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Secretary's Ramblings: The approach of autumn made itself known on a trip to Scarborough the other day to see my dad, who was in hospital following a stroke. Seconds after setting off the heavens opened and I kept pace with the torrential rain all the way. The SV650 behaved well, with no ignition trouble as I experienced the last time I rode in really heavy rain. The 'fender extender' and extra shielding plus new spark plugs and water repellent treatment seems to have worked. However, my 'waterproof' clothing let me down – sitting in damp underwear for several hours was not fun. Even my Alberg boots that I have owned for 21 years and looked after with a passion gave in to the torrent. At least it was dry on the way home and dad is now home. All the kit has been cleaned and re-proofed and I'll give it another try, else its back to oilskins and wellies as used in the '70s!

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

General Club Mtg: Weds 12 Oct
Committee Mtg: Weds 2 November @ 8pm

2 Oct	Craven Collection Motorcycle Museum, Stockton on Forest, York YO32 9UE
8 Oct	BMF AGM
9 Oct	Oliver's Mount Hill Climb
15 Oct	Scorton Autojumble
16 Oct	Middlesbrough Motor Club – Catterick Hill Climb (limited spectator facilities)
15/16 Oct	23rd Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show, Staffordshire
23 Oct	Newark Autojumble
19-27 Nov	NEC
19 Nov	Scorton Autojumble
19 Nov	NEC MCN Live Opens
19/20 Nov	The Terrible Trio hit the NEC. Local bars treble stock holdings.
20 Nov	Newark Autojumble
24 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)
11 Dec	Newark Autojumble
10 Dec	Christmas Party @ Eaglescliffe Golf Club. 12 noon for 1230 start.
17 Dec	Scorton Autojumble

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 2016

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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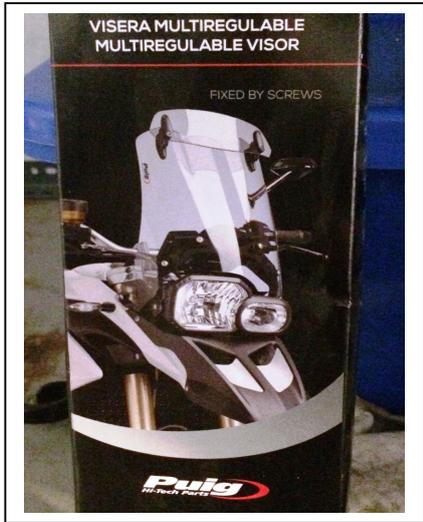
Now has executive rights on Maxxis Tyres in the area.

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M20 Bridge Collapse. Jim Shaw, 73 years old, escaped with a few broken ribs after throwing his MT-07 to the ground as a bridge over the M20 collapsed in front of him when it was hit by a truck carrying a digger. It was a lucky escape; if he'd been a few seconds earlier he would have been buried in rubble. The bike didn't make it though – at least it didn't take much to convince the insurance company that it was a genuine accident. What would you have done in the same circumstances?

MCM Bike Videos. To see lots of stunning video action visit the Motorcycle Monthly website: morebikes.co.uk. Content is updated on a regular basis.

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Go to Vietnam Before 2025. Officials in Hanoi predict that there will be 7 million bikes in the city by 2025 and they have decided that enough is enough. Once the figure of 7 million is reached from the current 4.6 million then all bikes will be banned from the city and riders will be urged to use public transport. Jeez! How the hell do they manage with 4.6 million now?

Guy Martin for President. The 34-year-old was attempting to reach speeds of 300mph during the trial, a requirement before he attempts to break the record, when his bike slipped on a damp patch on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, USA. This is the latest incident to hinder the record-breaking attempt, which currently stands at 376.36mph. Just days ago the 400mph Triumph Infor Rocket Streamliner was damaged as it was being towed into position on the start line. The Isle Of Man TT star escaped the incident uninjured, although the 1,000 horsepower bike will undergo a full inspection before any further attempts can be made.



Good Luck Guy. We want you to crack 400 mph!

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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 a fast processor and lots of RAM for around £90. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286. Paul can also do repairs and upgrades.

My First and Last Track Day. Although I'd been riding bikes for many years, all my riding prior to moving to Teesside, was commuting. When I left the RAF in 1994 and got a job with the then FR Aviation, I was commuting between Huntingdon, Cambs to Bournemouth every weekend for 9 months. It was nearly all motorway work and the naked Suzuki 550 was getting thrashed as I tried to hold around 80 mph enroute. After a few weeks of building up my neck and shoulder muscles I ended up with a Yamaha FJ1200 ABS which had all the luggage options and a Scotoiler! I wasn't exactly comfortable with its size and performance initially – it was weighty and could easily hit 150+ but I got used to it over the following few weeks. I hadn't had it long when I got a letter from Yamaha inviting to a free trackday at Donington. Well, I couldn't turn it down could I? I duly turned up and after booking

in with other Yamaha riders, went to scrutineering. I knew my rear tyre was a bit worn, and sure enough, I earned a 'failed scrutineering' sticker! Mr Dunlop was just round the corner and after coughing up some £125 ended up on the start line with 15 other bikes. The other machines were all FZR 750s and FZR 1000s – hmmm – my bike looked about the size of a barge! The weather was fantastic; it had been for some time and the track was in great condition. Nevertheless, sitting on the grid with a rear tyre that had done less than 100 yards was hardly confidence inspiring! An instructor at the front made the point that no one was to overtake him over the 4 laps, otherwise, obey all signals from marshalls. That was the brief! I was a bit nervous as the lights came on and with the green the noise rose to a crescendo and we were off! What the hell was I doing here? No practice runs and no ideas! By the time Redgate appeared – about 200 yards from start, I was at the back and wondering if I was going to make it. Lots of spectators were waiting at the corners, expecting some action. By the time I got to Craner Curves I was feeling more comfortable with the FJ and was hitting the ton+ and using the ABS to full effect – although my backside was going 'half-crown/sixpence in sympathy with the ABS pumping! Yellow flags were out at MCleans and sure enough a rider was down at Coppice. Better go easy I thought as I remembered I wasn't insured for this! Shit! Oil on the track red flags out. After a while of sitting on the grid and getting a briefing on 'don't crash' 'cos it will cost you, we were off again for the 3 remaining laps. In no time at all I was at the back of the charge into Redgate and used all the track width to get the lumbering FJ round. I really need to work on my shit cornering skills! Hanging off mid-Old Hairpin sent me into a wobble and I only just got round with nothing more than needing clean underwear. Lap 3 and I can just see the back of the pack as it goes through the Craner Curves. I'm slower than a dog with 3 legs and crack the throttle open, mostly in hope and desperation. I soon shut off as MCleans and Coppice give me a fright and I gingerly approach the Hairpin. The duty instructor whizzes past (I'm lapped again) and creams it into the hairpin. Just as I'm thinking of 'tipping in' I see what I think are flashing lights approaching fast from behind. A second later a FZR 1000 passes me on its side, with sparks and plastic flying everywhere. A split second later the rider overtakes me on his back. The FZR hits the kerb and somersaults to total destruction – spectators in panic run everywhere! I manage to stop the FJ and use it as a shield for the stricken rider as the remainder of the pack come steaming down to the hairpin. Arms in the air and hazard flashers on, everyone streams round me and slows dramatically as the red flags come out again. That is it for the day for our group – lots of cleaning up was needed on the track and Mr Yamaha was beginning to wonder if there might have been a better way to arrange a trackday! Several bikes were written off and a few riders needed medical treatment, but no one was seriously hurt. It was an interesting experience, and a format never to be repeated again in this country to my knowledge! It was just too dangerous letting people with no experience go all out on a track. Since that trackday I have hopefully got better at tackling twisty country lanes and I read up on improving my technique on making progress. A good basis to enhance your skill is to read 'A Twist of the Wrist' by Keith Code, instigator of the California Superbike School and one of the main inspirations for today's racers. It's all about overcoming your survival instincts and cracking open the throttle when confronted with most 'hairy' situations. Anyhow, no more trackdays for me, but I did go to Wheelie School for my 63rd birthday treat, thanks to my daughter! That's it, no more hairy stuff for me thanks. Brian

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.
 The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bowesfield Way.
Wednesday: The Manor Café, Bellerby near Leyburn. DL8
 Squire's Café, near Sherburn in Elmet. LS25 3LX
Thursday: Whistle Stop Café, Whitby.YO21 1YN

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. CA9 3BW

Other places:

Filling Station Café, 150 yards from A66 Roundabout at Keswick. CA12 5PR

Hot Tram Roll, Keswick central, CA12 5DF

Cocketts Hotel, Market Place, Hawes

Seaways Café, Fridaythorpe. YO25 9RX

The Rose and Crown Hotel, Bainbridge, Leyburn. DL8 3EE

The Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale. TS9 7JL

The Penny Garth Café, Hawes. Open 7 days a week 'til 4pm – 'til 9pm weekends

Tomlinsons Café and Bunkhouse, Rothbury, NE65 7SF

Wilf 's Café, Staveley, Kendal. LA5 9LR

Orton Scar Café, Orton, Penrith. CA10 3RQ. 5 mins from J38 on Tebay–Appleby Rd

Café 1618, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QG

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Rideouts. Rideouts will be every Sunday and other dates as specified below. Meet at Yarm Town Hall for 10am depart. Anyone is welcome to lead a Rideout – just be sure that the Club’s Rideout Protocol is followed. (Protocol can be sent by email if required).

Date	Event	Notes
30 October	B.S.T. Ends	Rideout

MCM Q&A – Laughable Anecdotes if they Weren’t so Scary/Stupid. I always read the Q&A articles near the end of MCM; I just can’t believe how stupid some people can be! Andrew Prendergast, a solicitor with White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors, puts in a couple of letters from riders who have got themselves into some sort of bother with the law. For example, a few years ago a guy did a wheelie through a pedestrian shopping precinct, crashes into a lamppost, writing off his bike and a waste bin! “Do you think I will be in trouble when I go to court?” he asks! Another guy recently was caught doing 148 mph on his Blackbird ‘cos he was late picking up his girlfriend. He says the police were very nice about it and hopes he’ll get off lightly! “Could I get banned for dangerous driving” he asks, because he needs his van to go to work! Ok, we all do stupid things at times but some of the examples in MCM make me worry that these folk are out there and probably breeding.

THE END GAME. A family is at the dinner table. The son asks the father, “Dad, how many kinds of boobs are there?” The father, surprised, answers, “Well, son, a woman goes through three phases. In her 20s, a woman’s breasts are like melons, round and firm. In her 30s and 40s, they are like pears, still nice, hanging a bit. After 50, they are like onions.” “Onions?” the son asks. “Yes. You see them and they make you cry.” This infuriated his wife and daughter. The daughter asks, “Mom, how many different kinds of willies are there?” The mother smiles and says, “Well, dear, a man goes through three phases also. In his 20s, his willy is like an oak tree, mighty and hard. In his 30s and 40s, it’s like a birch, flexible but reliable. After his 50s, it’s like a Christmas tree.” “A Christmas tree?” the daughter asks. “Yes, dead from the root up and the balls are just for decoration.”

A teacher is in class and she sees that Johnny isn't paying attention, so she asks him, "If there are three ducks sitting on a fence, and you shoot one, how many are left?" Johnny says, "None." The teacher asks, "Why?" Johnny says, "Because the shot scared them all off." The teacher says, "No, two, but I like how you're thinking." Johnny asks the teacher, "If you see three women walking out of an ice cream parlour, one is licking her ice cream, one is sucking her ice cream, and one is biting her ice cream, which one is married?" The teacher says, "The one sucking her ice cream." Johnny says, "No, the one with the wedding ring, but I like how you're thinking!"

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at his face.

A man kills a deer and takes it home to cook for dinner. Both he and his wife decide that they won't tell the kids what kind of meat it is, but will give them a clue and let them guess. The dad said, "Well it's what Mommy calls me sometimes." The little girl screamed to her brother, "Don't eat it. It's an asshole!

Q: What do a dildo and soya beans have in common? A: They are both used as a meat substitute.

A farmer is walking with a prospective buyer when they see a beautiful pig in the yard, except it has a wooden leg. The buyer asks, "Why the wooden leg?" The farmer replies, "That pig is so smart, I let it drive the kids to school." "Great, but why the wooden leg?" "The pig is so smart it has a degree in horticulture and philosophy." "Amazing! But why the bloody wooden leg?" "Well when you have a pig that smart you don't eat it all at once!"

Q: How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? A: Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

A lady comes home from her doctor's appointment grinning from ear to ear. Her husband asks, "Why are you so happy?" The wife says, "The doctor told me that for a forty-five year old woman, I have the breasts of an eighteen year old." "Oh yeah?" quipped her husband, "What did he say about your forty-five year old ass?" She said, "Your name never came up in the conversation."

Two mental patients were walking next to a swimming pool. One jumped into the pool and the other jumped in to save him. Their doctor saw the rescue and called the rescuer to his office. "Due to your actions, it appears your mental state is fine," the doctor said to the patient, "You can go home to your family, but before you do, you should know that the person you saved hung himself today." The patient replied, "He didn't hang himself; I hung him there to dry."

A good friend of mine booked himself on a 2-week all-inclusive vacation to New Zealand to watch the All Blacks play England. The trip includes 4 Star Hotel accommodation, travel to and from the game venue and all meals and drinks. However, he has since realised that the period covers his wedding date to the girl he has been with for the past 5 years! So, if anyone would like to take his place, be at St. Peter's, 2pm on 19 November; the lady will be in a white dress!

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 contact details:
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