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CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

Hello and welcome to the September newsletter. First of all, a reminder about the NEC trip in November. We still need more names, otherwise the trip is threatened with cancellation as the coach hire is too expensive for the club to fund! If you want to go, get your name down this Wednesday with your deposit (£5). Payment in full required by the October meeting.

There's a lot of members gear for sale this month. Norman Simpson has some good quality clothing for sale. An email was circulated earlier about this, and the detail is repeated further in the newsletter. Check it out, plus there is plenty of other stuff for sale.

I am pleased to report that we have a World Champion in the Club! Chris Robinson won the International Limerick Contest in ... Limerick! Competing against contestants from around the globe, Chris's entry was a real tongue-twister; how she managed to say it without a slip-up was quite some feat. Her story is featured below.

Forthcoming Meetings: **11 September Club Meeting**
 9 October – Speaker at the Club Meeting is Andrew of ‘RealRider’.

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

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
5-6 Oct	Santa Pod Extreme Performance Bike Weekend. Check out www.extremebike.co.uk
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

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

The Club Website. 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.

Rideouts 2013

Date	Lead Rider	Remarks (Route/Destination etc)
15 Sep	Bob Arnett	Saltburn Hill Climb /Whitby
13 Oct (BST ends 27 Oct)		

Saltburn Hill Climb. This is not a speed event (again!) as the Dept. for Transport has failed to complete the necessary work to allow full motorsport action on public roads. Apparently, too many resources were put into reviewing the case for the HS2 rail link to bother with motor sports!

The Ecstasy and the Agony of an Irish Holiday. Chris Robinson Bares All!

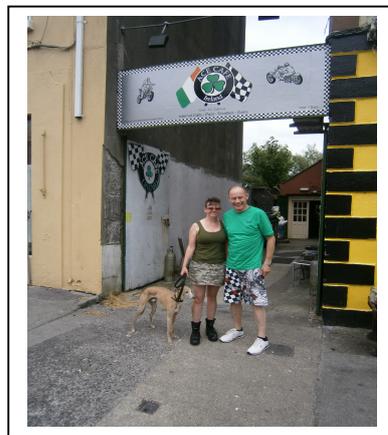
Tony and I have recently returned home from our latest expedition. I would love to say 'holiday' but that would be a misrepresentation, as holidays are meant to be relaxing and uneventful, and this trip was far from it. In fact, I can't remember the last time we had an actual holiday. Perhaps we would have done this time around if we had stuck to our original plans to vacate in the South of France but, after learning that I'd been shortlisted for a poetry competition I'd entered in Ireland, we decided to reconsider our destination. Not being the best of flyers and the arrival of our new baby (well, okay, 6 year old whippet named Arty who acts like a big soft baby), I suggested a road trip, taking the ferry from Cairnryan to Larne; a round trip of just under 2000 miles. The plan was to arrive the day before the competition final, attend that event the following day and then spend the rest of the time touring Ireland and chilling out before the 12 hour trek home. For the first few days, things did go to plan. The journey to the campsite in Roscrea, although a long day, was an enjoyable one, with a relatively relaxed crossing over the Irish Sea. By the time the tent was erected and dinner prepared and eaten it was pretty much time for bed. The next day we awoke and so did the butterflies in my stomach. The competition I had entered was the 'Bring Your Limericks to Limerick' international competition, organised by Limerick University and Limerick Writers' Centre, as part of the Tailteann Nua Festival (also known as the Limerick Gathering), an event for sportsmen and artists to come together to compete and celebrate Irish Culture. This was the first time the competition had been open to entrants from outside Ireland and they had a response of over 1000 entries worldwide. My limerick, along with around 50 others, had been selected to be recited at the final, held on campus at Limerick University. There were one or two contestants from America, Canada and Europe, a handful from Southern England, myself from the North East of England and many from Ireland. My nerves worsened the longer I waited but eventually my name was called and I managed to compose myself to give a calm recital of my limerick, which I fortunately didn't muddle up. I say this as I'd actually written a bit of a

tongue twister; a clever poem when written down, but not so clever when you then have to recite it to a full audience including 3 judges which consisted of 2 Doctors from the University and poet John Liddy. Whilst the judges were conferring I had overheard a group of girls talking about my poem in a positive light and a few people came up to me to compliment me. I thought to myself that even if I don't win, which was rather unlikely with there being only one prize and 50 finalists, that at least I had made an impression on a few people. After around half an hour the MC called the judges and event organizers on stage to announce the winner. The room hushed. I swear I saw a tumbleweed roll by our table. Then came the announcement 'CHRISTINA ROBINSON!' Yes, they had gotten my name wrong but only by one letter and hey, who was I to complain at this stage?! I couldn't believe it. I still don't believe it. My little 5 line poem had just won me 1000 Euros. It must have been this win that kept my spirits high the rest of my time in Ireland as only two days after that the car engine blew big style. We were 12 miles away from the campsite, half way into the trip. We had only managed 2 day trips although they were full days. We walked along the cliffs of Moher, crept through Aillwee Cave, drove by Father Ted's house (when we eventually found it), and even came across the Ace Café Ireland in a little place called Gort. After the engine blow out Tony telephoned the AA, who came to recover the vehicle but could not take us the mere 12 miles to the campsite. No, he had to take us all of the way back to his garage so that he could organize a taxi to take us the now 25 mile journey! By this time it was well after midnight. The rest of our time in Ireland was spent speaking with the AA, organizing pickup trucks and rental cars to get us all home with the camping gear. At least I won't have to debate about what to spend my winnings on! You can see me reciting the winning poem following this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1dha6A1CCo> .

I am currently working on a collection of poetry inspired by the entire tour. Tony is currently looking for a van for our next vehicle and poor little Arty, going on this holiday with us only one week after coming to live with us, is wondering what the hell kind of household he's been brought to. I think the word 'tent' may now give him nightmares!



Chris receiving her prize cheque



Arty, Chris and Tony at Ace Café, Ireland

Congratulations Chris on your achievement in Limerick. We are looking forward to hearing your poetical review of the rest of your 'holiday'!

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

Just Helmets. Nigel Sigsworth has arranged a discount code for the club. All you have to do is use the code YMC. The link is :<http://www.justhelmets.co.uk>

FOR SALE. Motorcycle clothing. All monies will go to Prostate Cancer Research.

Leather Two-piece by Hein Gericke. Jacket size 58, Trousers 56.

Cordura Jacket and trousers by Hein Gericke. Size XXL

Heine Gericke Winter Boots. Size 10.

Flip-front Helmet – Medium.

Shoei Helmet with Sun visor. Size 59/60 (Large).

Gloves size Medium.

Offers are invited for all items. They can be seen at the Club meeting on 11 September, or contact Norman Simpson.

RIDEWELL 2013. An excellent day out for motorcyclists and the general public alike. Many thanks to those who helped with erecting the tent and gazebo. A special thanks to Allan Wren for transporting the stuff, Les Wright for furniture, Colin and Pat Whincup for catering supplies, and all the members who brought their bikes to put on display. Thanks to Ken Vidgeon and his son for coffee after the Saturday set-up. Two bikes really caught the attention of the public; the immaculately prepared RC30 of Vince Jaques and the Kawasaki 'Growler', once owned by the late Andy McGladdery and brought along by Vince. It was good to see Bert Reid at the show; long may you continue to get better Bert. Apologies if I've missed any contributors. Apart from a couple of showers the day was most pleasant and there was plenty to see and do. Dave Coates stunt show was superb and the traders and safety displays were very busy. Whether or not there will be another one next year is still a moot point. Having written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and to Kevin Keay to thank them for their support and hoping that they would continue to promote Ridewell, I have yet to hear any news.

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.

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.

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2 Oxford soft panniers £20
1-Large Oxford Tail Pack £25

Contact Bert Reid. Tel 01642 617068

Places to Hang Out.

The Manor, Bellerby, DL8 5QH. Bike meets at Weekends and Weds until 2100.

Cafe 1618. Located at 16/18 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0GQ. Weekends and Tuesdays.

The Pit Stop Diner. Tuesday evenings are the main times when bikers from all over Cleveland and Durham meet. The Pit Stop is open 7 days a week all year round. Check out the latest news on www.thepitstopdiner.co.uk.

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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.



BIKESAFE. This is a police led motorcycle project run by most police forces in the UK. The main aim is to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents on our roads. A BikeSafe workshop is taking place on 22 September at Thirsk. Book a course on 08444 151206 or go to www.bikesafe.co.uk or email info@bikesafeadmin.co.uk.

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.

FOR SALE

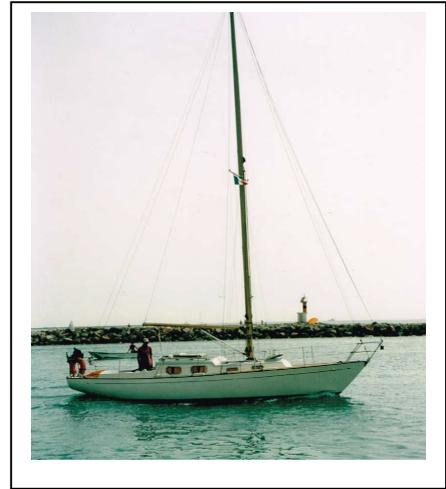
Aprilia 125cc. 2009 fully restricted 34bhp. 3 owners. 4000 miles. £2150.00.
Contact Club Member Tony Petrie on 07983556772

Other Places to Hang Out.

The Sun Inn, Brame Lane, Norwood, Harrogate. HG3 1SZ. Very biker-friendly. Wednesday night is Bike Night.

Ye Olde Naked Man Cafe. Market Place, Settle. 01729 823230. Ideal stop when in the Dales.

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THE END GAME. Man comes home from a long business trip and finds his son playing with an expensive toy. “Who bought you that?” asks Dad. “I did,” replies the boy. “I bought it with the money I earned hiking.” “Hiking?” asks the father. “Who pays someone to go hiking?” “Mr Jones next door,” replies the boy. “Every time he came round to see Mum he’d give me a fiver and told me to take a hike.”

How do you stop a rhino from charging? Cut up its credit card.

Custer’s last words at The Little Big Horn: “I’ll never understand these damned Indians. Just a few minutes ago they were singing and dancing.”

What has 100 balls and screws rabbits? A shotgun cartridge.

Two blondes go duck hunting for the first time. After several hours they hadn't got a single duck. One blonde says "I don't understand it. Why aren't we getting any ducks?" The other blonde replies "Perhaps we aren't throwing the dog high enough."

How do you know when your bagpipes need tuning?

What do chickens think we taste like?

Did you know we have over 35 million laws worldwide just to enforce the 10 Commandments?

Jury Foreman to Judge: "We find the defendant not guilty by reason of insanity." Judge: "What, all twelve of you?"

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other off.

Little girl runs into her parents bedroom and demands that her mother read her a story. "But it's 3 o'clock in the morning!" says the mother. "Can't you go back to your own bed?" "Please Mummy, I can't get to sleep." Mother and says, "Look, jump into bed with me and when your father get home we can both listen to a story."

A man rushes into his house and yells to his wife, "Martha, pack up your things, I've just won the lottery!" Martha shouts back "Shall I pack for warm or cold weather?" The man replies "I don't care, just as long as you are out of the house by noon!"

The invisible man married the invisible woman. Their kids were nothing to look at.

My mum was a lollipop lady. By that I mean she had a very thin body and a big round red sticky head.

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

It's womens' fault that men lie to them; they ask too many questions.

There are two theories of arguing with a woman. Neither of them works.

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

Men do cry, but only when assembling furniture from IKEA.

How do men sort their laundry? 'Filthy' and 'Filthy but Wearable.'

Why do men snore when they lie on their backs? Because their balls fall over their butts and the end up with a vapour lock! (I didn't know that either!!)

Why is a woman different than a computer? A woman won't accept a 3 inch floppy.

How do you fix a woman's watch? No need, there's a clock on the oven.

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

My wife tried a mudpack to make herself more beautiful. It worked for a while but then it fell off.

How do you make 6 pounds of fat look attractive? Put a nipple in the middle of it.

Modern women put on wigs, fake eyelashes, false fingernails, sixteen pounds of assorted make-up, shadows, blushers, creams, living bras, various pads, have plastic surgery, then complain they cannot find a 'real' man. I once met a girl who said I could fill a void in her life. It was only later that I realised that she meant her wardrobe.

Where did they find the Irish woodworm? In a brick – dead!

A hungry woodworm walks into a pub and says, "Is the bar tender here?"

A man goes into a restaurant and asks a waiter, "How do you prepare the chicken?" "We don't" replies the waiter. "We tell it straight that it is going to die."

I've invented a new spray to kill aphids on my rose bushes. The spray kills the rose bushes and the aphids starve to death!

That's all for now folks. I've run out of ideas.

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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