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## **CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Hello All. August has been a bit of a mixed bag regarding the weather but at least I got out on the GPZ500S a few times, and what a cracking little machine it is. I went to Bridlington the other weekend to see my Dad (now 97!) and the bike just romped all the way there and back like a good 'un. I got trashed by a couple of guys on Hyabusas, but that was a fair cop. The bike is still covered with dead bugs from that trip but I have never been one to worry about cosmetics. The suspension is working all the better for being used hard, although I intend to replace it in the winter. There is a slight oil leak from the rear of the engine, which I'll look at when I do the rear shock. I changed the rusty bolts holding the front disk with stainless steel ones. It was made difficult by the fact that whoever had put the front wheel previously must have been a 2-ton gorilla who had no idea what a torque wrench was for! I was quite worried when the allen-heads on the axle-pinch bolts started to round off as my eyes started popping with the effort of undoing them! At least now everything has been put back according to the manufacturers standards and the next time the wheel comes out the process should be much easier.

While in Brid' I noticed in the local paper that the East Yorkshire police are cracking down hard on speeding over the summer holiday period. Pictures under the headline showed two recent nasty car accidents in the area. Sure enough, a couple of the villages while enroute home had speed camera wagons covering their 40mph zones. A few cars flashed their headlights as a warning, although, as I do not speed through any suburban areas, it was not problem. Anyway, I know the hiding places on the route!

I had a look at the DVLA and D&VSA web sites to see if there was any late news. Nothing new came up but I've covered a few points below regarding recent changes that you may have forgotten about.

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

**Committee Mtg: Weds 2 September**  
**Club Night: Weds 9 September**

### **2015**

6 Sep\* Christian Bikers: Meet Bluebell Hotel Aclam 10.00am for 10.30am depart heading South.  
9 Sep Meet Freddy Spencer courtesy of NYRRSC @ The Golden Lion, Northallerton  
12 Sep Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor  
DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1.

18-21 Sep Honda Owners Club Nat'l Rally. Skipsea Sands Holiday Park, Driffield YO25 8TZ  
26-27 Sep Squire's Annual Bike Show. LS25 5LX  
10 Oct Durham Autojumble & Meet. Mill House, Littleburn Industrial Est, Langley Moor  
DH7 8HJ. Indoor/outdoor stalls/cafe. Private parking. Entrance £1.  
17-18 Oct Motorcycle Mechanics Classic Show. Stafford Showground  
28 Nov 6 Dec Motorcycle Live, NEC Birmingham. Tickets on sale in August.  
**3 Dec NEC Coach Trip. See Allan Coverdale or Norman Simpson for tickets.**  
12 Dec Club Christmas Party. Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Start 1230.

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

**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.

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### 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.**

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**Guy Martin.** Seems that Guy will not be trying to set a new world land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats as reported in last month's newsletter. Guy crashed at the Dundrod 150 race, leaving him with fractured vertebrae, broken sternum, broken hand and broken ribs. Triumph have decided to postpone the challenge to 2016. Speedy recovery Guy.

**DVLA and Release of Information to Third Parties.** The DVLA maintains 2 databases: a Driver Registration database and a Vehicle Registration database. The Driver database, as you'd expect, holds data such as address, date of birth, photograph, entitlements, endorsements, convictions and medical information that may affect driving. The Vehicle database is primarily to identify vehicle ownership to aid law enforcement, collect taxes etc. Information may be released from either database, although the Data Protection Act does apply. Data can also be exchanged between appropriate authorities in EU countries.

Driver data may be shared with other government authorities and other bodies deemed to have a legal requirement, for example law courts.

Vehicle data can be released to the police, local authorities and private and public sector organisations such as car park operators, provided they can demonstrate reasonable cause. The release of such information has long been established and pre-dates the existence of the DVLA.

The Data Protection Act gives you the right to obtain information held about yourself from the DVLA records. Requests for data must be made in writing providing your full name and address details, driver licence number or your date of birth if your driver number is not known. DVLA does not charge for this service. The request should be sent to DVRE 5, D9, DVLA, Swansea, SA6 7JL.

**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 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.

**For Sale:** Contact Tony Simpson 07732231371.

Bike Mover / Paddock  
Stand £40



**Recent New Laws - How Goes It?** New driving laws clamping down on such as lane hogging and tailgating have snared nearly 200 drivers a week, and have been welcomed by motoring groups. The new offences have stopped a total of 5,472 since the regulations were introduced in August last year. Accelerating through a puddle or mounting the pavement could cause you on-the-spot fines of £100 or even three penalty points on a licence, which can be reduced by taking a safe driving course. Among the offences, grouped under the 'inconsiderate driving' law, are failing to give way at a junction and overtaking and pushing into a queue of traffic.

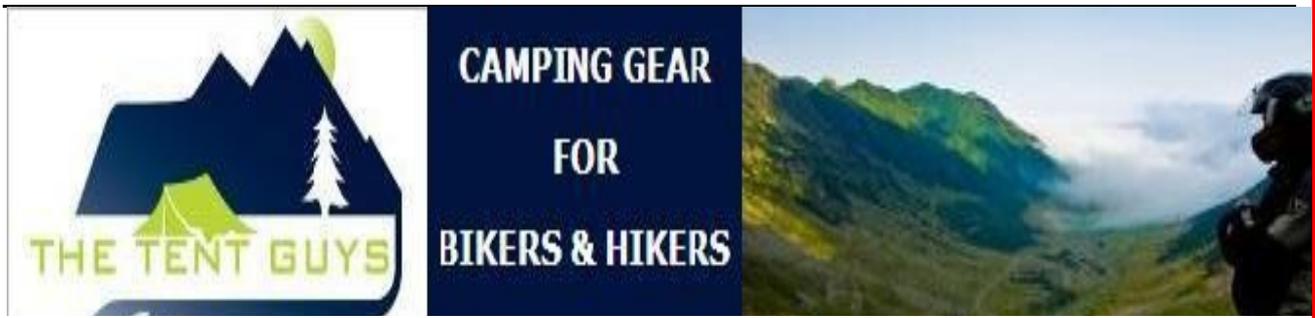
More offences include: being in the wrong lane and pushing into a queue on a roundabout; lane discipline; needlessly hogging the middle or outside lanes; inappropriate speed; wheel-spins; handbrake turns, and other careless manoeuvres. Drivers in Scotland were given the most fines; it would be interesting to find out if having a vehicle registered south of the border had any influence on the numbers!

**Drink, Drugs and Driving - A Reminder.** Prior to 10th April this year, if a driver provided a sample of breath showing an alcohol level between 35 and 50 mgs [in England and Wales] the Police were obliged to offer the opportunity to give an alternate sample of blood. This was known as the "statutory option" but now no longer applies. The requirement for blood or urine samples will now only arise where equipment is not available or there is some medical reason that a breath sample cannot be provided. The Government believes that testing equipment is now so reliable that there is no longer a need for a back up provision. Don't forget that the alcohol limit in Scotland is lower than in the rest of the UK; 50mg in 100ml of blood compared to 80mg. In the past the roadside test gave the Police a power to detain and the evidential test was taken at the Police station. New equipment means that in future the Police will be able to rely on the roadside test as sufficient evidence that someone is over the legal limit to drive.

The Police are coming to terms with lots of new kit. The roadside Drug testing equipment is now widely available so we will have to see whether many cases result. Remember our advice; continue taking any prescribed medication and check the situation with your GP if you are in any doubt.

**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.

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### **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.

**Flies Blamed for Motorcycle Crashes.** Reported in the Independent newspaper last month: Authorities in the USA had to close the Pennsylvania bridge because of flies. The mayflies had swarmed around the lights on the bridge and then fell to the ground, forming piles **several inches deep** on the road. Three motorcycle crashes occurred due to the flies.

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**Theory Test Reduced Charges.** The cost of car and motorcycle theory tests will drop from £25 to £23 in October 2015. Provided the theory tests are booked to take place after 1 October then the reduced fees will apply. Apparently costs have been reduced thanks to computerization of the D&VSA database.

**Riding the Waves.** Australian stuntman, Robbie Maddison, has spoken about his near-death experience riding an immense wave in Tahiti on his custom-built water-treading motorcross bike. The 34 year old said the idea to put water skis on his motorbike was a fantasy that became a reality in April this year when he travelled to Tahiti. (Bloody nutter if you ask me!)

**Viagra and Booze.** It was reported in the Independent a few days ago that two Chinese distillers have been accused of adding Viagra to alcohol. Apparently it had been added to a drink based on Baijiu, which is a fiery grain spirit that is very expensive in China. **(I guess that is what is known as a Stiff Drink!)**

**Two Wheel Shambles.** On reading a report on the accident that a cameraman caused, knocking over Usain Bolt shortly after winning a race at the World Games in Beijing, I learn that the Segway has not been the success it was predicted to be. Ex-President Bush managed to fall off one, and many other high-profile people have had similar accidents. The owner of the company was himself killed while riding one of the machines; he actually drove over a cliff! The inventor of the Segway, Marc Newton, is noted for the quote 'Such a fantastic piece of technology but you just look like a complete dick when you drive around on it.' (says it all I guess).

**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!).

A man got on a bus with both of his front trouser pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a very pretty young lady (she could have been blonde). The young lady kept looking at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many glances from her, he said, "They're golf balls." The young lady continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said.

After several minutes and not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked: "Does it hurt as much as tennis Elbow" ? !

A little boy was sitting on the footpath with a bottle of Turpentine. He was shaking it up and watching all the bubbles. A Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had. The little boy said, "This is the

most powerful liquid in the world; it's called Turpentine." The Priest said, "No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you rub it on a pregnant woman's belly, she'll pass a healthy baby." The little boy replied, "If you rub turpentine on a cat's ass, He'll pass a Harley Davidson...." (then again, almost anything will!).

Two little boys come home with a football. "Where did you get that from?" asks the mother. "We found it," they say. "Are you sure it was lost?" says Mum. "Yes," say the kids. "We saw loads of people looking for it."

A couple are sitting at a restaurant table when the man suddenly slips under the table. His female companion doesn't seem to notice so the waiter says, "Madam. Is your husband all right? He's slipped onto the floor." The woman replies, "He's not my husband. My husband just walked in through the door."

A little boy goes to his mother and says, "Mummy, every night I hear you and Daddy making noises and when I look into your room you're bouncing up and down on his tummy." His mother thinks quickly and says, "Oh well, I'm bouncing on Daddy's tummy because he's fat and that makes him thin again." The boy says, "That won't work." "Why not" asks his mother? The boy replies, "Because the lady next door comes by every afternoon and blows him back up again."

A father is attending his young son's piano recital at a music competition. He turns and whispers to one of the judges, "What do you think of his execution?" The judge replies, "I'm all in favour of it!"

Why are harps like elderly parents? They're both unforgiving and hard to get in and out of cars. How does a woman know she is kissing a French Horn player? Every time he kisses her he has his hand up her rear.

An optician asked a patient when he last had his eyes checked. "Never," he replied. "They have always been brown."

Why is duct tape like The Force? It has a light side and a dark side and it holds the universe together.

What gets smaller the more you put in it? A hole in the ground.

What's the difference between a genealogist and a gynecologist? One looks up trees and the other looks up bushes.

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin Pi.

What do you get if you cross an elephant with a prostitute? A two-ton pickup.

What do you get if you cross Bambi with a ghost? Bamboo!

What do you get if you cross a rooster with an owl? A cock that stays up all night.

### **Leader Nominated Rideout Table 2015**

Date	Rideout Leader	Note
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.