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CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

Secretary's Ramblings Secretary's Ramblings. April didn't start too well for me when the BMW gear-change started playing up on the way to Blackpool for an amateur radio rally. After spending about 25 minutes playing about at the side of the road, I managed to work out the best way to change gear and not lose it. The gear change was almost seized solid and it took a lot of effort to return the lever to its central (rest) position so I could select the next gear. The effort needed to move the darnn thing meant that I often overshot the rest position and changed into the wrong gear! Bit of a nightmare going through the middle of Blackpool. At this stage I had no idea if the fault was in the gear linkage or in the gear box itself. As it turned out it was the gear linkage at fault, with the main pivot seized almost solid. Once I'd got the linkage off, still fastened to the footrest hanger, it took over an hour and a half to free the pivot bush so I could clean it up and re-grease it. Sorted. The problem was no doubt due to riding through the winter months and despite regular cleaning, the bike had suffered a bit from all the road salt.

Having gone to much trouble to watch the 'Americas' MotoGP race, it all turned out to be rather disappointing. Lorenzo has the biggest jump start since the start of history, with Rossi and Crutchlow having bike issues. (OK, the latter two riders are my choice for the Fantasy Race League and I am now at the very bottom of the table – S**t!). Is it me or is the racing getting boring? I hope the racing improves soon otherwise MotoGP will be losing aficionados.

Don't forget to watch/record racing highlights on ITV4 on Monday evenings. Also BSB highlights are being shown on ITV4; be sure to check the schedules.

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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| 2 – 5 May | Club Rally to Wales. Contact Chairman for details. Those departing Friday meet in Tesco's Car park, Yarm, at 0900. Route to Corris to be determined. |
| 3 – 4 May | Olivers Mount Festival of Speed. Bike and Car Hill Climb |
| 5 May | Teesside Auto 66 Clubmans races. |
| 10/11 May | Thundersprint at Darley Moor, Derbyshire. Meet GP stars, including Scott Redding |
| 17/18 May | BMF Show, Peterborough Showground. |
| 25 May | WSB at Donington. |

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
11-13 Jul	Mallory Classic Bike Fest
19 Jul	BMF Council Meeting.
20 Jul	Bikewise. Durham Police HQ
27 Jul	Ace Cafe Stunt Festival and Streetfighter Show at Wembley Arena, London
9-10 Aug	The Carole Nash Great Scottish Bike Show, Highland Centre, Edinburgh
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
27 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC. See Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for booking/details

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 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.

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 1 x 36Litre 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.**

A Day at the Ron Haslam Race School from Tony Petrie.

Chris had bought me a 'Ron Haslam Race School Experience' at Donington for my birthday. The day finally arrived, and what a glorious day it was. We set off at 8am - me, Chris, Arty (the family pet dog) & the van. We got to Donington about 11am. First problem we encountered was that Arty wasn't allowed on site, not even in our own van in the car park. After some unsuccessful negotiating we had to park the van right off site.

We walked to the race school hall to the Premier group so I could sign in and get my gear. It was all top notch, even a back protector (which I didn't wear because it caught on the leathers) then off to the first of three briefing sessions. This one was about safety when on track. The instructor was a laugh, he reminded us all that the gear lever on new bikes is on the left these days (ha ha). I knew I was too old for this. Small world this, got sat next to another Yarm Bike Club member!

We were led out onto the pit lane to meet our race instructor, two students per instructor. My instructor was called Phil Hyde and first of all asked a few questions to see what we were like and what we wanted from the day. I was in for a bit of luck here as my team mate (Stan) didn't want to go 'balls out' so Phil went to find him a more suitable instructor which left me on a one to one with him. How brill is that? Just then Ron Haslam walked by and said to Phil aren't I a lucky lad, while I was looking smug he then said, 'Away then, don't just stand there, get on with it'.

Next I was introduced to the Honda 600 (my bike, number 8, no one else's just mine tee hee). Brand new it was, just run in that morning. Phil said "one hour at rev limiter speed". Anyway, no hanging about. Helmet on and out on the track. First time down Craner curves was fantastic. 15 minutes, 7 laps later, I was back to the pits, massive grin. 'Not bad' Phil said, 'but we can get you a lot faster'. I was then taken into one of the pit garages to be shown a better positioning on a race bike on paddock stands and given a few tips. I was told to use first three gears only and to limiter. With no messing about it was back out on track. This time it was all starting to gel. Smoother, faster, the tips were working. Mind you, the lads out there in the elite superbike class were faster than me.



Riding like a God!

Tony concentrating hard and going for it!
(I wonder if he found later that adrenalin really is brown!)

I made two teensie mistakes. I ran wide at McLeans, up on the rumble strip and nearly overshot the Foggy Esses. Also waving to Chris at top wack on the start finish straight looked good, but Phil said he wondered what I was up to and said to concentrate and not to wave at your broolly dolly. At the end of this session it was the fuel stop - if I could stop that is! I had to reverse the bike into the petrol pumps. What a plonker! (Chris took a picture of this).

Time for the second briefing. Chris joined me for this one and mainly it was feedback session but most agreed that the smoother we got the faster we were going, although it did seem slower. This was explained- it's because there are no parked cars or lampposts to judge your speed against.

Third time on track. Now we went for it. This was brill. Short shifting in corners, wheel lift on Dunlop straight, really starting to get in the swing of it. "Now where's Leon? Oh there he is. Oh he's gone already. Next time I'll get him".

Last briefing session for certificates, goody bag & collect photos. I passed with flying colours so I gotta save up for Elite Superbike class next. This is a must do for all bikers I reckon, just to enjoy it, even if speed isn't your thing.

Back home via Burger King & to the bike club to brag and show off!

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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!

Motor Cycle Monthly Website. MCM has a new website: www.morebikes.co.uk. Visit the site to get the latest bike reviews, news, events and kit. More 'stuff' on the website than can be put in the paper.

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.

Farewell to Massimo Tamburini. The pioneering motorcycle designer, Massimo Tamburini, died on 6 April 2014. His innovative design and styling gave us two of the world's most iconic bikes; the Ducati 916 and the MV Augusta F4. He was a co-founder of Bimota, designing bikes with Italian style and Japanese engines. After 11 years with Bimota he move to Cagiva in 1985, the company that bought Ducati a year later. His first design for Ducati was the Paso 750. RIP Massimo.

FOR SALE

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

Lead Rideouts (nominally 1st 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
May 5		Bank Holiday Monday
May 18		2 nd Leader-nominated Rideout
May 26		Spring Bank Holiday Monday
Jun 15		3 rd Leader-nominated Rideout
Jul 13		4 th Leader-nominated Rideout
Aug 17	Ken Vidgeon	5 th Leader-nominated Rideout
Aug 25		Bank Holiday Monday
Sep 14		6 th Leader-nominated Rideout
Oct 12		7 th Leader-nominated Rideout
Oct 26		BST Ends

Rolling Exemption from VED. Following the recent Budget announcement Vehicles over 40 years are now exempt from paying Vehicle Excise Duty. Get more info on the DVLA website if you think you qualify.

Local Bike Meets:

Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria.
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.

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Stainless Steel. Did you know that the two most commonly produced grades of stainless steel are known as 304 or A2; and 316, known as A4. Both of these grades offer excellent corrosion resistance, cleanability and the ability to handle extremely low and high temperatures. Grade 316 is also known as marine grade stainless steel due to its increased resistance to chloride corrosion compared to type 304. Stainless steel can also be classified by the crystalline structure, which is determined by their chemical composition. The two grades above are known as Austenitic, which is a non-magnetic solid solution of ferric carbide (or carbon in iron). Other types include Ferritic, Martensitic and Duplex. Just thought it would be interesting to know.

Computers. At the amateur radio rally in Blackpool I picked up a compact Dell Desktop Computer for £90. It wasn't my intention to buy computer gear but it was such a good deal and the price and specification were awesome. It is now my main computer as the work-horse for the past few years has gone 'ping-tong'. Luckily the guy, who I have seen at other radio rallies I go to, lives in Bishop Auckland – how convenient is that! I picked up the computer the next day and it has been working great since. It's got a 3 GHz processor and 4 GBytes of RAM with Windows 7 Professional. What a good deal for £90. The guy has other computers of similar spec' for similar prices and can also do repairs and upgrades. If anyone wants one you can contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286.

THE END GAME. BEST QUOTE OF ANY ERA! "The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero, 55 BC. So, evidently we've learned bugger all over the past 2,069 years.

Did you know that Senior Citizens are the national leading carriers of AIDS! (Hearing Aids, Band Aids, Roll Aids, Walking Aids, Medical Aids, Government Aids and, most of all, Monetary Aids to their children.

Welcome to the Golden Years: I cannot see, I cannot pee, I cannot chew, I cannot screw. My memory shrinks, my hearing stinks, no sense of smell, I look like hell, my body's drooping, got trouble pooping. So the Golden Years have come at last. Well the Golden Years can kiss my Ass!

An old lady goes to the doctor to ask for contraceptive tablets, claiming they help her sleep at night. "Why would contraceptive pills make you sleep any better than normal?" asked the doctor. The old lady replies "Because I put them in my granddaughter's coffee!"

A woman walks into a chemist's and asks if they sell extra large condoms. "Yes, we do," says the sales assistant. "Would you like some?" "No thanks," replies the woman. "But if you don't mind, I'll wait here for someone who does.

The four words most hated by men during sex: "Is it in yet?"

A lady walks into a pharmacy and asks, "Do you sell Viagra?" "Yes," replies the pharmacist. "Does it work?" asks the lady. "Certainly," says the pharmacist. "Can you get it over the counter?" asks the lady. "Only if I take six tablets," says the pharmacist.

Mix Viagra and Prozac and you have a guy who is ready to go but doesn't care when or where.

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 20 Apr)

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