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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016**

**Secretary's Ramblings:** First of all, a big THANK YOU to all of you who were able to attend the funeral of Peter Venis and give to Peter's chosen charities. It was a cold morning but the turnout was brilliant – it showed how much Peter was much loved and appreciated by his family and friends. The solo police escort for the motorcyclists did a superb job, ensuring that everyone arrived safely and in good time. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Chief Constable of Durham Police Constabulary.

**Phone Number Change.** Finally, please note that my mobile number has changed – it's at the top of this newsletter! Should be a bit more reliable than the previous one which was reliable enough provided I was somewhere near the roof of our house!

**New Club Chairman.** Congratulations are due to our new Chairman – Ken Vidgen, who has graciously accepted to take on the role for the next 3 years from Brian Taylor. A big hearty thanks to Brian for steering the club through the past 6 years; sorting out numerous weekend rallies and leading Rideouts. A special thanks for giving me the opportunity to test my waterproofs over and over! It's never an easy job keeping such a diverse crew happy and keen for more- so thanks for a job well done. Thanks also for agreeing to continue on as a Committee Officer. Good luck to both in your new posts.

**New Vice Treasurer.** Congratulations are also due also to Jeff Percival who has taken on the job of Vice Treasurer from John Angus. Jeff has previous experience in accounting and should find the role relatively straightforward. A big 'Thank you' to John Angus who has been involved with the Committee in various roles since the club started in 1994! Twenty two years is quite a sentence – well done for all you have done for the club – raffle prizes, speakers' gifts, flowers, cards and much, much more for the members. Enjoy a well earned break John.

**Rider of the Year Award.** Congratulations to Bob McAlpine for winning the Rider of the Year Trophy. Bob had the highest attendance at the Sunday Rideouts, demonstrating his commitment to the Club as well as being a consummate rider. Congratulations are also due to the two Runners' Up: Bob Slosarczyk and Brian Taylor. Well done all of you.

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

**General Mtg: Weds 10 February. Speaker Graham Tebbs**  
**Committee Mtg: Weds 2 March**

**2016**

12-14 Feb London Motorcycle Show at the Excel Centre

**12/3 Mar Scottish Bike Show. Travel with Christian Motorcycle Association on 12 Mar.**

15-18 Apr MCN Live at Butlins, Skegness. Loads of bikes, music, shows and beer.

16 Apr BMF Council Meeting. Fosse Riders Club, Leicester  
**24-26 Jun VMCC Championship at Cadwell Park.**  
2/3 Jul National Road Rally  
16 Jul BMF Council Meeting. Unwanted MCC, Burton on Trent  
**24 Jul Bikewise at Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads**  
8 Oct BMF AGM  
**19-27 Nov NEC**  
**24 Nov Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)**

**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.

**FOR SALE FROM PETER VENIS ESTATE (please check with Colin Whincup first for availability on 01642 651243)**

1. Suzuki VanVan 125cc 4strk. White. Reg NU 62 TZB. 2803km on clock. On sorn. Electric start fuel injected. Currently has lightweight sidecar fitted (easy to remove as it is bolted -not run on road). Needs mudguards, seat & indicators refitting ( all with sale). Rear frame needs refurbishing to restore to original. Good road tyres fitted treaded tyres available

Best offer around £1100.00

2. Skyteam V Raptor 125 4 strk (Van Van look alike made in Poland). Black. Reg FJ 14 OUG. 5196 on clock. Electric & kick start. Carburettor. Needs seat, mudguards & indicators fitting (all with sale). Block tread tyres fitted good condition. Best offer on £850.00

3. Windscreen & spare silencer for either of above. £50.00

4. Lightweight Velorex type fibreglass sidecar & chassis. £150.00

5. Clarkes 150mm bench grinder. £20.00

6. ~~Warco 5/8 inch bench drill & chucks. £50.00~~ **Sold**

7. Box of twist drills. £20.00 Clarkes electric hoist winch 125kg & fittings. £50.00

8. Wood workbench, very solid & vice. £10.00

9. Halfords auto battery charger. £15.00

**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.**

### Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd

**See Steve and crew.**

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**Zontes Motorcycles Dealer**

**Ben Basford – Local Speedway Rider.** Ben, son of Steve Basford who has Crofton Court Motorcycles in Stockton, is embarking on a career with a professional speedway team having shown his considerable talent throughout the past 2 years. Ben is currently serving an apprenticeship at his father's shop as a means of funding his speedway riding as well as extending his engineering skills. He is currently building 2 new bikes from scratch and has many ideas to improve the machines for the 2016 season. Any help from the club or individual members in the way of funds/equipment would be greatly appreciated. Below is an article from Ben which gives an insight into his achievements so far and hopes for the future:



During the 2015 season I rode in the Northern Junior League, riding for the Redcar Cubs. I also rode in the Midland Development League for the Peterborough Thunder Cats and had guest bookings from every team in the country during the season; such as the Buxton Hitmen, the Kings Lynn Stars, the Stoke Potters and the Belle Vue Colts. In both these leagues I have scored highly at every meeting. Through the season I gained a 10 point average score which I hope will be increased this year with the better equipment. Towards the end of the 2015 season I moved into the National League as part of the Kent Kings team. I have also had a guest booking for the Rye House team in the premier league. For 2016 I have just agreed to a professional contract with the Cradley Heathens at Wolverhampton. I have been

riding for only 2 seasons/years now and I have demonstrated much in the way of progress and would wish to extend that further with your help. It would provide a big step in the right direction and would be much appreciated from all of my team.

As part of the sponsorship deal your company name and logo will be on my motorcycle and my race suit for all to see in magazines, papers as well as on the track. This visibility would be of great benefit in promoting your company to a wide audience.

Thanking you in advance.  
Ben Basford

**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.

**CLASSIC BIKES FOR SALE.** Norman Simpson has information regarding a friend who has some classic bikes for sale. The bikes are: LE Velocette complete and one in bits (all parts are there). Also Honda 400cc. If you are interested please contact Norman – phone number is on your membership card.

**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.

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**Harley Davidson.** HD is having a hard time of it. Weak home-market demand and a strong dollar have resulted in a 43% fall in fourth-quarter net income. World-wide retail sales have slipped 0.6% to 46,857 units, while US sales fell 3.4%. (I can't work the maths out either!)

**Racing Calendar.** At the end of this newsletter so you can cut it out and nail it to the toilet wall.

**Cottage in Wales for Rent:** Cottage in Wales. Go to:  
<http://www.snowdropselfcateringcottage.co.uk/> Bikers are most welcome to stay!

**Local Bike Meets:**

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| Tuesday    | Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF. (5 to 8pm 'til 26 Oct)<br>The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bowsfield Way. |
| Wednesday: | The Manor Café, Bellerby near Leyburn.<br>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.

**Rideouts.** Rideouts will begin on Good Friday; thereafter 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 sent by separate email).

Date	Event	Notes
25 March	Good Friday	Rideout
27 March	Easter Sunday	B.S.T Starts / Rideout
28 March	Easter Monday	Rideout
2 May	Early Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Rideout
30 May	Late Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Rideout
19 June	Fathers Day	Rideout
29 August	Summer Bank Holiday Monday	Rideout
30 October	B.S.T. Ends	Rideout

**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!).

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss Bowling League records were destroyed in a fire, ...and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that... the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

An anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a certain eucalyptus plant always cured constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "With fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

For those who haven't heard, Washington State recently passed two laws. They legalised gay marriage and marijuana. The fact that gay marriage and marijuana were legalised on the same day

makes perfect Biblical sense as Leviticus 20:13 says: "If a man lies with another man, they both should be stoned." Apparently we just hadn't interpreted it correctly before!

Toward the end of a Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" 80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time except for one man - Walter Barnes. "Mr Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any," he replied gruffly. "Mr Barnes, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-eight," he replied. The congregation stood up and clapped their hands. "Oh, Mr Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?" The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply, "I outlived all the fuckers" - and he calmly returned to his seat.

In a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment. "The trouble with you English is that you are too stuffy, you set yourselves apart too much, you think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us. Look at me, I'm me! I have a little Italian in me, a bit of Greek blood, a little Irish and some Spanish blood, what do you say to that?" The Englishman lowered his newspaper and quietly replied "How very sporting of your mother"

A distressed but attractive woman stands at the edge of a cliff, trying to get up the nerve to jump. A passing hobo stops and says, "Since you're about to kill yourself would you mind if we had sex first?" The woman said, "Get away from me, you sicko!" The bum turned to leave and muttered, "Fine, I'll just go wait at the bottom." (That's pretty sick - I hope he had some wet-wipes on his person).

**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 07481 120673.

## **The 2016 Racing Calendar**

Note that some dates are provisional – updates will be issued as appropriate.

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
28 February		Phillip Island	
13 March		Thailand	
20 March	Qatar		
3 April	Argentina	Aragon	
10 April	USA		Silverstone
17 April		Assen	
24 April	Jerez		
1 May		Imola	
2 May			Oulton Park
8 May	Le Mans		
15 May		Sepang	
22 May	Mugello		Brands Hatch Indy Circuit
29 May		Donington	
5 June	Catalunya		
19 June		Misano	
26 June	Assen		Knockhill
17 July	Sachsenring	Laguna Seca	Snetterton 300
24 July		Monza	Thruxton
7 August			Brands Hatch GP Circuit
14 August	Austria		
21 August	Brno		
29 August			Cadwell Park
4 September	Silverstone		
11 September	Misano-Simoncelli		Oulton Park (Triple Header)
18 September		Lausitzring	Donington
25 September	Aragon		
2 October		Magny Cours	Assen
16 October	Motegi	Jerez	Brands Hatch (Triple Header)
23 October	Phillip Island		
30 October	Sepang	Qatar	
13 November	Valencia		