. He watches the smartly dressed yuppie select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the man gingerly picks it up & stuffs it into the boot of his car. As the yuppie is carefully brushing the dust & hair off his suit, Billy says, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what work you do & where you come from, will you give me back my calf?" The yuppie thinks about it for a second, wondering what this wrinkled up dirt encrusted uneducated old man could possibly know? He grins and then says, "Okay, old fella, why not? I'm a believer in fair play."

"You're a politician and you work in London" says the old timer. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but tell me how on earth did you guess that?" "No guessing required." answered Billy "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog."

**AND THAT FOLKS IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS ALL ABOUT.**

**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.