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CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

Secretary's Ramblings. I have a love/hate relationship with January. I love it when the Christmas frenzy is all over and I hate the crap weather. I've not ridden at all in January because of the weather (ice/salt) and having 'wonky' knees didn't help. The cold doesn't bother me much as I have a heated jacket and gloves/grips. However, one has to be mindful that tyres have much reduced grip when temperatures get below 7C. Anyhow, I'm due to go Leicester on 14 Feb for a BMF Council meeting and I intend to go on the bike unless the weather is really bad. So, I need to get out soon to get my riding skills up to spec'. Anyone fancy a rideout over the moors?

Talking of the moors – almost got trapped in the car when Olwyn and I were returning from Bridlington on the evening of the 18th. Travelling home via Scarborough and Whitby, I thought the coast road would be ok as only light snow showers were predicted. Wrong! Just north of Scarborough the snow was pelting down and the hilly, windy road was soon covered and became very slippery. Having lost control on a couple of occasions we thankfully made to Whitby, where we stayed overnight in The Angel Hotel on the quayside. Very nice it was too – fully refurbished with really nice rooms and downstairs was the Wetherspoons restaurant and bar! Anyway, that was a diversion I didn't need but thankfully no damage done (except to my bank account).

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

Club Night: Weds 11 February
Committee Mtg: Weds 4 March

2015

1 Feb	East Midlands Motorcycle Show, Donington Park.
7-8 Feb	Bristol Classic M'Cycle Show @ Bath & West Showground.
13-15 Feb	MCN London Bike Show @ Excel Exhibition Centre.
21-22 Feb	The Dirtbike Show @ The International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH
7/8 Mar	Scottish Motorcycle Show, Highland Centre, Edinburgh
8 Mar	Newark Auto Jumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY
28-29 Mar	Manchester Bike Show @ Event City.
12 Apr	Newark Auto Jumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY
26-26 April	34 th International Classic M'Cycle Show @ Staffordshire County Showground.
16 May*	Christian Bikers: Meet Birkbrow car park A171 10.00am for 1030 depart 10.30am.
7 Jun	Newark Auto Jumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY
14 June*	Christian Bikers: Meet Wolviston A689 services 10.00am to leave at 10.30am.

4-5 July National Road Rally. Get £1 discount using BMF Membership.
11 July* Christian Bikers: Meet MacDonalDs Teeside Park A66 at 10.00am for 10.30am depart.
19 July Bikewise at Durham Police HQ
6 Sep* Christian Bikers: Meet Bluebell Hotel Aclam 10.00am for 10.30am depart heading South.
17-18 Oct Motorcycle Mechanics Classic Show. Stafford Showground
21.29 Nov Motorcycle Live, NEC Birmingham. Coach Trip 26 Nov.

***Christian Bikers Association Ride-outs.** Please contact the branch secretary - Pauline Lowery 07971998786.

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, and 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 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: 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.**
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Zontes Motorcycles Dealer

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.

MotoAirBag, are heading a campaign to have VAT removed from motorcycle airbags and clothing. Currently motorcycle helmets that meet 25-year old standards are exempt, but others are rated at the full VAT. To sign a petition against VAT on safety clothing for motorcyclists go to: <http://bit.ly/SafeVAT> and spread the word.

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.

Cops Back Bikes as Two-Wheeled Transport (from MCN). Police and motorcycle industry bosses have called for an increase in the used of bikes to improve road safety as fellow motorists become more aware of two-wheelers. Rider safety has improved since 2000 but bikers are still over-represented in accident statistics, making up 1% of traffic but 19% of fatalities. **(see article further on regarding North Yorkshire!)** More bikes means fewer jams and accidents. A Belgian study found when just 10% of car drivers rode a powered two wheeler instead of driving a car then congestion dropped by 40%. When 25% of car drivers shifted to two-wheels congestion was eliminated. It is acknowledged that motorcyclists make better road users when driving cars. So, get out there on your bikes and be sure to put out a positive image.

North Yorkshire – Motorcyclists KSI Up! MOTORISTS travelling on the roads of rural North Yorkshire would have come across some gruesome scenes during the summer of 2013. Statics show that motorcycle tragedies happened with alarming regularity. **Sixteen bikers were killed in England's largest county in 2013, a 200 per cent increase on the previous year**, with the majority dying between the start of May and the end of

September. With 70 per cent of the fatal crashes caused by rider error, Tim Madgwick, North Yorkshire Police's deputy chief constable, is battling to persuade bikers to drive with more consideration. He says the failure of many motorcyclists to fully get to grips with the power of their vehicles on the increasingly popular roads, often riding in a manner more suited to the race track, can have horrific consequences. Analysis of the deaths over the year shows that bikers most likely to be involved were men aged between 40 and 59, riding high-powered bikes over 500cc. Of the 15 motorcyclists who died, only five were from North Yorkshire and the same number were from West Yorkshire, with a high number also coming from the more urban Cleveland police force area. The sky-high death toll from 2013 includes three separate fatal crashes in one week in August, on roads around Helmsley, Ripon and North Duffield. In the first of these, a biker was killed after overtaking at speeds of about 130mph and crashing head-on into a car, also killing its driver.

During 2014, according to the latest statistics on the North Yorkshire police website, there were 45 fatalities on the roads compared to 51 in 2013. The reduction comes mainly amongst the riders of motorcycles which fell from 16 in 2013 to 14 in 2014. OK, so numbers are down slightly but there is never, ever room for complacency!! Don't be one of the statistics.

Late News: report in The Times on Friday, 6 Feb states that accidents for 4 and more wheeled vehicles are up 4% in 2014. The increase is believed to be due to drivers fiddling with gadgets - smart phones, satnavs, digital radios etc. Every day I see drivers using hand-helds instead of hands-free sets; just what is wrong with people?

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 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.

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.

Recently a woman called in at a Poison Control Centre in London very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. She was reassured that ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter to the hospital. She calmed down but then mentioned that she gave her daughter ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants! Well done!! The whole thing became a real emergency! Be careful out there folks. They are among us and they are breeding!

I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons and memories came flooding back of time I took my son out for his first pint. Off we went to our local which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Fosters, he didn't like it – so I had it. Then I got him a Carling Black Label, he didn't like it, so I had it. It was the same with the 1664 Lager and Premium Dry Cider. By the time we got down to the whisky I could hardly push the bloody pram back home.

A chicken was playing in a football match and scores two early goals. The referee says “You are really good. Do you manage to train often?” “No” says the chicken. “I’m a lawyer and don’t get much free time.” With that the referee pulls out a red card and orders the chicken off the pitch. “Why?” says the chicken. “Professional fowl” says the ref.

The local police station toilet has been stolen. The police have nothing to go on. Two men are discussing their sex live. “Does your wife ever let you do it doggie style?” asks the first. "Not exactly" says the second. "She's more into the trick dog aspect of it." "I see" says the first. "Kinky stuff, is it?" "No" replies the second. "As soon as I make a move she just rolls over and plays dead."

A champion football team loses its star player, Roger Dicks, to injury. The next day the local newspaper headline reads 'Team Will Play Without Dicks'. The team manager complains about the wording and the editor agreed to change it. Next day the headline reads 'Team Will Play With Dicks Out.'

Did you hear about the dwarf psychic who escaped from prison? The newspaper headline read, "Small Medium at Large."

I called the paper to put in an ad, but couldn't tell the lady about it because it was classified. Harry says to his doctor, "I'm under a lot of stress. I keep losing my temper with people and insulting them. You gotta help me, doctor." The doctor says "Tell me about your problem, Harry." Harry looks at him and yells, "I just did, you stupid bastard."

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.

Racing Calendar for 2015

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
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		