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CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014

July was a great month for biking but it was tinged with sadness with the loss of one of our members. George Logan was laid to rest on August 5th. The funeral was attended by a host of close relatives and friends, including many from our club. John and Dot Angus have put together some beautiful words about George; you can read them below.

FAREWELL TO GEORGE LOGAN

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our friend and member of Yarm Motorcycling Club. George died peacefully in hospital on 28th July aged 67 years.

George loved his motorbikes and enjoyed the club meetings and his holidays to Scotland and abroad with his biking friends. He loved his Sunday and mid-week rides out. George had a lot of interests – he liked following football (especially Dundee) and playing snooker at Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Later on he took up group walking to keep fit.

George's family express their thanks to YMC for the large turnout for George. It meant a lot to them and they know George would have been really proud.

George had time for everyone and was very well liked by all who knew him; this was reflected in the large attendance at his funeral service. Fourteen bikes followed the hearse to the crematorium on a beautiful sunny morning and other members attended the Chapel service.

George will be sadly missed by his friends and they will talk about him for many years to come. George, REST IN PEACE.

Secretary's Ramblings. The racing season is past the halfway point and I'm still sat at the bottom of the Fantasy Racing table along with Chris Robinson, and Tony Petrie is not too far above me. Who is top? It's Roy Magson! What's he got that I haven't? (did I hear someone say 'talent'?). Oh well, it's all in fun ... just like the pub quiz I go to every Monday evening. Some people do get serious about stuff.

I've managed to get quite a few miles under my belt on the Kawasaki GPZ 500S. It does sound like a bag of nails despite it performing quite well. I left the valve clearances at the maximum setting and maybe I should re-check them soon. I also need to change the rusted rear shock; it looks more like a Picnic Bar instead of a tube surrounded by a nice curly spring. It feels as though it wants to 'let go' when there is a decent bit of lean in the corners. I haven't tried riding on it in wet but I suspect it would make for a few heart-stopping moments (it will make up for sitting on my backside all day bashing a 'puter keyboard). Maybe I'll have a chance over the next few days with the weather changing.

Those of you looking for a bargain might like to go to MSG Bike Gear Shop on 7 September; they are having an open day.

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

Club Meeting: Weds 13th August

Committee Meeting: Weds 3rd September

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10 Aug	Ride to Bridlington to visit Brian's Dad. All Welcome.
9-10 Aug	The Carole Nash Great Scottish Bike Show, Highland Centre, Edinburgh
16-17 Aug	Derby Phoenix Motor Cycle Club Race Meeting at Croft
17 Aug	Ken Vidgeon Leads Rideout
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
7 Sep	MSG Bike Gear Open Day. Pick up a bargain.
13/14 Sep	Olivers Mount Gold Cup Road Races
14 Sep carpark.	Saltburn Historic Motor Gathering (was the Saltburn Hillclimb). Cat Nab
4-5 Oct	Hottrax Motorbike Race Meeting Croft Circuit
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? 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.

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What Irritates Motorists the Most? A recent survey by the AA resulted in some interesting answers.

Whereas I find people on mobile phones and failing to use indicators as the most irritating of all, neither of these came up in the survey. (Obviously I'm as good at this as at choosing winners for the Fantasy League!!).

The most irritating thing of all out of 10 was ‘throwing rubbish out of windows’ (34% of responses). The second most irritating thing was ‘slow caravans (15%). Groups of motorcyclists were the 9th most irritating out of 10, annoying just 1% of motorists whereas groups of cyclists were the 3rd most irritating factor, annoying 13% of respondents. I guess we tend not to hold up motorists like cyclists do.

For Sale: BMW R850R 2003 (6-speed). Tax end May 2015. MOT: March 2015. 50,0000 miles. PSH though mostly serviced by myself 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.



£2,300 or will exchange for a lightweight motorcycle e.g. CBR600 / 650cc twin or similar.
Contact Brian (Secretary) on 07517 605614 / 01325 721669.

Driving Licence Fee to Fall. It has been proposed by the Government that a public consultation on reducing the fee for first-time applications and renewals is going ahead, hopefully with introduction in October. The consultation sets out a proposed reduction in driving licence fees of 32% for digital transactions and 15% for paper applications. As part of the proposals, drivers who apply online for their first driving licence would see the fee drop from £50 to £34. Drivers who renew their licence after 10 years would see the fee drop from £20 to £14. All driver tachograph cards would fall from £38 to £32.

From Last Month: - Speed Cameras on Bikes. Somerset police now have speed cameras fitted to 3 bikes, thus increasing the force's capability. If you are going that way on holiday or business just be aware.

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.

Bikes in the Garage. A data-trawl by the DVLA earlier this year shows that over 500,000 motorcycles are registered with SORN. That's nearly one third of all motorcycles registered in the UK not being ridden; some 1.8 million in total. Some bikes are probably too valuable to use on the road, others are probably unsafe or cannot be fixed for a lack of available spares or money. It would be interesting to know the breakdown of these bikes; maybe a simple extra line on the SORN declaration could allow the owner to enter the reason for SORN.

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.

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

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
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

Local Bike Meets:

- Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria.
Tuesday: Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF. 5 to 8pm 'til 26 Oct.
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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THE END GAME. Telephone rings, woman answers. Pervert, breathing heavily, says, "I bet you have a tight arse with no hair?" Woman replies, "Yes, I have, he's watching the football ... who shall I say is calling?"

Where's the best place to hide a bloke's birthday present? The laundry basket.

Guys – if you want to look hard try the latest Viagra Eyedrops.

Girls – if you want to really scare your boyfriend just creep up behind him and start scattering confetti. To keep guys interested in you after marriage girls should try the latest perfume ; it smells like beer.

Two guys are sitting in a bar. One says to the other, 'I remember the first time I used alcohol as a substitute for sex with a woman.' Yeah, what happened?' asked the other guy. 'I got my willy stuck in stuck in the neck of the bottle.'

What runs but can't walk? Water.

A boss has to cut back on staff and decides it has to be either Jack or Jill. He decides on a plan; he'll observe them at work for a day then make a decision. The next day he watches Jack closely. Jack comes in early, works hard, skips lunch and leaves late. The next day he watches Jill. Jill arrives late, pops out to buy aspirin, has an extra long coffee break, takes some aspirin, leaves early for lunch, stays

out till three, then comes back with more aspirin. The boss is not impressed. He calls Jill into his office and says, ‘Jill, I am afraid to either lay you or Jack off.’ To which Jill replies, ‘Well, you are going to have to jack off because I have a headache.’

God is chatting to the Archangel Gabriel. ‘Y’know, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness.’ ‘Wow,’ replies Gabriel. ‘What are you going to do now?’ Not much,’ replies God. ‘I think I’ll call it a day.’

Bill Clinton liked Monica Lewinsky’s dress the moment he spotted it.

The George W Bush Presidential Library was recently destroyed by fire. Unfortunately both books were lost, and George hadn’t even finished colouring in the second one.

This kid was so ugly his mother only got morning sickness after he was born.

If you look like your passport then in all probability you really need a holiday.

Why do teenagers keep saying they are not like anybody else, yet they all dress alike?

Who needs ‘Long Lost Family’ on the telly? If you want long lost relatives to contact you just win the Lottery.

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.