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### CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** At last we have had some decent weather. May has seen the real start of biking activity, starting with the rally to Corris, Sunday morning rideouts and the BMF Motorcycle Show at Peterborough. And to top it all, my camshafts are back, so I can crack on with the Kawasaki rebuild (all I need is time!).

Marc Marquez is proving to be unbeatable so far this year and it's good to see Rossi back on decent form. Regardless of that, I am still near the bottom of the fantasy league! Bah Humbug.

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

**Club Meeting:** Weds 11th June  
**Committee Meeting:** Weds 2nd July

#### **2014**

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>19 Jul</b>	<b>BMF Council Meeting.</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
<b>27 Nov</b>	<b>Coach Trip to NEC. See Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for booking/details</b>

**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? 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.

**The Corris Rally.** Over the weekend 2-5 May eight club members took part in a rally to Corris, in the Snowdonia National Park for a weekend of riding great roads and exploring some of history and sights in the area. On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, four club members met in the Tesco carpark and set off at 10am, with Bill Robinson waving a tearful farewell! With Brian Taylor in the lead (Triumph Tiger), Glyn Jones (BMW R850R), Brian Burke (BMW R850R) and Allan Wren (Triumph Tiger), the group headed to the A59 via Ripon. First pit-stop was the Route 59 Cafe, about 1 ½ hours down-route (wimpy – I normally like to get 3 hours under the belt before the first stop! (Sec')). After a coffee, bacon buttie and a download we were soon on our way to Corris via the M6 and Bala. From Wrexham onwards the roads became really enjoyable – swoopy and bendy, enhanced by great scenery. Even better was the condition of the road surface; superb. Glyn and Brian Burke went on via the Horseshoe pass and the Ponderosa Cafe while the other two took the direct route to the destination. We arrived at the Braich Goch Bunkhouse at around 5pm, some 230 miles total.



The Braich Goch Bunkhouse

A quick clean-up and soon the four of us were enjoying a really nice meat pie, cooked by Brian Taylor. We stayed in the bunkhouse bar for the evening – probably a mistake as the only draft beer was an Elderflower variety from a local micro-brewery. Oh well, sometimes one should give in at first doubts. Just as some of us were feeling decidedly 'dodgey' the fifth member of the group, Steve Birtwistle, turned up at 11pm (another Triumph Tiger). The remaining 3 were planned to arrive Saturday evening. Saturday morning saw us in Aberystwyth, again via superb roads. There is a good bike-park area on the sea front and a decent cafe right next door.

The sea defences are pretty impressive, yet several buildings on the front took quite pounding during the 'storm surge' earlier in the winter. We chatted with several other bikers while there, and the Devils Bridge was to be the next stop. Just before the bridge there is a good bike meeting place with lots of parking and a good cafe. The Bara Brith (fruit cake) was really nice. There is also the Devils Bridge rail station (alas no train at the time) as well as the bridge itself, a good 500 yards down the road. The bridge is actually 3 bridges built on top of each other, the only the top one usable. The next stop was Newtown, ostensibly to find Charlie's Superstore so that Steve could buy a tent for his holiday in France. There was a real-ale festival going on, but we steered clear of that! Trying to find an open cafe was a problem. Many shut at 3pm or even earlier on Saturdays as apparently there is not much trade after that



Some of lads at Aberystwyth sea front

We were lucky to find one cafe in the town open 'til 4pm; it was 3:45 when we walked in.

The hostess was very kind and understanding and saw that we had a good snack before closing up (just a little after 4pm). We headed back to the bunkhouse, again via superb roads, and spent the evening in the Slaters Arms, Corris, just a short walk down the hill from the bunkhouse. Lots of exotic beers were on offer, as well as the standard Guinness, plus there was a good menu for pub fare.

Tony Petri and Chris Robinson (Kawasaki Intruder C800) and Roy Magson on his BMW R1200ST arrived at the bunkhouse before we went to the pub. Total mileage to date = 360.

Sunday saw us heading off to Blaneau Ffestiniog, which was a centre for slate mining and is served by a superb small-gauge railway. We parked near the rail station and went to the Bridge Cafe (Bikers Breakfast available) across the road and had a brew while waiting for the 'late team' to turn up. Once altogether we went to the deep slate mine and did the tour. A short 'train' journey down the access shaft plus 71 steps took us down to the first level, and this was the first level of eight! It's a big mine, with some 25 miles of tunnels. Several sections at each level would have 3 or 4 miners working by candlelight. Many miners started at the age of 13 or even earlier, and worked until 38 years old. A few would survive on a meagre pension to about 42 years of age before succumbing to silicosis. It was a very hard and short life indeed. This was followed by a run to Porthmadog (icecream!) and then it was homeward bound via Harlech with its huge castle. If we'd had more time a tour of the castle would have been nice. Back at base camp it was a quick shower, self-help 'dinner' and a few beers in the bar. Thank goodness there was some other choice other than Elderflower beer. Total mileage to date: 450.



Morning 'brew and chat before setting off

Monday morning (Olwyn's Birthday!) we set off about 10am for home. It was more or less the same route as we came on the Friday. After a couple of 'navigation faffs' we met up at Chester service station. Interesting to note how the condition of the roads deteriorated once we crossed into England. At Chester we split up into 2 groups; one group pushing to get home via the quickest route (M62) and the other taking a more leisurely run via the A59. Total mileage: 700.

The Braich Goch is a nice facility and well situated for access to some great roads and tourist spots. The owners are retiring soon and the future of the bunkhouse is not yet clear.

More pictures of the weekend are on the club website

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**This is a Bike Meet!** For the May Day holiday some 32,000 bikers turned up at Hastings for the 'Bike 1066' event. I wonder how many bacon sandwiches went down?

**Marc Marquez News.** Marquez has signed a 2-year deal to stay with Honda. Good news for Honda but bad news for his competitors.

**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.

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**Royal Enfield Targets the UK.** Founded in 1893, Royal Enfield took its name from the Royal Small Arms Factory in Enfield. The company was dissolved in the 1970s although the Indian branch, founded in the 1950s, was thriving and supplied the Indian army. Enfield suffered from poor sales in the 90's but was rescued by Eicher, a huge Indian truck and tractor manufacturer. The company is now booming, with the past 3 months sales up 85% from the same period last year. Royal Enfield has just opened a store in London and is confidently planning to expand into more stores around the UK.

**How Hard Can it Get?** Californian biker Henry Wolf had submitted a lawsuit against BMW claiming that a 4-hour ride on his K1100RS left him with a severe priapism (an erection) that lasted 20 months! Wolf blamed the ridged seat for the condition, which left him unable to engage in sexual activity and suffering substantial emotional and mental anguish. The court accepted the evidence of a urologist, who confirmed the condition suffered by Wolf. However, the court rejected the testimony of a neurologist for a lack of supporting evidence to the claim of vibrations causing priapism. If you have suffered this way why not tell your story here! Total discretion guaranteed (for a hefty fee).

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

**Theory Test Cost Cut.** Transport minister Stephen Hammond has proposed cutting the cost of the motorcycle theory test from £31 to £25 from October 2014, and a further cut to £23 in October 2015.

**Inconsiderate Drivers Targetted by Swindon Bikers.** Car drivers who used motorcycle parking bays at an Asda store in Swindon met a response from 20 local bikers. One young lady car driver did drive into the bike bays as a protest against the protest and knocked over 2 bikes. The report says the matter was quickly resolved! (I wonder if she managed to walk away, and how many windows in her car remained intact?). The supermarket agreed to answer the bikers concerns and erect bollards to prevent cars using the bike bays.

If you come across a similar situation lets get together and sort it out (keep the baseball bats out of sight in the first instance).

### 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
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

**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:**

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| Sunday:              | Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria.  |
| (New) <b>TUESDAY</b> | <b>Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF. 5 to 8pm 'til 26 Oct.</b> |
| 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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**Norman and Friends to the Rescue.** A ticket office dispute on the London Underground led to a shut-down of the system on 5/6 February. The London buses would not be able to handle the extra load and our intrepid Norman Simpson, along with others, decided to help out Ensignbus and crew some 32 of their vintage machines. The rescue team drove down to London on the 4<sup>th</sup> and spent what time was available that day learning the route for 'Service 38' (Angel, Islington and Victoria coach station corridor). Duty commenced at 0530 the next day and the team were allocated vehicle RT 1499, a 1949 AEC green double-decker. The first run began at 0600 and already the roads were clogged with traffic.



**Norman Lives the Dream**

To get to the start point the crew followed another bus, driven by an experienced London driver. Because the buses were hired it was not possible to charge fares, and passes were not required – a free ride in fact for the passengers. At 1130 the crew were told to stand-down until the evening rush hour. Rush hour started early and at 1530 bus RT 1499 was rolling again. By the time the crew got to Piccadilly the traffic had built up alarmingly. It took 15 minutes to cover one mile. There must have been some 80 buses in a queue just north of Holborn. All the buses were full to capacity and this was a problem with the open rear platforms as people were trying to jump on and off, and with hundreds of cyclists undertaking and overtaking, it was very dangerous. Every box junction on the route was jammed with traffic and police were desperately trying to clear routes for emergency traffic.

Another big problem with the passengers was that they were mainly regular underground travellers and had no idea how to get to their destination once off the buses. The bus reached 'Angel' three hours after setting off (average speed 3mph!), a journey that normally takes 47 minutes.

It was too late to start another run so the bus was taken back to the depot. There was a queue of 60 buses to get into the depot, and after some controversy it was agreed that the night shift would clean and fuel the buses so that the drivers could have their statutory break to be legal for the next day's work at 0600.

The politics involved between TfL and the Mayor of London's office had a silver lining. Norman had achieved a lifetime ambition - to drive a bus in Central London. Many hundreds of commuters were extremely grateful for the help given by the boys from 'oop North'. Well done Norman.

**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 upgrades. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286.

**THE END GAME.** An old guy goes to his doctor for his physical and gets sent to the Urologist as a precaution. When he gets there, he discovers the Urologist is a very pretty female doctor. The female doctor says, "I'm going to check your prostate today, but this new procedure is a little different from what you are probably used to. I want you to lie on your right side, bend your knees, then while I check your prostate, take a deep breath and say, '99'. The old guy obeys and says, '99'. The doctor says, "Great", now turn over on your left side and again, while I repeat the check, take a deep breath and say, '99'. Again, the old guy says, '99'. The doctor said, "Very good". Now then, I want you to lie on your back with your knees raised slightly. I'm going to check your prostate with this hand, and with the other hand I'm going to hold on to your penis to keep it out of the way. Now take a deep breath and say, '99'. The old guy begins, "One...two...three..."

What's brown and fizzy and lives in a eucalyptus tree? A Coca-Koala.

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!

She was amazing! The girl had everything a man could want: big muscles, a beard, a moustache ..... What do you call a greenfly with no wings, arms or legs? A bogey.

I used to be a boxer and I once had a go with Mike Tyson. I had him really worried in the first round; he thought he'd killed me!

I wouldn't say I was a bad kid, but my parents once challenged me to a game of hide and seek. I found them five years later living 200 miles away.

The raffia waste paper basket I bought last week has come unravelled. I took it back to the shop but they won't give me my money back. The shop manager said she'd told me it was a rubbish bin when I bought it.

What do you never want to hear when you are having sex? 'Honey, I'm home.'

What's the difference between a guy with a mid-life crisis and a clown? The clown knows he is wearing funny clothes.

What can you say to a guy who has just had sex? Anything you like as he'll be asleep.

A guy goes to the doctor with a piece of lettuce sticking out of his bum. After a bit of probing the doctor says, 'It's worse than I thought – that's just the tip of the iceberg.'

Two guys walk into a pub for a drink and lunch. One guy calls a waitress over and asks for a quickie. Not surprisingly, she slaps him in the face and storms off. The other guys says, 'It's pronounced 'quiche'.'

A very attractive blonde woman walks into a casino and says she wants to the two dealers 'I want to put everything on one throw of the dice, but to be lucky I need to take all my clothes off.' The two dealers can't believe their luck and agree this would be just fine. The woman strips off and throws the dice. She then starts jumping up and down and screams, 'I've won, I've won.' She then scoops up the huge pile of chips on the table and her clothes and leaves the casino.

**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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