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### CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Well, apart from the cold snap at the end of March, we seem to have got off lightly as far as winter goes. I made of the decent weather and got on sorting the back garden out, something I'd ignored since October. Still lots to do but the biking season is imminent and the garage beckons.



The Kawasaki 500S is languishing in the garage at the moment, minus its camshafts. Due to pitting on the cam lobes I've sent them away to be reconditioned.

The carburettors have got new float valves due to corrosion from fuel being left standing for a long time. I need to check the float levels are correct before installing.

Otherwise, I hope to have it running on full-song before the end of April.

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Congratulations to Brian Brown, who was awarded Rider of the Year by the Chairman, Brian Taylor at the February meeting. Brian had attended more Sunday Rideouts than any other club member. Well done Brian (Brown that is ... there seems to be an awful lot of Brians in the Club these days!)

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Sunday mornings are not good for me as I run an amateur radio net in the north east for the RAF Amateur Radio Society from 11 o'clock for about 45 minutes. I do 'bunk off' sometimes to do other stuff. One 'bunk off' coming up soon will be to lead the first Rideout on 13 April. I still haven't worked out where to go yet, but

I'll think of something. Which reminds me, we still need volunteers to lead subsequent runs. See the table further down the newsletter and pass your name to me or any Committee member.

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

**Committee Meeting: Weds 7 May**  
**Club Meeting: Weds 9 April**  
**Weds 14 May**

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#### **2014**

3-6 Apr	Dent Long Weekend at High Laning, Dent, Cumbria.
6 Apr	Newark Car and Bike Jumble.
<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>Rideout to Somewhere!</b>
13 Apr	Olivers Mount Spring Cup Road Races
27/27 Apr	Carole Nash International Classic Show, Stafford County Showground.
2 – 4 May	Club Rally to Wales. Contact Chairman for details.
3 – 4 May	Olivers Mount Festival of Speed. Bike and Car Hill Climb
5 May	Teesside Auto 66 Clubmans races
17/18 May	BMF Show, Peterborough Showground.
8 Jun	Newark Car and Bike Jumble
24 May- 7 Jun	IOM TT Fortnight.
21/22 Jun	Olivers Mount Barry Sheene Road Race Festival
27-29 Jun	Triumph Cruisers Annual Meet at Dent, Yorkshire.
5/6 Jul	BMF Kelso Bikefest.
6 Jul	Teesside Auto 66 Clubman races
7 – 10 Jul	Southern 100 Road Races, IOM
<b>11-13 Jul</b>	<b>Mallory Classic Bike Fest</b>
<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>Bikewise. Durham Police HQ</b>
27 Jul	Ace Cafe Stunt Festival and Streetfighter Show at Wembley Arena, London
<b>9-10 Aug</b>	<b>The Carole Nash Great Scottish Bike Show, Highland Centre, Edinburgh</b>
16 – 29 Aug	Manx Grand Prix, VMCC Rally & Classic TT Races.
17 Aug	Olivers Mount Car and Bike Speed Hill Climb
31 Aug	Teesside Auto 66 Clubman races
13/14 Sep	BMF Show Tailend Rally, Peterborough Showground.
13/14 Sep	Olivers Mount Gold Cup Road Races
18 Oct	Scott Trial, Marske

**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**

### 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:- 2 x 36 Litres Givi panniers. £75  
1 x 36 Litre Top Box £100**

**Contact Bert Reid. Tel 01642 617068**

**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. 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.**

**MOT with Metzeler Tyres.** Buy a set of selected Metzeler tyres between now and 30 September and you can claim back the cost of your MOT. Go to [www.metzeler.co.uk](http://www.metzeler.co.uk) and enter your details plus proof of purchase and evidence of a valid MOT certificate. All being well you will be sent a cheque covering up to the maximum cost of a motorcycle MOT - £29.95.

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## For Sale



Bandit 600. Taxed till end of Feb 14. Tested till Aug. The mileage is 22000 and its 'R' reg. £1,000. Contact Tony Petrie at [tony.petrie@yahoo.com](mailto:tony.petrie@yahoo.com)

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

**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.



**Close Road Motor Sport.** The Motor Sports Association and the Auto Cycle Union are working together to get a change in the law to allow motor sports to take place on closed public roads. As it stands, the Road Traffic Act prevents racing or speed trials on a public highway. A change to the law could allow local authorities to sanction such as rallies, sprints and the Saltburn Hillclimb to take place, as they do in such as the Isle of Man and across mainland Europe.

**Car Care UK. Have Moved!! Now 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.

**FOR SALE**

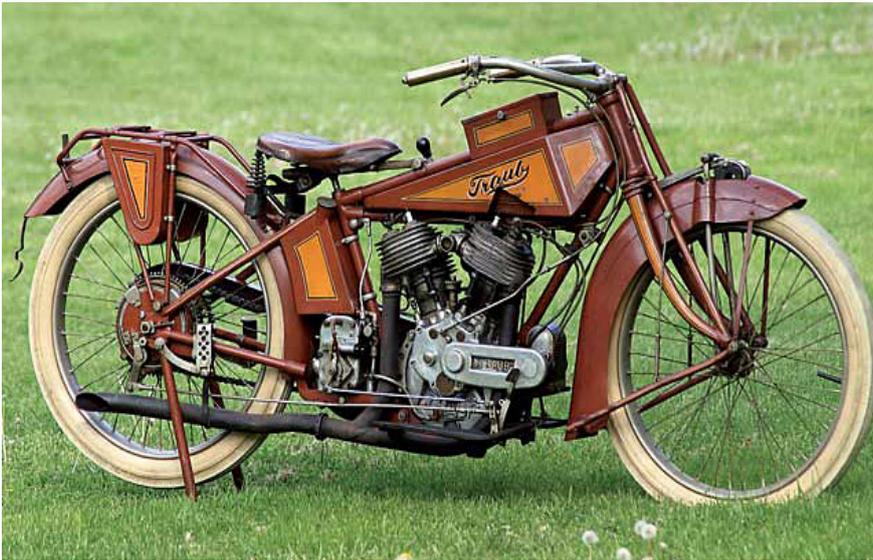
Aprilia 125cc. 2009 fully restricted 34bhp. 3 owners. 4000 miles. £2150.00.  
Contact Club Member Tony Petrie on 07983556772

**Lead Rideouts (nominally 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Club Meeting. Other dates optional for Leader)**

Please inform a Committee Member if you wish to lead a run.

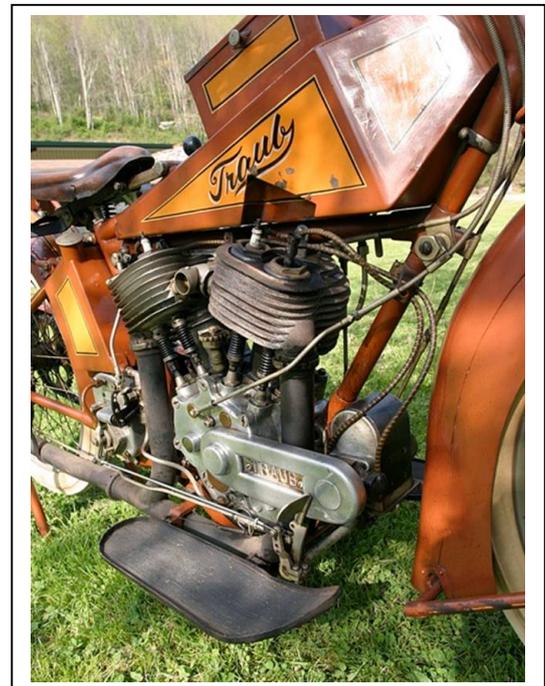
Date	Lead Rider	Notes
Mar 30		British Summer Time Starts
April 13	Brian Burke	Let's get started! Hopefully no one gets left behind.
Apr 18		Good Friday
Apr 20		Easter Sunday
Apr 21		Easter Monday
May 5		Bank Holiday Monday
May 18		2 <sup>nd</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
May 26		Spring Bank Holiday Monday
Jun 15		3 <sup>rd</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
Jul 13		4 <sup>th</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
Aug 17	Ken Vidgeon	5 <sup>th</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
Aug 25		Bank Holiday Monday
Sep 14		6 <sup>th</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
Oct 12		7 <sup>th</sup> Leader-nominated Rideout
Oct 26		BST Ends

**Mystery of the Traub Motorcycle.**(Submitted by Bert Higgins). In 1967, a plumber doing renovations of an apartment building outside Chicago, tore down a brick wall and found what would prove to be a baffling mystery to vintage motorcycle enthusiasts - a one-of-a-kind motorcycle bearing 1917 plates and the name "Traub". The building's elderly owner admitted that his son had stolen the bike before going off to WWI, never to return. Where the bike came from and who made it remains unknown to this day.



Currently residing in the [Wheels Through Time Museum](#) in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, the Traub is considered by many to not only be the rarest motorcycle in their collection, but in the world. The Traub was sold to Torillo Tacchi, a bicycle shop owner in Chicago after its discovery, who later sold it to Bud Ekins - famous as Steve McQueen's stuntman - while Ekins was on the set of the Blues Brothers movie in the late 1970s.

The Traub was later sold to collector and restorer, Richard Morris, who then sold it to Wheels Through Time Museum curator, Dale Walksler, in 1990. It has been on permanent display in the museum ever since. Do not think this unique motorcycle is merely a museum piece though. Walksler rides the Traub regularly. When asked about the engine components, he enthusiastically replied, everything inside the engine is just magnificent. The pistons are handmade, and have gap-less cast iron rings, the engineering and machining being simply years ahead of their time.



"When compared to other top motorcycle makes and models of the era, the Traub has no equal. Comprised of a sand-cast, hand-built, 80 cubic-inch "side valve" engine, the machine has the ability to reach speeds in excess of 85 mph with ease" says Walksler. Aside from its few off-the-shelf components, the Traub has many unique handmade features. The three-speed transmission is thought to be one of the first of its kind and the rear brake, a dual-acting system that employs a single cam that is responsible for pushing an internal set of shoes, while pulling an external set, has never been seen on any other American motorcycle.

"For a machine to have such advanced features, unparalleled by other motorcycles of the same era, is truly outstanding," said Walksler. "It's my opinion that the Traub was an attempt at a new breed of motorcycle. But how on earth could a machine have been produced in such great form, with capabilities that far exceed that of any comparable machine, without the knowledge of the rest of the motorcycle industry during that time."

The hunt for the Traub's elusive origin hasn't stopped. "While we may never know why the machine was placed behind that wall, we do hope to one day find out more about its history and the genius that created it," said Walksler.

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**THE END GAME.** (Remind you of anyone?) A group of men all aged 40 discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed they would meet at Wetherspoons in Sevenoaks because the waitresses had big busts and wore miniskirts. Ten years later at age 50 the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Sevenoaks because the food and service were good and the beer was excellent. Ten years later at age 60 the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed they would meet at Wetherspoons in Sevenoaks because they could dine in peace and quiet and it was good value for money. Ten years later at age 70 the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed they would meet at Wetherspoons in Sevenoaks because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled. Ten years later at age 80 the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed they would meet at Wetherspoons in Sevenoaks because they had never been there before.

A petrol station owner in Dublin was trying to increase his sales. So, he put up a sign that read, 'Free Sex with Fill-Up.' Soon Paddy pulled in, filled his tank and asked for his free sex. The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly, he would get his free sex. Paddy guessed 8, and the proprietor said, 'You were close. The number was 7. Sorry. No sex this time.' A week later, Paddy, along with his friend Mick, pulled in for another fill-up. Again he asked for his free sex. The proprietor again gave him the same story, and asked him to guess the correct number. Paddy guessed 2 this time. The proprietor said, 'Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no free sex this time.' As they were driving away, Mick said to Paddy, 'I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away free sex.' Paddy replied, 'No it ain't, Mick. It's not rigged at all at all. My wife won twice last week.'

An eighteen year old Italian girl told her mother that she was expecting a baby. Shouting and cursing the mother said "Who was the pig that did that to you?" The girl picked up the phone and made a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stopped in the front of their house. A mature, distinguished man, impeccably dressed in an Armani suit, stepped out of the Ferrari and entered the house. He sat in the living room with the father, mother and the girl and said "Good morning. Your daughter has informed me of the problem. I can't marry her because of my personal family situation, but I'll take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life. Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, two retail stores, a townhouse, a seaside villa, and a £2million bank account. If a boy is born my legacy will be a couple of factories and a £4million bank account. If it is twins, they will receive a factory and £2million each. However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest I do?" At this point, the father, who had remained silent, placed a hand on the man's shoulder and told him, "You try again!"

**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 01325 721669 (Answerphone may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.

**Racing Calendar 2014 (Last checked 26 Feb)**

<b>MOTOGP</b>		<b>WSB</b>		<b>BSB</b>	
<b>23 Feb</b>			<b>Phillip Island</b>		
<b>23 Mar</b>	<b>Qatar (evening)</b>				
<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>Texas</b>		<b>Aragon</b>		
<b>21 Apr</b>					<b>Brands Hatch</b>
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>Argentina</b>		<b>Assen</b>		
<b>04 May</b>	<b>Jerez</b>				
<b>5 May</b>					<b>Oulton Park</b>
<b>11 May</b>			<b>Imola</b>		
<b>18 May</b>	<b>Le Mans</b>				
<b>25 May</b>			<b>Donington</b>		
<b>1 Jun</b>	<b>Mugello</b>				
<b>8 Jun</b>			<b>Sepang</b>		
<b>15 Jun</b>	<b>Catalunya</b>				<b>Snetterton</b>
<b>22 Jun</b>			<b>Misano</b>		
<b>28 Jun</b>	<b>Assen</b>				
<b>29 Jun</b>					<b>Knockhill</b>
<b>6 Jul</b>			<b>Portimao</b>		
<b>13 Jul</b>	<b>Sachsenring</b>		<b>Laguna Seca</b>		
<b>20 Jul</b>					<b>Brands Hatch</b>
<b>3 Aug</b>					<b>Thruxton</b>
<b>10 Aug</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>				<b>Oulton Park</b>
<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>Brno</b>				
<b>25 Aug</b>					<b>Cadwell Park</b>
<b>31 Aug</b>	<b>Silverstone</b>				
<b>7 Sep</b>			<b>Jerez</b>		<b>Donington</b>
<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>Misano</b>				
<b>21 Sep</b>			<b>Moscow</b>		<b>Assen</b>
<b>28 Sep</b>	<b>Aragón</b>				
<b>5 Oct</b>			<b>Magny Cours</b>		<b>Silverstone</b>
<b>12 Oct</b>	<b>Motegi</b>				
<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>Phillip Island</b>	<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>Phakisa, Sth Africa</b>	<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>Brands Hatch</b>
<b>26 Oct</b>	<b>Sepang</b>				
<b>2 Nov</b>			<b>TBC</b>		
<b>09 Nov</b>	<b>Valencia</b>				