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CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

Secretary's Ramblings. Has Spring really arrived? It's still changeable weatherwise and quite cold on occasions, but the darnn weeds and grass are starting to take off – so maybe it is happening.

The BMW R850R is now up for sale in MCM and the MOT has been renewed. All I need now is some nice person to come along and take it away after shelling out the appropriate amount of cash. It's for sale at £2300 but I will let it go for £2000 to a club member.

The Club Rally to the Derbyshire Peak District takes place towards the end of the month. I paid the venue a visit while attending a reunion near Bakewell a couple of weeks ago. I didn't get to see the accommodation but the bar and dining areas look very nice. There is also plenty of hardstanding in the car park. The roads in the area seemed to be in pretty good condition and there are many challenging bends and hills to tackle over the weekend. Bakewell is full of gift shops and was very busy. Yes, Olwyn did get a Bakewell Tart! (I don't remember getting any!!).

Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting takes place on Sunday 3 May. More info further down.

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

Club Night: Weds 8 April
Committee Mtg: Weds 6 May

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| 11 Apr | Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1. |
| 12 Apr | Newark Auto Jumble, Newark and Notts Showground, NG24 2NY |
| 24 -27 Apr | Club Rally @Peak District Barns, Royal Oak, Hurdlow, Buxton, SK17 9QJ |
| 26-26 April | 34 th International Classic M'Cycle Show @ Staffordshire County Showground. |
| 3 May | Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting at The Gun Inn, Ridsdale, A68 - RIDEOUT! |
| 9 May | Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1. |
| 10 May | Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, Hurworth Grange. 10am to 4pm. Children Free |
| 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 |
| 13 June | Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1. |
| 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. |

Car Insurance for Bikers. (from MCM Apr 2015) Carole Nash has clicked on to the fact that motorcyclists' knowledge of road safety is almost twice as good as that of car drivers. The broker has now launched a new car insurance policy entitled 'Bikers Only'. Open to any biker aged 35 to 75 who holds both a full bike and car licence, Carole Nash is guaranteeing to beat any bikers' car insurance renewal quote – usual terms and conditions apply. Might be worth checking out when your car insurance is due.

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.



£2,300 (£2,000 to club members) or will exchange for a lightweight motorcycle e.g. CBR600 / 650cc twin/or similar considered.

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

Halfords Store Discount. The manager at the Halfords Store in Stockton has agreed to give members of the Yarm Motorcycling Club a 10% discount for any purchase provided a current membership card is presented at the checkout. The checkout staff have a copy of the membership card at each till; presentation of a 'Black Sheep Beer Mat' may not be acceptable!

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.

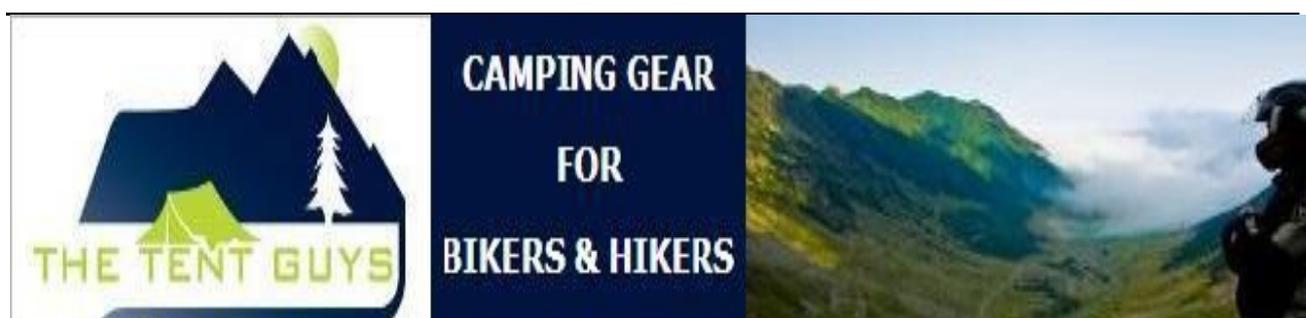
Paper Licence Counterpart. A reminder that the driving licence paper counterpart will no longer be valid from June 8. Stick it in the fire/shredder if you like, unless you happen to have loads of points and want to frame it as a trophy.

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.

Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting. The BMF meeting for Region 2 i.e.- **OUR REGION** – takes place on Sunday, 3rd May at the Gun Inn, Ridsdale (on the A68). It's about 12 miles north of Corbridge, south of the junction with the A696. The meeting starts at 12 noon and I intend to lead a Rideout there, starting from the Town Hall, Yarm. I shall confirm the departure time; hopefully 10:00 will be ok but I'll possibly do a dummy run as a check. As many of you as possible from the club would help boost numbers! At the last meeting it was me, the Chairman of Region 2 and the BMF Secretary – not really good enough!

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!

BikeSafe Courses. BikeSafe Courses are run by several police forces. The course lasts for 1 or 2 days depending on the police force and the course structure. Cost for the course is around £45. Check out one to suit you on www.bikesafe.co.uk.

THE DRAGONFLY & RABBIT EFFECT.

Perhaps one of the nervier moments when riding is seeing a car ahead waiting to pull into or out of a junction. "Has he seen me?" "Will he wait?" In the worst case you'll end up with the usual SMIDY (Sorry Mate I Didn't see You), and arguing they're a prat isn't much consolation as you tumble 30 feet in the air after having smashed yourself to bits on their bonnet.

Research a couple of years ago had discovered that this SMIDY could actually be totally true for no fault of theirs! It's called the Dragonfly Effect. Turns out eyes and brains are hardwired to mainly detect movement, particularly side to side or lateral movement. Something moving in a straight line directly towards you can in certain circumstances be totally unregistered by the brain, in other words INVISIBLE. It's a phenomenon used by Dragonflies hunting for pray. By flying directly towards their prospective meal they go undetected until the last minute by which time it's too late for the unfortunate victim.

A motorbike moving directly towards a car driver can trigger the same effect. Now if the driver having seen you at the last moment carried on with their acceleration to complete the turn you might stand a chance of getting

round the back of them as they move across, but this is where the second part of the process kicks in. the Rabbit Effect.

When suddenly startled and faced with impending doom, the nervous system can literally shut down. The subject freezes on the spot, like a rabbit in headlights. In 90% of cases this is what the car driver will do. Having suddenly detected at the last minute that a motorbike is bearing down on them they hit the brakes and stop dead....right in your path.

There is a simple solution that might just save your life.

- It sounds obvious, but firstly slow down a little. No need to drop from 60 to 20mph, just roll the throttle back a bit, and it'll allow a fraction more reaction time for you and the driver. It might spoil your blast down a great road, but at least you'll be able to do more of them later in life.
- Begin a series of movements ACROSS from inside to outside of your lane. You don't need a dramatic zig-zagging, but you're creating a lateral movement, increasing the chance of the driver detecting your approach. The driver might wonder "what's this complete muppet doing" but the point is he's SEEN you.

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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THE END GAME.

Two 90 year old Aberdonians - Hamish and Sandy, have been friends all their lives. When it's clear that Hamish is dying, Sandy visits him every day. One day Sandy says, "Hamish, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there." Hamish looks up at Sandy from his death bed, "Sandy, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you." Shortly after that, Hamish passes on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Sandy is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Sandy--Sandy." "Who is it? asks Sandy sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Sandy--it's me, Hamish." "You're not Hamish. Hamish just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Hamish," insists the voice." "Hamish! Where are you?" "In heaven", replies Hamish. "I have some really good news and a little bad news." "Tell me the good news first," says Sandy. "The good news," Hamish says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we

can play football all we want, and we never get tired." That's fantastic," says Sandy. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" "You're in the team for this Saturday."

In the great days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to an African jungle outpost to relieve the retiring colonel. After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches etc) which protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said, "You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers, he's my right-hand man and is really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless." Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a humpbacked, one eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall. "Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself." "Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of....." At that point, the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, he can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor to f**k off."

Heres some from the USA ... Stories from a Grizzly old Cowboy's Night Out: "Three packets of condoms, please." Cashier: "Do you need a paper bag with that, sir?" Cowboy: "Nah... She's purty good lookin'....."

I was talking to a girl in the bar last night. She said, "If you lost a few pounds, had a shave and got your hair cut, you'd look all right." I said, "If I did that, I'd be talking to your friends over there instead of you."

I was telling a girl in the pub about my ability to guess what day a woman was born on just by feeling her boobs. "Really" she said, "Go on then...try." After about thirty seconds of fondling she began to lose patience and said, "Come on, what day was I born?" I said, "Yesterday."

I went to the pub last night and saw a fat chick dancing on a table. I said, "Good legs." The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so." I said, "Definitely! Most tables would have collapsed by now."

..... When you are over seventy who gives a crap?

And another one from a friend in the USA ... Cletus is passing by Billy Bob 's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old John Deere tractor. Buttocks clenched, he performs a slow pirouette, and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, lets his overalls fall down to his hips, revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt. Then, grabbing both sides of his shirt, he rips it apart to reveal his stained T-shirt underneath. With a final flourish, he tears the T-shirt from his body, and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay. Having seen enough, Cletus rushes in and says, "What the world're ya doing, Billy Bob?" "Good grief, Cletus, ya scared the bejeebers out of me," says an obviously embarrassed Billy Bob. "But me 'n the wife been havin trouble lately in the bedroom d'partment, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor." (See me later if you want this one explaining!)

Finally - - An answer I can understand. An American tourist asks a Geordie "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the Geordie replies: "If they fell forwards man, they'd still be in the boat." simple.

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		
3 May	Brian Burke	To Gun Inn, Ridsdale, A68
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.