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## **CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2014**

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Hurrah! I saw the surgeon on 27 Oct, when he removed the packing from my ear. It's ok to start riding a bike again, just have to plug the ear with cotton wool as it will leak for a few days yet.

After 2 months break I went for a spin on the GPZ 500 in glorious sunshine. Before setting off I checked the tyre pressures, topped up the fuel and brushed the cobwebs away. OK, so I forgot to turn on the fuel tap; and I couldn't find the right indicator button (because I was in 'BMW' mode) but other than that, the run went well and I ended up at Crofton Court Motorcycles for a coffee and a chat. Steve's speedway riding son showed me the wrecked engine from his last race. I have never seen so much damage from what was probably a dropped valve. While there Steve showed me a picture of a young rider's attempt of a puncture repair; the picture is included in this newsletter.

The Christmas/New Year's party is on 11 January. The venue can take up to 60 persons. Please let me have your names soonest. Remember that club members have priority.

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

**Club Meeting:**      **Weds 12 November (Speaker scheduled)**

### **2014**

- 30 Oct-2 Nov    International Dirt Bike Show at Stoneleigh Park. Find at CV8 2LZ.  
31 Oct-1 Nov    National Motorcycle Museum 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Free Entry and lots of stuff going on – trade displays, auto jumble, wheelie machine etc. Find at B92 0EJ.  
27 Nov            Coach Trip to NEC. See Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for booking/details

### **2015**

- 14 January**    AGM.  
**11 January**    Christmas/New Year Party, The Crown Hotel, Kirklevington. Names to Secretary.

**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, and items for sale and wanted. Allan is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

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### **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? Strengthen the membership base of the BMF and give it more clout in working for riders' rights. Convert to Full Membership at a £5 reduction in the normal fee AND make £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.

**Club Logo Shirts.** 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. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale. **You can also take your own garments to have the club logo embroidered by Elizabeth's Embroidery, Stockton on Tees. Tel: 01642 674 973.**

### **Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd**

See Steve and crew.

Telephone: 01642 601795 / 07881276919

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Stockton on Tees TS18 2QR

[www.croftoncourtmotorcyclesltd.co.uk](http://www.croftoncourtmotorcyclesltd.co.uk)

(Turn Right at the traffic lights at ARCO.

Now has executive rights on Maxxis Tyres in the area.

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### **DVLA Considers Changes to Testing of Historic Vehicles.** (The following is an extract from the DVLA website – thanks to Paul Wilson for the link).

Directive 2014/45/EU sets out minimum requirements for periodic road-worthiness testing of vehicles used on public roads. Vehicles are categorised by type and the rules differ for each category. Motorbikes must be tested on a regular basis, unless exempt, but it's up to the member state to decide the frequency of the testing. The UK can decide if we want to exempt motorbikes of historic interest, if they 'have not been subject to substantial change'. Or we could choose to introduce regular testing for such vehicles. If we do decide to exempt motorbikes, we can decide how old they should be before they're exempted and how to define 'substantial change'.

Under current GB law motorbikes that were manufactured before 1960 can be exempt from MOT testing. A new EU directive allows us to continue to allow exemptions from MOT testing, but now for vehicles **over 30 years old providing they have not substantially changed.**

We have to amend GB law to reflect the EU requirements if we wish to continue to exempt classic vehicles, but we have a lot of flexibility about how we do this.

We are now considering what you have told us and we will be using it as the basis for a formal consultation on possible changes to the law. We expect to launch the formal consultation on the GOV.UK website in 2015.

So, something to keep an eye on next year.

**Easy Rider Motorcycle Sold.** Hear on the radio a couple of weeks ago – Peter Fonda's motorcycle used in the film – Captain America – was sold at auction for \$840,000! Obviously some folk have a lot of disposable income, and here I am unable to give my BMW away for £2k!

## **MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING FOR SALE**



Helmet - SHARK Bike Helmet, size XS, Never been worn. Was £249.99, £90 ono

RK Sports Jacket - RK Sports, Leather Bike Jacket, Medium, Ladies fitting. Bought brand new. Excellent condition. Worn once. £50 ono

AKITO, Ladies Leather Bike Jacket, UK Size 16, Good as new. Excellent condition. Only worn a couple of times as too big for me (I am a size 12/14). £60 ono

AKITO Ladies Leather Motorcycle Jeans, size 16, excellent condition. Only worn a couple of times as too big for me (I am a size 12/14 and only 5ft tall). £60 ono

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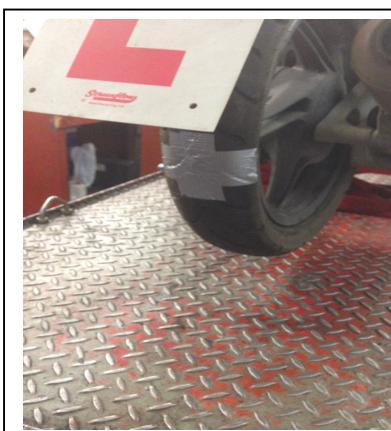
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**Bike for Sale.** Nigel Sigsworth is advertising his 'as new BMW F800ST for sale. Telephone numbers for Nigel are: Mobile 07771 558239. Home 01642 789984. It's on eBay and the link is shown below:  
Ebay item number 291249644950.

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/BMW-F800ST-3000-Miles-FBMW SH-Paniers-Autocomm-Phone-Sat-Nav-Connection-/291249644950?>

**National Motorcycle Museum Robbery.** Still no news on the robbery that took place at the end of August, when a number of trophies and TT replicas were stolen. It's hard to believe that there are scumbags who will do such a thing. It would be nice to hear that the items have been recovered, and especially so if the perpetrators of this crime were suddenly saddled with a broken leg or two and severely malformed faces.

### **Puncture Repair Nightmare!**



This is a picture of a bike on the ramp at Crofton Court. The young lad phoned Steve that he had repaired the puncture and asked if it would be ok to ride in to get it fixed properly! Once Steve had a description of the repair he told the lad to stay put; he'd come and pick the bike up.

We are all guilty of doing stupid things at times but this one is a cracker. Duct tape is pretty good but this repair was a bit optimistic! (I have used superglue and a self-tapping screw on a rear tyre, and it worked for over 2000 miles!)

**For Sale:** BMW R850R 2003 (6-speed). Tax end May 2015. MOT: March 2015. 50,0000 miles. PSH though mostly serviced by myself and Crofton Court Motorcycles, Stockton, for the past 4 years. Fitted with Maxxis tyres. Accessories include: Engine Bars, Hand-guards, Accessory socket, 45Litre Givi top box and BMW panniers. Baglux tank cover and tankbag. Factory-fitted heated grips.



£2,000 or will exchange for a lightweight motorcycle e.g. CBR600 / 650cc twin/ even 250cc or similar considered.

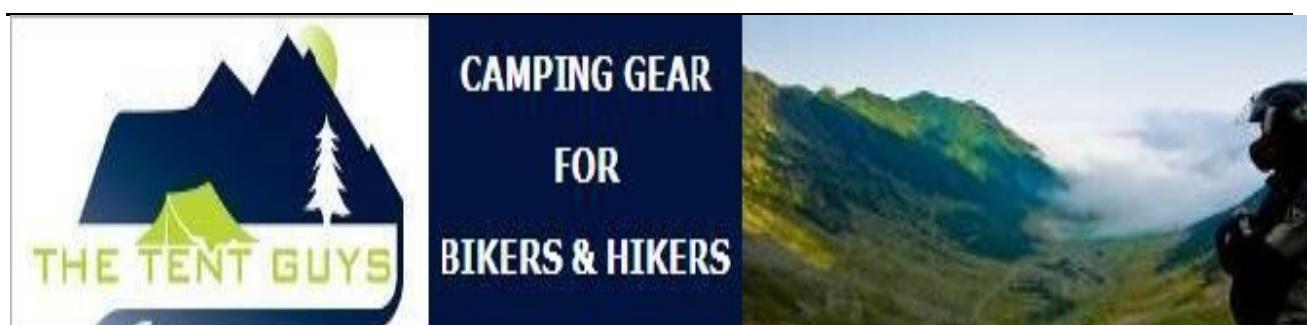
Contact Brian (Secretary) on 07517 605614 / 01325 721669.

**Car Care UK in Stockton, opposite QuickFit** Tel: 01642 927 696

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.

**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.



**Cottage in Wales for Rent:** Cottage in Wales. Go to: <http://www.snowdropselfcateringcottage.co.uk/> Bikers are most welcome to stay!

### Local Bike Meets:

- Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria.  
Tuesday Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF. (5 to 8pm 'til 26 Oct)  
Stephen Billau & Sons Bike Night. Every Thursday 6pm to 9pm at the Destination  
Café in the Darlington Shop. Normal shopping facilities also open.  
Tuesday: The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bowesfield Way.  
Wednesday: The Manor Café, Bellerby near Leyburn.  
Wednesday: Squire's Café, near Sherburn in Elmet.  
Thursday: Whistle Stop Café, Whitby.  
Saturday: Squire's Café, nr Sherburn in Elmet.  
7 Days a week: Filling Station Café, 150 yards from A66 Roundabout at Keswick.

**Computers.** Want a computer with 3 GHz processor and 4 GBytes of RAM with Windows 7 Professional for around £90. The guy has other computers of similar spec' for similar prices and can also do repairs and up-grades. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286.

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**THE END GAME.** The following are included in the newsletter under great suffering by me (for art's sake)!

A flat-chested woman goes into a shop, hoping to get a bra for a size 28A. The old lady in the lingerie shop is very deaf and asks, "What did you say dear?" The woman pulls up her T-shirt and asks, "Have you anything for these?" The old lady peers at the woman's boobs and says, "Have you tried Clearasil?"

How is the Wonder Bra like a cattle drive? They both head 'em up and move 'em out!

Modern women put on wigs, fake eyelashes, false fingernails, sixteen pounds of assorted makeup, shadows, blushes, creams, living bras, various pads, have plastic surgery, then complain they cannot find a 'real' man.

You know the honeymoon period is pretty much over when you start to go out with the boys on Wednesday nights – and so does she.

A Freudian Slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

A guy walks into a psychiatrist's office wearing shorts and Y-fronts made entirely out of cling film. The psychiatrist says, "Well, I can clearly see you're nuts."

A psychiatrist is showing Harry a series of ink blots. "And what do you think this is, Harry?" "A nude lady in a bath," replies Harry. "And this one?" "A girl taking off her bar." "And this?" "A big pair of boobs." "I'm sorry Harry," says the psychiatrist, "But you are a sex maniac." "What! Me! A sex maniac?" says Harry. "You're the one showing me dirty pictures!"

Recently an actuary for an insurance company priced an automobile 'fire and theft' policy with an extremely low premium. When asked why it was so cheap, he said, "Who'd steal a burnt out car?" (kind of makes sense I suppose!)

**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](mailto:brian.burke2@btopenworld.com) or 01325 721669 (Answerphone may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.