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CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

Secretary's Ramblings. Winter, according to the meteorological calendar, is over. Are you feeling better yet? No! Neither am I! This may have been the sunniest winter on record for many years but it just doesn't feel like it. Anyhow, four more weeks and the clocks go forward - so a good time have a think about the Rideout programme which starts then. A table has been prepared for the monthly Leader Rideout nominations - see near the end of this newsletter. Other dates, such as Good Friday and Easter Monday are included. It is intended to have Rideouts on those days in addition to the Sundays after the club meeting. .If you feel the need to demonstrate your riding, map reading and leadership skills then don't be shy - get your name on the list. Don't forget that Rideouts will also be taking place every Sunday morning anyway, although the Leader will sort of 'happen'. In other words, whoever forgets to step back when a volunteer is asked for, is usually it!! Please note that the British MotoGP venue is SILVERSTONE not Donington. Apparently Donington is not ready for it, although most folk think it is a better venue than Silverstone to watch the racing. Let's hope that the Circuit of Wales group get their act together over the next 5 years otherwise there may not be a UK MotoGP event in future. The Racing Calendar at the end of this newsletter will not be reproduced again after this edition, so pull it off the printer and nail it over the wife's dressing table mirror!

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

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

2015

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.

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.

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.

Riding Abroad. Do you know how "Priorite a Droite" (Priority from the Right) works in France? Or more importantly when it applies? Do you know when the town speed limit applies in France? Or what the Yellow Diamond with a white border means? These are laws that are just across the channel and to which many of us have supposedly complied, but perhaps done so unwittingly just by riding considerately.

"Priorite a Droite" applies unless it is signed that it doesn't. So if you are riding down a road in France and the road joining yours from the right does not have a give way or stop sign / line; if there is no paint on their road, then they can legally pull out in front of you! This is rare on main roads but common in small villages and some towns.

The town speed limit applies as you pass the town name sign. No need for a 50 sign. You have entered a town, so the limit applies until you see the end of town sign with the name crossed out. I always wondered why they were so keen to tell you, you had just left somewhere, before I understood this. Of course this can be superseded by a speed sign. The little yellow diamond with a white border means you are on the priority route, so most people should give way to you.

As a motorcyclist in France you are required to carry a spare bulb kit, your license, your V5 / Log Book. With the breathalyser we move into the realms of the laws that make no sense or are so obscure it is difficult to comprehend them.

The French have a higher rate of drink driving than most of the rest of Europe and in an attempt to address it they introduced a law that every rider and driver must have a breathalyser with them when driving. In reality this means two because if you use one and are ok to drive you still are required to have one with you. It seems a defeatist way to deal with the issue, accepting that you will drink and

drive but as long as it is not too much it's OK. After introducing the law, and the sales of home breathalyser sales rocketing to stratospheric levels, they realised that either it was the wrong approach or it was un-enforceable. However to avoid backing down they did not rescind the legislation. What they did was fail to pass the legislation that allows the gendarmes to fine you for not having one. So you can be stopped and given a good telling off for not having one, but nothing else!

In Portugal if you wear glasses or contacts you must have a spare pair of glasses with you. In Germany you must indicate turning back in after overtaking on a dual carriageway or motorway. Winter tyres are a widespread requirement at certain times of the year in many European countries, but does it apply to bikes?

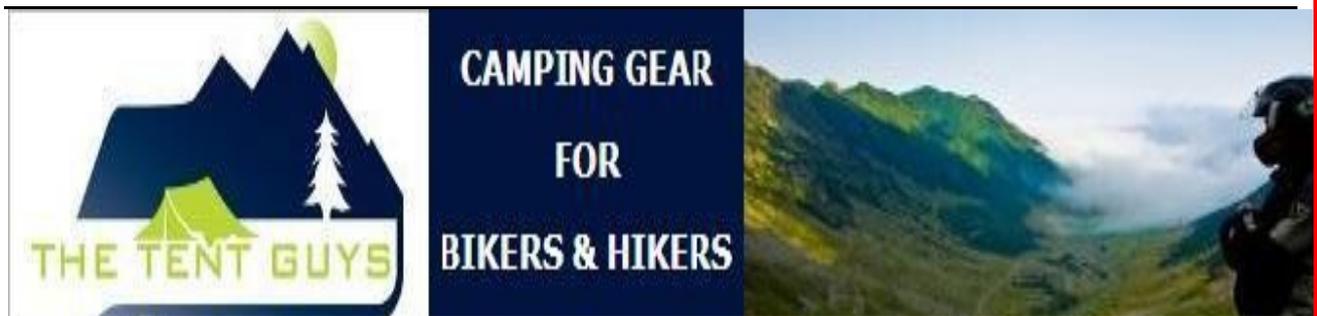
As you travel further afield they get more obscure. In Peru it is illegal to operate a right hand drive vehicle. They let you over the border with it and then stop and fine you for driving it! In Columbia you must have your bike registration on a hi vis jacket and on your helmet. In Honduras taking a pillion is illegal. Both of the last two are to stop bikes (often stolen) being used in drive by shootings! They do not seem to be applied to foreign bikes but beware... things change.

So when you are travelling abroad it is worth investing a little time looking at the RAC and AA websites for advice as well as sites like Horizon Unlimited if travelling further afield. With so many rules and regulations you are bound to be on the wrong side of the law at some point. But whether you ever get prosecuted or fined for the more obscure offences really depends on your attitude.

Ride courteously through villages, don't be too loud, don't speed in towns and most Policemen will take an even handed and sensible view. Speed past his daughters primary school at the end of the day and you can expect to have every obscure, minor and petty infringement written up against you. And you may realise later you deserved it. The law may be an ass, but 99% of the time the people enforcing it are not.

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:

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.

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.

"A man with a winking problem is applying for a position as a sales representative for a large firm. The interviewer looks over his papers and says, "This is phenomenal. You've graduated from the best schools; your recommendations are wonderful, and your experience is unparalleled. Normally, we'd hire you without a second thought. However, a sales representative has a highly visible position, and we're afraid that your constant winking will scare off potential customers. I'm sorry.... we can't hire you." "But wait," the man says. "If I take two aspirin, I'll stop winking!" "Really? Great! Show me now!" So the applicant reaches into his jacket pocket and begins pulling out all sorts of condoms: red condoms, blue condoms, ribbed condoms, flavoured condoms; finally, at the bottom, he finds a packet of aspirin. He tears it open, swallows the pills, and stops winking. "Well," said the interviewer, "that's all well and good, but this is a respectable company, and we will not have our employees womanizing all over the country!" "Womanizing? What do you mean? I'm a happily married man!" "Well then, how do you explain all these condoms?" "Oh, that," he sighed. "Have you ever walked into a pharmacy, winking, and asked for aspirin?"

I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.

I asked my North Korean friend how it was over there. He said he couldn't complain.

People used to laugh at me when I would say "I want to be a comedian." Well, nobody's laughing now.

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I just had to put my foot down.

My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.

The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself "This changes everything."

Say what you want about deaf people.....

I've spent the past four years looking for my ex-girlfriend's killer, but no one will do it.

I saw a sign that said "watch for children" and I thought, "That sounds like a fair trade."

I refused to believe my road worker father was stealing from his job, but when I got home, all the signs were there.

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner, all it was doing was gathering dust.

You can never lose a homing pigeon - if your homing pigeon doesn't come back, what you've lost is a pigeon.

Whiteboards are remarkable.

Leader Nominated Rideout Table 2015

Date	Rideout Leader	Note
29 March		BST Begins
3 April	General Rideout	Good Friday
6 April	General Rideout	Easter Monday
8 April	N/A	Club Night
12 April		
4 May	General Rideout	May Day Bank Holiday
13 May	N/A	Club Night
17 May		
25 May	General Rideout	Bank Holiday
10 June	N/A	Club Night
14 June		
8 July	N/A	Club Night
12 July		
12 August	N/A	Club Night
16 August		
31 August	General Rideout	Bank Holiday
9 September	N/A	Club Night
13 September		
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@btopenworld.com or 01325 721669 (Answerphone may be on). Mobile 07517 605614.

Racing Calendar for 2015 (This is the last time this table will appear in the Newsletter)

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	Silverstone		
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		