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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015**

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Hope you all had a great Christmas and got to spend time with family and friends. Did Santa bring you what you desired? If not there's always next year! Here's hoping for 2015 to be a happy and healthy year.

Timing for the Christmas/New Year's party on 11 January is 1pm for a 1:15 start. To keep it simple I can take payment on the day for those who are guests at the event.

It's AGM on 14 January. There is no 'door charge' for this meeting, and it is a fairly short affair. Come along and do your bit – even join the Committee if you have some good ideas for taking the Club forward in 2015!

Just in case you were absent at the November club meeting it was announced by the Chairman that the Door Fee would increase from £1 to £1.50. It has been £1 for the past 20 years and it is felt that this increase would help defray the costs of the raffle held every month (it's been making a loss since 'day one').

I managed to get out on both bikes during 'Panic Saturday' and get my Christmas shopping sorted. Glorious sunshine and dry roads – what more could you want? Ok, it was a little cool but thank goodness for the heated jacket and grips. It made the ride pleasant and parking in Northallerton was a doddle; the Council even had a reserved space for my bike. Sure beats going round and round the car parks in a car trying to find a parking space as so many motorists were! The only snag at present is that I am having a lot of trouble with my knees - damn it! After getting my ears sorted my knees are cracking up and I have trouble bending the right. So I rode to Bishop Auckland the other day with my right leg dangling by the side; I just couldn't bend the leg to get the foot on the peg! I'm not going to let something like that stop me riding.

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

Committee Mtg: **Weds 7 January 2015**  
Xmas/New year party: **Sunday 11 January 2015**  
Annual Gen Mtg: **Weds 14 January 2015**

**2015**

**3-4 Jan** Carole Nash Classic Bike Guide Show @ Newark Showground  
**7 Jan** Committee Meeting  
**11 Jan** Christmas/New Year Party, The Crown Hotel, Kirklevington. 1pm for 1:15 start.  
**14 Jan** AGM.  
**17-19 Jan** Adventure Travel Show, Olympia.  
**25 Jan** Newark Auto Jumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY  
**1 Feb** East Midlands Motorcycle Show, Donington Park.



**Bike for Sale.** Nigel Sigsworth is advertising his 'as new BMW F800ST for sale. Telephone numbers for Nigel are: Mobile 07771 558239. Home 01642 789984. It's on eBay and the link is shown below: Ebay item number 291249644950.

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/BMW-F800ST-3000-Miles-FBMWSH-Paniers-Autocomm-Phone-Sat-Nav-Connection-/291249644950?>

**For Sale:** BMW R850R 2003 (6-speed). Tax end May 2015. MOT: March 2015. 50,000 miles. PSH though mostly serviced by myself and Crofton Court Motorcycles, Stockton, 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.



£2,000 or will exchange for a lightweight motorcycle e.g. CBR600 / 650cc twin/ even 250cc or similar considered.

Contact Brian (Secretary) on 07517 605614 / 01325 721669.

**Paper Section of Driving Licence to be Scrapped.** From June 8 2015, the UK paper counterpart driving licence will be scrapped and no longer issued by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA). The green section of paper required mainly for hiring cars will no longer be valid and when you renew or change your address on your licence, the DVLA will only send a new photocard. It's part of a major "red tape" removal policy by Government motoring agencies with many facets moving online, saving an estimated £8 million. MyLicence - a joint venture between the DVLA and the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB) - has been launched where drivers can check their details online. Penalty points will no longer be recorded on paper licences and the information will be held on the DVLA's digital driver record. You'll be able to check this online, by phone or by post. The police can access this information electronically at the roadside via the Police National Computer so the paper licence doesn't add anything extra. All endorsement notifications will be recorded electronically after any court proceedings and are detailed on the driver record held by DVLA.

*What about hiring a car?* The DVLA is developing a new digital enquiry service that will allow organisations and businesses - such as employers and car hire companies - to view information they can currently see on the driving licence counterpart. These new services are designed for those who have a business need for real-time access to the information, and may not wish to call the DVLA or be in a position to use an intermediary. Driving licence information via these services will only be made available to those who have a right to see it, and with the knowledge of the driving licence holder.

**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.

**Parking Charges and Fines Bring Record Incomes for Robbing Bastards (Councils).** Councils in England have raked in another record parking surplus with the large scale use of "spy cars" blamed for the 12 per cent increase. In 2013/14 councils in England generated a combined 'profit' of £667 million from both on and off street parking operations. That's up from the £594 million made in 2012/13 while almost half of the figure (44 per cent) came from London boroughs. Some councils don't make a huge surplus but very few lose out - only 55 of the 353 parking authorities reported negative numbers according to the RAC Foundation which released the findings. Communities secretary Eric Pickles, who has previously attempted to crack down on over-zealous parking policies, said the bumper year can be attributed to the growing rise of spy cars. He said: "These official figures show how town halls are committing daylight robbery by ripping off drivers with exorbitant parking charges and unfair parking fines. "The recent growth in fines is coming from the industrial use of CCTV spy cars allowed under laws introduced by the last government. This is why we have introduced a law before Parliament to stop these snoopers, as part of package of measures to rein in the town hall parking bullies and protect local shops." The parking figures are calculated by adding up income from parking charges and fines and deducting running costs. And while incomes are up, it's not the only way that surplus - or profit - is being increased.

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

**Local Bike Meets:**

- Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria.
- Tuesday: Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF. (5 to 8pm 'til 26 Oct)  
Stephen Billau & Sons Bike Night. Every Thursday 6pm to 9pm at the Destination Café in the Darlington Shop. Normal shopping facilities also open.
- Tuesday: The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bovesfield 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.

**New Navigation System to Ditch Satellites.** A new navigation device that uses the earth's magnetic field rather than satellites for better accuracy could be just three years away. Experts at Porton Down and the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) claim that they are between three and five years away from developing the 'quantum compass' that will be more accurate than current devices. The device could also be developed later for smartphones, while the military has also shown particular interest in the technology with the Ministry of Defence spending £270m on the programme. It would mean there is no longer need for satellites or fixed point radio masts, which current sat-navs depend on. Instead it would work purely from the earth's magnetic field. According to experts, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) currently used are at risk of becoming outdated as they are increasingly vulnerable to attack and disruption. The irregular activity of the sun, for example, which emits varying levels of radiation, can cause problems with sat-navs. The military is particularly keen on using it for submarines, as their locations can often be out by 1km when they resurface.

**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.

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### **THE END GAME.**

Will I Live to see 90? I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing fairly well for my age. (I am past Seventy). A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 90?' He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!' Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?' 'I said, 'Not much... My former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!' 'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said. He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?' 'No,' I said. He looked at me and said, 'Then, why do you even care....?'

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.' 'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?' 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

**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](mailto:brian.burke2@btopenworld.com) or 01325 721669 (Answerphone may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.

### **Racing Calendar for 2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>MotoGP</b>	<b>WSB</b>	<b>BSB</b>
22 Feb		Phillip Island	
22 Mar		Chang	
29 Mar	Qatar / Losail		
6 Apr			Donington
12 Apr	Americas / Austin	Aragon	
19 Apr	Argentina	Assen	Brands Hatch / Indy
3 May	Jerez		
4 May			Oulton Park
10 May		Imola	
17 May	Le Mans		
24 May		Donington	
31 May	Mugello		
7 Jun		Portimao	
14 Jun	Catalunya		
21 Jun		Misano	Snetterton
27 Jun	Assen		
5 Jul		Moscow	Knockhill
12 Jul	Sachsenring		
19 Jul		Laguna Seca	Brands Hatch / GP
2 Aug		Sepang	Thruxton
9 Aug	Indianapolis		
16 Aug	Brno		
23 Aug			Cadwell Park
30 Aug	Donington		
6 Sep			Oulton Park
13 Sep	San Marino		
20 Sep		Jerez	Assen / TT
27 Sep	Aragon		
4 Oct		Magny Cours	Silverstone
11 Oct	Motegi		
18 Oct	Phillip Island	Qatar / Losail	Brands Hatch / GP
25 Oct	Sepang		
8 Nov	Valencia		