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### CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Hello All. At the time of writing (29 Oct) this Les Wright is still in hospital, undergoing treatment following his recent surgery. No visitors please until further notice. I know that you all join me in wishing Les a speedy and full recovery.

Another erstwhile member, Peter Venis, is finally hanging up his crash hat & boots and he would like to clear out his garage & make a donation to charity. So come on lads lets help our oldest member realise his wish. Peter is happy to be contacted by Club members if they wish to pop in, have a chat and make an offer for any of the items listed in the ad' below.

It has not been a bad month for getting out on the bike. The Kawasaki 500S has been used quite a lot. Having changed the fork oil (forks out 'cos there is no drain plug) the head-shake was still present. However, the handling has improved greatly (but could be better when the rear is sorted) and I'm thinking of sticking my knee-sliders back on! Suspecting the front tyre, which had loads of life left on it, I went to see Steve at Crofton Court Motorcycles and got a new Maxxis tyre fitted to the front. Voila! Bike now tracks straight and true. I did 395 miles the next day and the bike behaved perfectly, although my bum was glad to get off the saddle at the end of the run. One thing I had omitted to check since owning the bike was the chain! Oops! Must be the result of having a shaft-drive bike for so long! Anyhow, after a thorough clean with proprietary chain cleaner and paraffin plus correct adjustment and oiling things seemed a bit quieter and smoother.

**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**

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| 31 Oct        | National Motorcycle Museum FREE Open Day. Meet Carl Fogarty and Jamie Whitham       |
| <b>3 Nov</b>  | <b>CBT Roadshow, High Point Business Park. Darlington. DL1 4PW. 4:30pm and 6pm.</b> |
| <b>7 Nov</b>  | <b>Rufforth Autojumble YO23 3QH</b>   |
| 11 Nov        | Speaker on the subject of Motocross (to be confirmed)                               |
| <b>15 Nov</b> | <b>Newark Autojumble, Newark Showground, NG24 2NY</b>                               |
| 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 now.                               |
| 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

**30 Jan BMF Council Meeting. Fosse Riders Club, Leicester**  
12-14 Feb London Motorcycle Show at the Excel Centre  
**15-18 Apr MCN Live at Butlins, Skegness. Loads of bikes, music, shows and beer.**  
**16 Apr BMF Council Meeting. Fosse Riders Club, Leicester**  
**16 Jul BMF Council Meeting. Unwanted MCC, Burton on Trent**  
**8 Oct BMF AGM**

**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.

### **FOR SALE BY PETER VENIS**

1. Suzuki VanVan 125cc 4strk. White. Reg NU 62 TZB. 2803km on clock. On sorn. Electric start fuel injected. Currently has lightweight sidecar fitted (easy to remove as it is bolted -not run on road). Needs mudguards, seat & indicators refitting ( all with sale). Rear frame needs refurbishing to restore to original. Good road tyres fitted treaded tyres available

Best offer around £1100.00

2. Skyteam V Raptor 125 4 strk (Van Van look alike made in Poland). Black. Reg FJ 14 OUG. 5196 on clock. Electric & kick start. Carburettor. Needs seat, mudguards & indicators fitting (all with sale). Block tread tyres fitted good condition. Best offer on £850.00
3. Windscreen & spare silencer for either of above. £50.00
4. Lightweight Velorex type fibreglass sidecar & chassis. £150.00
5. Clarkes 150mm bench grinder. £20.00
6. Warco 5/8 inch bench drill & chucks. £50.00
7. Box of twist drills. £20.00 Clarkes electric hoist winch 125kg & fittings. £50.00
8. Wood workbench, very solid & vice. £10.00
9. Halfords auto battery charger. £15.00
10. Trailer 3ftx4ft galvanised modified to also be used as a bike trailer. 10inch wheels. £75.00

## 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.**

### Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd

See Steve and crew.

Telephone: 01642 601795 / 07881276919

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(Turn Right at the traffic lights at ARCO.

Now has executive rights on Maxxis Tyres in the area.

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**Guy Martin – Further Update.** Following his crash at the Ulster GP Guy Martin is now back at work and planning to take part in the Macau Road Race over the period 19-22 November (according to MCM). The last time Guy went Macau was in 2008, where he crashed in practice and was so badly injured he couldn't take part in the race. However, according to MCN, Guy appears not to have made any decision about racing again. Confused? I'll say so! Never mind, you can always read his latest book 'When You Dead, You Dead', which goes over his last 12 months of TV and racing episodes. You may still be confused however about Guy's intentions. Whatever, 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.

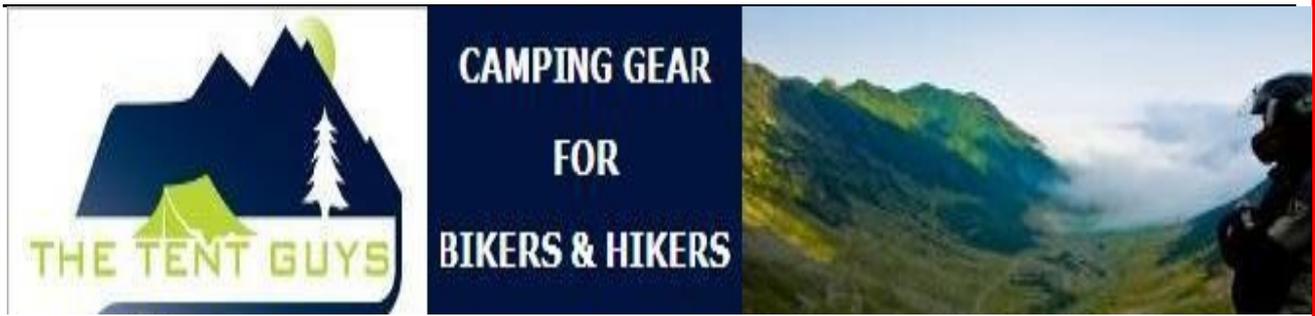
**Computers.** Want a computer with a fast processor and lots of RAM for around £90. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286. Paul can also do repairs and upgrades.

**Stupid Drivers!** The IAM has identified that once again 'failure to look properly' is the most common contributory factor included in reports of over 30,000 vehicle accidents a year. Other research by the IAM

reveals that drivers are using phones and tablets while driving to take selfies, make video calls and watch videos while driving. Some 9% of drivers admitted to taking selfies while driving, rising to 15% of young drivers aged between 18 to 24, and 19% of 25 to 35 year olds. Similar percentages have used Skype and Facetime, as well as Catch Up TV while on the move. Twats!

**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.



**Good or Bad for VW?** VW has been ordered to let Suzuki buy back its 19.9% stake in the Japanese company. Suzuki will be able to buy its stock back from VW for around \$3.8 billion. The original stock was bought for \$1.9 billion. I guess 100% profit can't be bad. Probably won't do much to offset the problem VW is having with correcting the emission control on their diesel cars. I have a VW diesel. I didn't buy it because I thought the emissions would be low; I wanted reliability and high mpg – never gave the NO2 a thought, and I still don't.

**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 Bowesfield 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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Reliable and friendly service and always guaranteed a good deal.**

**BMF AGM – Summary.** I gave a quick overview of the main points arising from the BMF AGM at the October club meeting. These are included here in a bit more detail at the end of the newsletter.

**All Mouth and Trousers!** According to a recent by Cambridge scientists 'Howler Monkeys' of South America make the most noise of any primate. Furthermore, the monkeys have been found to have the smallest testicles! So, the next time some angry boss starts shouting at you why don't you ask if he has tiny balls..... then run.

**Beware Country Roads.** Reported in the 'I' paper on 23 Oct: Country roads in the UK claim 3 lives per day – that's 1040 a year. A further 9051 are seriously injured on these roads every year, with a third of all incidents occurring on bends.

**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!).

What's the difference between a jogging rabbit and a cross-eyed rabbit? One's a fit bunny and the other is a bit funny.

Mum and Dad are in the iron and steel business. Mum does the ironing and my Dad does the stealing.

What did the bald dad say when he got a comb for his birthday? "Thanks. I'll never part with it." an open foyer.

An elderly couple goes to a pharmacy to buy a packet of condoms. "Do you mind me asking how old you are?" says the pharmacist. "I'm 75 and my wife is 73" says the husband. "Well, in that case you don't need the condoms as it is unlikely your wife is going to get pregnant," said the pharmacist. "Oh, we don't need condoms for that," replied the husband. "It's my wife. She likes the smell of burning rubber."

An 85-year old man marries a 25-year woman. The woman decides that they should have separate honeymoon suites as she didn't want her new husband overexerting himself. On the night, she hears a knock on the door and her groom comes in ready for action. After they've finished he leaves the room and she prepares to get some sleep. A few minutes pass and there is another knock on the door. The bride opens the door and there is her husband ready for more action. They go to bed, have more sex, and the old man leaves again. Once more the bride is getting ready to sleep when there is a knock on the door. The old man is ready for another romp, and after a burst of passion the young bride compliments her husband on his stamina. "Three times in one night," she says. "There are not many men who could manage that." The old man looks confused and says "Manage what?"

It's the morning after the honeymoon. The wife says, "You know, you're a really lousy lover." The husband replies, "How can you possibly tell that after only 30 seconds?"

Mix Viagra with Prozac and you have a guy who is ready to go, but doesn't really care where. They've started giving Viagra to older men in nursing homes. It stops them falling out of bed.

A man walks into a grocery store and says, "I want to buy every rotten egg you have." "Who wants rotten eggs?" says the shopkeeper. "No one wants rotten eggs, unless you are going to see that lousy comedian at the club on the corner." The man replies, "I know. I am that lousy comedian at the club on the corner."

Light travels faster than sound. Is that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak? Bill Clinton liked Monica Lewinsky's dress the moment he spotted it!

Sign in a New York public lavatory: If you voted for Bush you can't take a dump here. Your asshole is in Washington.

Seen on bumper stickers:      Boycott shampoo! Demand real poo!  
   Eat shit. 70 zillion flies can't be wrong.  
   Kentucky – 5 million residents; 15 last names.

There are three kinds of people – those who can count and those that can't.  
 I'd kill for a Nobel Peace prize.  
 Fighting for peace is like bonking for chastity.  
 Pride is what we have. Vanity is what other people have.  
 Honk if you love peace and quiet.  
 I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.  
 When you are finally holding all the cards why does everyone want to play chess?  
 Countries are making nuclear weapons like there is no tomorrow.  
 War is God's way of teaching us geography.  
 Sex isn't the answer. Sex is the question. Yes is the answer.

**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.

### **Summary of BMF AGM 10 Oct 2015 held at Salam Methodist Hall, Halifax**

1. Chairman. The meeting began with the election of a new Chairman. Roger Ellis had resigned due to health reasons. Jim Freeman was voted unanimously into the position of Chairman, which he graciously accepted and vowed to work hard to promote the BMF in its aims of being an effective voice for riders rights.
2. **Political and Technical Services.** Anna Zee, former BMF Chair and current FEMA President, introduced the subject. Recently released White Paper recognises that powered 2-wheelers are fundamental to the aims of the government's strategy of reducing emissions, congestion and inclusiveness. Other points covered were:
  - a. Motorcycles produced pre-2000 are to be banned from the city of Paris from 2016.
  - b. Sweden is proposing that bikes have a lower speed limit than cars!

Anna introduced Graeme Hay, the BMF Government Relations Officer, who works closely with Anna and with a number of policy and safety organisations. Graeme covered a variety of subjects, a number of which are covered in detail in the autumn issue of Rider. Main points covered were:

- c. Discussions with the Ministry of Justice highlighted the problem of reported incidents involving motorcyclists. The media tended to report such incidents as a result of excessive speed, whereas the behaviour of pedestrians and cyclists is not reported. Can this influence the decisions of the courts?
- d. Increasing legislation is resulting in more loopholes being created. The replacement of 'driving without due care and attention' with more and more specific legislation can result in some 'bad driving' actions going unpunished.
- e. The CBT review, commissioned by the government in 2014, is ready for release to the public domain. The CBT Pass Certificate will remain valid for 2 years. The Hazard Perception Test will no longer be based on film excerpts, but will use computer generated images (CGI), which is regarded as a positive step forward for motorcyclists. Training will be geared to meet the individual's requirements, rather than the 'One Size Fits All' which seems to have been the norm. Instructors are required to be registered and will be subject to regular checks. It is likely that costs will increase. Further information is available on the BMF website.
- f. The Highways Agency was replaced in Apr 2015 into three organisations: Highways England, Highways Scotland and Highways Wales. Interaction with road user groups is high on the order of priorities. The BMF holds a seat on the National Road Users Council and is the leading motorcycling representative. Projects currently underway include Smart Motorways, contactless electric vehicle charging and 'target zero' road deaths. Single issues being tackled cover:
  - )(☞ Concrete central barriers (best for all traffic types) are being fitted to those roads carrying more than 24,000 vehicles per day. Concrete barriers on 'Smart' motorways will have a purple coloured conduit carrying data cables fitted on top.
  - )(☞ Cycle lane segregation devices (Armadillo and Orca) are designed to deter motorists from entering cycle lanes. Graeme has carried out a trial on the Orca device and a full report is in the current issue

of Rider and on the BMF website. Basically, such devices are not supported by the BMF, FEMA and FIM.



Motorcycling clothing may be categorised regarding safety under 5 grades, similar to the SHARP scheme used for crash helmets.



Recent figures regarding Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) motorcyclists show a 'spike' for Highways Wales – a 50% increase. Investigation by Graeme Hay discussing the figures with the authorities in Wales reveals that alcohol and drugs are an increasing factor. Police have noted that those riding motorcycles with small number plates and/illegal exhausts are more likely to be involved in such incidents and are stopping and discussing safety issues with such riders.

3. Finance Report. The BMF continues to operate 'in the black' despite the loss of the Shows and the organising group – Mulberry. Furthermore, the previous debt to FEMA has been paid. Expenditure is closely monitored and controlled at all times. The partnership with the Bikesure Insurance has helped to improve the financial situation. Bikesure is on the 'Go Compare' website and offers discount for BMF members as well as bundling BMF membership if required.
4. Media Report. James Gill, the Editor of Rider, gave an overview of the work being undertaken by Archant Dialogue to produce what is arguably one of the best motorcycling publications available. Archant are continually updating the BMF website and have provided links through Facebook, Twitter and by email. The aim is to promote the BMF as THE authority on many aspects of motorcycling and to reflect the BMF values of justice, safety and nostalgia.
5. Membership Services. Peter Laidlaw informed the AGM that there were now 7447 individual members and, with 291 affiliated clubs, the total membership is around 50,000. The majority of members are in the 40 to 60 years of age bracket. However, the link with Bikesure has resulted with more young members joining, and the number of members under 40 years of age equals the number of members over 60. The partnership with Bikesure has seen an increase in membership, with some 100 new members per month joining through the scheme. The BMF on-line shop is offering more winter gear. Note for those on the 5-Year Membership scheme: renewal is now due!
6. Future Meetings in 2016. Council meetings are planned for: 30 January, 16 April and 16 July. NOMC meets 25 June and the BMF AGM will be 8 October.