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CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2013

The biking season is now well underway. I'm seeing more bikes on the road these days and more are now appearing in the car park at work. My bike has had a lonely winter out there, at least on those occasions when the road conditions allowed! Winter isn't quite over yet for some though. I see the forecast is for snow in the Grampians today (3 May).

The Sunday Rideout table below still has a few gaps. Be bold and take a 'Lead'. Talking of Rideouts, the Committee agreed to a couple of additions to the protocol at the most recent meeting. These mostly involve the Lead Rider's responsibilities such as head-counts at the start and at every stop. I managed to 'lose' 3 riders on my lead from Bridlington, which was a bit careless! The main point to note is that riders should have the man behind in view at all times, which is helpful in case of breakdowns etc. The updated protocol is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Forthcoming Meetings: 8 May General Club Meeting
 12 June General Club Meeting
 3 July Committee Meeting

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

10-12 May	Cumbria Bike Show in aid of the GNAAS. Camping, competitions etc. Kirkbride Airfield Check out www.cumbriabikeshow.co.uk for more info.
12 May	Classic Cars/Bikes Show at Hurworth Grange
11-12 May	Carole Nash Great Scottish Bike Show
12-18 May	Northwest 200
17-19 May	BMF May Show, Peterborough Arena
18/19 May	Tees Cottage Pumping Station Open
25 May-8 Jun	IOM TT
7-13 Jun	Appleby Horse Fair
14-16 Jun	Cholmondeley Pageant of Power
15/16 Jun	Barry Sheene w/end. Oliver's Mount
17 Jun	Ride To Work Day with the Cleveland Police. Details to follow.
21-23 Jun	Farmyard Party, Helmsley
22/23 Jun	Tees Cottage Pumping Station Open
22-23 Jun	Carole Nash Newark Bike Bonanza
5-7 Jul	National Road Rally. Final Control station at Squire's Cafe and 4 others.
5-7 Jul	BMF Kelso Bikefest, Borders Union Showground

5-7 Jul	Goodwood Festival of Speed.
13-14 Jul	VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes. Mallory Park. Ride your own classic on the circuit Trent. Bars, Discos, Hog Roast, Live Bands, Trade stands. davesilburn.rep@thenabd.org.uk
20 Jul	BMF Council Mtg
21 Jul	Cock o' the North at Oliver's
28 Jul	Middlesbrough & District Motor Club Classic Motorcycle Sprint at Aske Hall.
28 Jul	BIKEWISE at Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads.
28 Jul	Trials at Penrith
11 Aug	Ridewell, Preston Park
15-18 Aug	Sixth Hop & Barley Rally, Shobnail Sports & Leisure Club, Burton
17 Aug-1 Sep	Isle of Man Festival of Motorcycling (formerly known as the Manx Grand Prix)
20 Aug	Steam Car Club of Gt. Britain visit South Tyne Dale Railway.
6-7 Sep	Carole Nash Eurojumble
13-15 Sep	BMF Tailend, Peterborough Arena
14/15 Sep	Tees Cottage Pumping Station Heritage Weekend. Free Entry (no engines running)
14/15 Sep	International Gold Cup, Oliver's Mount
15 Sep	Saltburn Historic Motor Gathering / Hill Climb
13-15 Sep	Goodwood Revival
19 Oct	Scott Trial, Richmond
19-20 Oct	Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show
20 Oct	Middlesbrough & District Motor Club Classic Motorcycle Sprint at Catterick Garrison.
23 Nov/1 Dec	NEC Motorcycle Live.
28 Nov	Yarm MC Coach Trip to NEC

The Club Website. www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk. See the work done by Allan Wren. This is the Club's website and needs your inputs. 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.

The Yarm Motocycling Club is affiliated to the BMF. For details of the BMF go to www.bmf.co.uk

Rideouts 2013

Date	Lead Rider	Remarks (Route/Destination etc)
12 May		
16 June	Allan Coverdale	Skipton and Bentham
14 July		
18 Aug		
15 Sep	Bob Arnett	The Great Mystery Tour
13 Oct (BST ends 27 Oct)		

BMF Update. At the BMF Council meeting on 20 April the mood was generally upbeat. Finances are stable and the deficit to FEMA is being paid off. More clubs have affiliated than in previous years. The Rider is now a really well put together magazine and a good read. Planning for the BMF shows is going well and we can expect superb entertainment thanks to the work of Martin Chick and his team at ;all we need now is for the weather to cooperate. The old BMF website has languished for too long and the decision was taken to link it to the Rider website, and it is on this Rider link that the latest information on the BMF will be available.

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Yarm MC Members especially Welcome

Police Crackdown on Mobile Phone Use. The Cleveland Police are planning a determined effort during the week beginning 6 May to catch motorists using their mobile phones while driving. If you do have to use a mobile phone while on the move at least be sure it is 'hands free' otherwise you may find yourself on a revealing video!

GRIFF's Scooters & Motorcycles. Located in Prudhoe, Griff's offers a vast range of motorcycle clothing and accessories. Your Secretary has the 2013 catalogue for members to peruse and copies of the order form. You can see details yourself on www.griffs-scooters.com. Contact Griffs on 01661-836155 or you can email at davidgriffiths801@btinternet.com.

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.



Ethanol in Your Fuel? (Repeated from last month – this could be important!) E10 fuel is now appearing on the forecourt and it may do your bike no good at all. Modern bikes can probably cope but some older machinery could suffer from damaged rubber fuel pipes, fuel-tank liners and carburettor jets. If you want to know if your bike will be ok check out the following web site: www.acem.eu/index.php/policy-access/environment/e10 .

Car Care UK. 5 Station Road, Eaglescliffe. 01642 927696

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.

The National Road Rally. Takes place in July and is run in support of MENCAP. It is a challenging ride, covering between 120 to 540 miles with hundreds of enthusiasts. There are several finishing points around the country to suit individual needs and at the end you can take part in the Special Test to check your technical proficiency and knowledge. Visit www.nationalroadrally.co.uk for details.

FOR SALE

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

Free Classic Festival Entry. Donington Park is offering free Friday entry to its Classic Motorcycling Festival on August 9 when you buy weekend or Sunday tickets for the WSB round on May 24-26. You also get £10 off the regular WSB ticket price. Just enter the code MCNDP13 where prompted online. Regular adult ticket prices for the WSB round are £52 (weekend) and £42 (Sunday). A Friday Classic Motorcycling Festival ticket normally costs £10.

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THE END GAME

Wife: 'What are you doing?' Husband: Nothing. Wife: 'Nothing...? IYou've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.' Husband: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

Wife : 'Do you want dinner?' Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?' Wife: 'Yes or no.'

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well, that's because we aren't married yet.'

Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.'

Mom: 'Well, you have done the right thing.' Son: 'But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.'

A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?' 'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE!'

A wife asked her husband: 'What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?'

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: 'I like your sense of humour.'

Here Pussy Cat. A widowed lady, still in good shape, was sunbathing on a mostly deserted beach. She noticed that a man her age, also in good shape, had walked up, placed his blanket on the sand near hers and began reading a book. Smiling, she attempted to strike up a conversation with him. "How are you today?" "Fine, thank you," he responded, and turned back to his book. "I love the beach. Do you come here often?" she asked. "First time since my wife passed away 2 years ago," he replied and turned back to his book. "I'm sorry to hear that. My husband passed away three years ago and it is very lonely, she countered. "Do you live around here?" She asked. "Yes, I live over in Cape Coral ," he answered , and again he resumed reading. Trying to find a topic of common interest, she persisted," Do you like pussy cats?" With that, the man dropped his book, came over to her blanket, tore off her swimsuit and gave her the most passionate lovemaking of her life. When the cloud of sand began to settle, she gasped and asked the man, "How did you know that was what I wanted?" The man replied. "How did you know my name was Katz?"

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).

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RIDE OUT PROTOCOL ATTACHED

YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB RIDE OUT PROTOCOL (Update in Bold)

Notes to accompany a Ride Out

These notes have been prepared by Yarm Motorcycling Club and aim to promote safe and enjoyable ride outs. The notes are based upon the BMF's guidelines for ride outs and are a requirement under the Club's Liability Insurance. For your information guests, who are not club members, will not be covered by the Club's Liability Insurance.

Before participating in any of the Club ride outs please ensure you have read and understood the points noted below.

1. Please ensure before participating in a ride out that your licence, road tax, MOT and insurance are in order and that your motorcycle is mechanically sound.
2. Please start the ride out with a full tank of petrol.
3. Destinations and routes will be discussed before the start of a ride out. If you wish to leave the group before the destination is reached, please make your intention known before the start of the ride out.
4. When participants are planning their ride out consideration must be given to all riders with respect to rest and refuelling stops. If any rider has any doubts about their own ability, please make it known before the start of a ride out.
5. Please help to promote a positive image of motorcycling and Yarm Motorcycling club by:
 - (a) showing due consideration for others at all times
 - (b) respecting speed limits and other legal requirements
- 6. During the ride always keep the rider immediately behind in view.**
7. Try not to ride too close to the person in front, but if it cannot be avoided, try to ride in staggered formation.
8. In the event of a breakdown or other mishap, the bike or rider in trouble should not be left alone. Another rider should stay with them until assistance arrives. Where possible an attempt should be made to make the immediate area safe.
9. Please show extreme caution where horses are being ridden or when sheep are grazing by the side of the road as they may be easily startled by motorcycles.

Lead Rider Responsibilities.

- 10. As well as being cognisant of all the above, the Lead Rider should confirm that all participants are happy with the conditions of this protocol. Ideally the route should have been reconnoitred beforehand and any possible problem areas made known.**
- 11. If carrying a mobile phone ensure that all riders have the number.**
- 12. Check the number of riders participating before setting off and confirm the number after rest and refuelling stops. Ensure that all riders are aware of the total number.**

Finally, enjoy the ride.

Club Members are advised to read Motorcycle Roadcraft: The Police Riders Handbook ¹; a copy of which is available to read on Club nights or may be borrowed from the Club by prior arrangement.

A copy of this note will be given to Club members upon renewal of their annual subscription.