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### CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Hello All. I hope you have all heard the good news regarding Les Wright in the email I circulated on Weds, 30 Sep. The operation has gone well and Les should now be at home recovering. As requested in the email, please refrain from visiting Les at his home until he has had a few days to convalesce. We all join in wishing Les a speedy and full recovery.

It's certainly been a great end to September, with sunny skies and warm weather. I've done quite a few miles on the Kawasaki 500S and it's all been good. There are still niggling problems to sort out. A front-wheel wobble at medium speeds with the potential to turn into a tank-slapper needs looking at. Taking my hands off the bars induces heart-thumping moments, although this may be cleared with new fork oil and front tyre. The rear shock and linkages will be looked at during the winter months. A check on the mpg indicates I'm getting over 60 miles to the gallon, which is pretty good as I don't 'spare the horses' when I'm in the mood.

Details of the Christmas Party, to be held at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club, were circulated by email on 30 Sep. Copies will be made available for those without email facilities at the club meeting on 14 October.

We are very short of Speakers to keep you entertained throughout the winter months, although Johnny Angus has got a possible Speaker arranged for the November meeting; the subject will be Motocross if it goes ahead. Motocross is a great spectacle as far as I am concerned although I haven't a clue about the rules, regulations and machinery! I look forward to learning more about the subject.

Note that this newsletter is for YOU. I occasionally get inputs from some of you, which really helps me a lot! However, it is often quite a struggle to come up with articles that are (hopefully) of interest. Don't be shy, write an article and/or send in pictures of anything you think might be of interest to the membership.

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

**Club Night: Weds 14 October**  
**Committee Mtg: Weds 4 November**

#### **2015**

- 10 Oct** **Wetherby Autojumble, Wetherby Racecourse, LS22 5EJ**  
10 Oct Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor  
DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1.
- 17 Oct** **Scorton Auto/Bike Jumble, North Yorkshire Events Centre, DL10 6EH**  
17-18 Oct Motorcycle Mechanics Classic Show. Stafford Showground
- 31 Oct** **National Motorcycle Museum FREE Open Day. Meet Carl Fogarty and**

**Jamie Whitham**

- 11 Nov** **Speaker on the subject of Motocross (to be confirmed)**
- 21 Nov** **Auction at Squires Pub, Sherburn in Elmet in aid of injured rider.**
- 28 Nov 6 Dec **Motorcycle Live, NEC Birmingham. Tickets on sale in August.**
- 3 Dec** **NEC Coach Trip. See Allan Coverdale or Norman Simpson for tickets.**
- 12 Dec **Club Christmas Party. Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Meet at 1200 for 1230.**

**2016**

12-14 Feb **London Motorcycle Show at the Excel Centre**

**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 2015**

**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. 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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**Guy Martin Update.** Following his crash at the Ulster GP Guy Martin is now back at work and continues to recover from his injuries. Guy pays particular tributes to the Dainese leathers with the inbuilt aluminium honeycomb core and AGV helmet he was wearing. Guy had 5 broken vertebrae, a cracked sternum, 5 broken ribs, 2 broken metacarpals in the right hand and a bloodshot eye! Needless to say he now has a lot of metalwork holding his bits together. Although Guy is back to fixing trucks he says he does find it a

struggle at times. Nevertheless, he is convinced that getting back to work has really helped with his physical and mental recovery. As to the future, this is still uncertain. He wants to race again but is not going to be rushed in making a decision as to what or where he is going to race. Good luck Guy.

**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.

**Computers.** Want a computer with a fast processor and lots of RAM for around £90. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286. Paul can also do repairs and upgrades.

**Police Being Sneaky!** After the North Wales police were found to be 'guilty' of hiding in a horse box when operating hand-held speed cameras, it has now come to light that the police in East Yorkshire have been hiding in a tractor parked on the side of the road. The tractor has been located on the B1253, which runs between York and Bridlington. A spokesman for Humberside Police has confirmed that officers are using 'unmarked vehicles' covertly in an attempt to reduce the number of serious accidents on the B1253. This is in spite of advice issued by the former Association of Chief Police Officers (now the National Police Chiefs Council) which stated: "Operators of devices should normally do so from positions where they will be clearly visible to the public."

**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.



**Laser Jammer User Nabbed!** Police have warned drivers against putting devices on their vehicles to jam speed cameras after a motorist was jailed for two months. North Yorkshire Police said Nigel Stephenson was jailed at Bradford Crown Court for perverting the course of justice by a judge who also banned him from driving for six months and ordered him to pay £1,000 costs, the force said. Stephenson was arrested after two incidents caused police concern. An officer operating a mobile safety camera on the A59 Harrogate to Skipton road on August 4, last year, picked up an error code and detected audible feedback from his equipment when it was directed towards Stephenson's white Jaguar. Four days later, the same thing happened as Stephenson drove his Jaguar along the A629 at Crosshills near Keighley.

Both incidents were captured on video by the mobile safety camera and Stephenson was arrested, a force spokesman said. When officers examined his Jaguar, they discovered the laser jammer fitted to the front of the vehicle and he was charged with two offences of perverting the course of justice. The spokesman said that Judge Jonathan Rose ordered the destruction of the device and also of a snoopers device fitted to the dashboard, which alerted the driver to the presence of speed cameras. Stephenson was issued with a caution for using a similar device in 2010, the force confirmed.

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

**Local Bike Meets:**

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

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**Smart Motorways.** Work is going on to convert many of our motorways to make them 'Smart.' In addition to replacing many miles of steel central barriers with continuous concrete barriers, the opportunity is being taken to fit cable ducting to the barrier tops. The purpose of the ducting is to carry cables for driver information displays positioned along the motorways. Currently the section of M1 between Northampton and the M6 junction is fitted with the 'Smart' system and work will continue to eventually cover the whole motorway system. The ducting is easily recognizable; it is 150mm diameter plastic tubing, coloured purple, and fitted to the top of the barriers. It's expected that these 'Smart Motorways' will bring many benefits to motorists, some of which have yet to be defined. Nevertheless, the current benefits to riders are that they offer a far safer barrier compared to the steel alternative.

**THE END GAME.** Please send in good clean jokes, devoid of sexism, racism, religion and other non-pc stuff. OK, send in the non-pc stuff and I'll consider it! Sex is ok too (could always do with more!).

First, some really stupid jokes. So what wears a coat when it's cold and pants when it's hot? A dog.

Why is Turtle Wax so expensive? Because turtles have such tiny ears.

What goes 'oooo, oooo, oooo'? A cow with no lips.

Two mice ran up the clock. The clock struck one and the other got away with a minor injury.

What do you get if you cross baked beans with onions? Tear gas.

What's the difference between a burger and a bogey? A burger goes on the table, a bogey goes under it.

What's the difference between a cat and a comma? One has claws at the end of its paws, the other is a pause at the end of a clause.

Doctor, doctor, my wife thinks I'm mad because I like peas. There's nothing wrong with that, I like peas too. Great! Come back to my house and I'll show you my collection.

What did one snowman say to the other snowman? Can you smell carrots?

A nun says to the Mother Superior, 'There's a case of syphilis in the convent'. 'Thank goodness for that', says the Mother Superior, 'I was getting tired of Chablis every night'.

A starving man is crawling through the desert. As he tops a dune he sees a church, goes in and prays. 'Oh Lord, please give me some food!' As if by magic a lump of meat lands at his feet and, overjoyed, he wolfs it down. As he is licking his lips he looks up and sees a leper painting the ceiling.

We were eating in an open-air restaurant when it started to rain heavily. It took over an hour to finish the soup.

A man is playing golf with his mother-in-law. She slices the first tee-shot and the ball lands in a field with a cow in it. They search everywhere but to no avail. Eventually the man realizes that the one place they haven't looked in is the cow. The man goes to the cow and lifts up its tail. There, stuck in its bottom, is a golf ball. The man, holding up the tail, shouts out to his mother-in-law, 'Does this look like yours?'

I found that working as an electrician was interesting, but the work was shocking and I was discharged.

I once became a professional fisherman but found that I couldn't live on my net income.

I used to work for a paper company, but they folded.

A group of tortoises are playing cards. They run out of beer at an inopportune time and ask one of their number, Billy, to go to the off-licence. Billy leaves the group but after two days they are getting impatient. 'Billy is getting really slow these days.' 'Yes, he's not what he used to be,' says another. A voice shouts from behind a door, 'Oi! If you're going to talk about me behind my back I'm not going.'

A sex researcher phones one of the participants in a survey to check on a discrepancy. He asks the man, 'In response to the question on the frequency of intercourse you answered 'twice weekly.' On the other hand, your wife answered 'several times a night'. 'That's right,' replied the man, 'And that's how it's going to be until the mortgage is paid off.'

### **Leader Nominated Rideout Table 2015**

Date	Rideout Leader	Note
14 October	N/A	Club Night
18 October		
25 October	N/A	BST Ends

**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@bopenworld.com** or 01325 721669 (Answerphone may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.