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CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

Secretary's Ramblings: I went to see Les Wright a couple of days after he attended the February club meeting and found him in really good spirits. The post-op treatment is going well and we should be seeing more of Les as time goes by; won't be long before he turns up on a bike. Well done and congratulations for keeping so positive about the whole thing. We mustn't forget Julie, Les's soul-mate, who has been there for Les throughout his ordeal. Thank you Julie for all you have done for Les. You have played a big part in Les's recovery.

Dirty Nights in with Naughty Suzi. I had planned to visit Les using the recently acquired SV650, but it didn't quite work out. The No. 1 cylinder started misfiring while riding in torrential rain (pool of water in the sparkplug recess). Nothing serious but nevertheless time consuming niggles began to build up. To get to the sparkplug I took the radiator off. All the bolts had corroded and one of the radiator brackets sheared off despite trying to be gentle. The bracket was sorted by Steve at Crofton Court Motorcycles. The No. 1 sparkplug had been screwed in by the regulation-issue 10 ton gorilla and I was fearful of breaking something trying to get it out. The plug was just a pile of rust; I'm amazed it worked at all! The No. 2 sparkplug looked pretty good but both were replaced anyway. To get to the No. 2 plug it is necessary to raise the fuel tank and rest it on its supplied 'tank-stand'. Unfortunately the stand was not under the seat as it should be, so I manufactured one to keep in the garage toolkit. The horn, which bolts onto the back of the radiator, was another pile of rust – although it worked ok; fitted a spare from the junk box. After putting everything back together, which included the fairing, I found that the radiator had a small leak; Radweld sorted that problem. So, a few days later I pull out the Suzi to visit Les and it starts and runs brilliantly. I then find that the right indicator doesn't work plus the left-hand headlight only works on high-beam. The left headlight never did work on low-beam but I thought was standard having seen several bikes like that! Indicator bulb change didn't cure the problem and there was nothing wrong with the left headlight bulb. Arse! Trusty little Kawasaki gets me to Les's place and back no problem. Later I take the fairing off the Suzi. It's like working with a jigsaw made of jelly! Lots of corrosion in the 6-way connector block which feeds all the front lights. Block cleaned out and all new bullet connectors fitted to everything. Problems solved – although I have yet to ride in torrential rain; I need to go to one of Brian Taylor's rallies to ensure appropriate weather for the final test!

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

Committee Mtg: Weds 2 March
General Club Mtg: Weds 9 March

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5 Mar	Rufforth Autojumble
6 Mar	Matlock Bath Protest Ride against parking restrictions. Start from Hurt Arms on Derby Rd, Ambergate, DE56 2EJ at 12:00.
12/3 Mar	Scottish Bike Show. Travel with Christian Motorcycle Association on 12 Mar.
2/3 Apr	NE Clubmans Championship at Croft
15-18 Apr	MCN Live at Butlins, Skegness. Loads of bikes, music, shows and beer.
16 Apr	BMF Council Meeting. Fosse Riders Club, Leicester

18/19 Apr	World Endurance Championship at Les Mans.
21 Apr	Croft Bike Track Day with Jamie Whitham.
28 Apr	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
7/8 May	Classic Bike Racing at Croft
12 May	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
14 May	North West 200
26/27 May	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
10 Jun	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
18/19 Jun	British Touring Cars Championship at Croft
23 June	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
24-26 Jun	VMCC Championship at Cadwell Park.
29 Jun	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
7 Jul	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
2/3 Jul	National Road Rally
9/10 Jul	Derby Phoenix
16 Jul	BMF Council Meeting. Unwanted MCC, Burton on Trent
24 Jul	Bikewise at Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads
27 Jul	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
6/7 Aug	Croft Nostalgia Festival
21 Aug	Croft Petrol and Pistons. Fun for all the family
1/2 Sep	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
8 Oct	BMF AGM
19-27 Nov	NEC
24 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)

Did you know you can get a pass for £35 to see all the bike racing events at Croft? Check out the website for details.

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.**

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

10. Trailer 3ftx4ft galvanised modified to also be used as a bike trailer. 10inch wheels. £75.00

Wanted. Set of throw-over panniers for dirty weekends away with Naughty Suzi. You can contact me on my home no. 01325 721669 or mobile 017481120673. Regards. Brian (Sec)

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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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<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 Bowsfield 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.

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!).

'Waiter, waiter! Does the pianist play requests?' 'Yes Sir' 'Then ask him to play tiddlywinks until I've finished my meal.'

Shoe shop assistant to customer: 'How do your shoes feel?' Customer: 'They feel a bit tight.' Assistant: 'Try pulling the tongue out.' Customer: 'Well, theyth sthill feelth a bith tighth.'

Two female tourists are visiting the Scottish Isles and have hitched a ride on a local fishing boat. A storm brews up and it threatens to rain. The women don't have any wet-weather gear so the skipper calls down into the bilges, 'Is there a macintosh down there big enough to cover two ladies?' A voice calls back, 'No, but there's a small Willie McGregor willing to try.'

A father and son are out fishing. The boy says, 'Dad, how do boats float?' 'I don't know' replies Dad. The boy then asks, 'How do fish breathe?' 'I don't know,' replies Dad. 'Why is the sky blue?' asks the boy. 'I don't know,' replies Dad. 'Dad,' says the boy. 'I hope you don't mind me asking you all these questions?' 'Of course not son,' replies Dad. 'If you don't ask questions how will you ever learn anything?'

A vest is something a boy wears when his mother feels cold.
If you have any advice to pass on to your children, do it while they're still young enough to think you actually know what you're talking about.

A farmer is drowning his sorrows in a bar. The bartender asks him what's the matter? 'I was milking my cow, Daisy, this morning,' says the farmer, 'when she kicked her left leg and knocked the bucket over. 'That's not so bad,' says the bartender. 'No,' replies the farmer. 'But I tied her left leg to a post to stop her doing it again, and she kicked over the bucket with her right leg, so I tied that to another post.' 'That's not so bad,' says the bartender. 'No,' says the farmer. 'But then she knocked over the bucket with her tail so I took off my belt and tied it up out of the way.' 'That's not so bad,' says the bartender. 'No,' replies the farmer, 'but that's when my trousers fell down and my wife walked in.'

I bought my son a pet rabbit after he promised to take care of it. As I expected, I ended up with the responsibility. Exasperated, I said, 'How many times do you think that the rabbit would have died if I hadn't looked after it? My son replied, 'Only the once.' (smartarse!)

Doris had a very imaginative fancy dress outfit. She stripped naked, dyed her pubic hair black, put on black gloves and shoes and went as the Five of Spades.

Why do parents take their children to supermarkets to smack them?
Mothers of teenagers know why some animals eat their young.

What never made much sense to me is why people without any children and those with children both feel sorry for each other.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Any married should forget his mistakes – it's no use two people remembering the same thing.
A man is given a pig's ear during a transplant operation. A month later he goes back to the hospital for a check-up. 'Any problems?' asks the doctor. 'No, it's fine,' replies the man. 'Though I do get a bit of crackling.'

Jimmy got really excited after finishing a jigsaw in only 6 months. On the box it said, 'For Two to Four Years.'

A three-year-old boy was examining his testicles while taking a bath. "Mom" he asked, "are these my brains?" "Not yet," she replied.

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		