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### CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

**Secretary's Ramblings:** The start and end of March was hardly inspiring; cold and wet plus slimy, mud covered roads were hardly an inducement to get on the bike and 'give it large.' Anyway, seduced by the weak sunshine on 3<sup>rd</sup> March I decided to give Naughty Suzi a shakedown after sorting out the electrics and cooling system. I started badly – forgot that the clutch needed to be pulled in to start the bike! Strange thing is, I always pull the clutch in to start any bike – must have been a senior moment. I took the road to Middleton One Row and the back road to Yarm through Aislaby enroute to Thirsk via Northallerton. The run was spoilt a bit by weaving around potholes and trying to miss the mud dropped by farm machinery after muck-spreading. A hunt team was standing by the roadside near Aislaby and a couple of corners later I came upon a group with some 20 Beagles trotting down the middle of the road. I was courteously waved through when the dogs were cleared to the roadside. Nice. The journey was punctuated with a few back-end weaves as I locked up the rear approaching slimy corners, (sort of like Marquez but about 150mph slower) mostly caused through torque-lockup on downshifts – must adjust the clutch setting! Anyway, Suzi did ok – no misfiring, lights working ok and no coolant leaks. There are still a few jobs to do, mainly replacing grotty bolts and connecting up an accessory relay so that I can add a few useful goodies – phone charger and heated jacket sockets for starters.

Things I don't like about Suzi: Sidestand doesn't sit far enough forward when down – worried bike toppling with slightest nudge. Sidestand is difficult to access when on the bike; must try and fashion an extension. No centre stand. No bungee hooks. Wonder if anyone else with a SV650 has same or more gripes?

An Ad-Hoc Rideout took place on 13 March. The weather was dry and sunny with a temperature a balmy 12C. Eight riders turned out to see the Flying Scotsman at Grosmont and went on to Pickering where they saw the Flying Scotsman again (are you sure there aren't two out there!) before going home via Thirsk. Good to hear that the Rideouts for this year had a good start.

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

**General Club Mtg: Weds 13 April**  
**Committee Mtg: Weds 4 May**

2016

2/3 Apr	NE Clubmans Championship at Croft
<b>9 Apr</b>	<b>Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Rideout to Scarborough. Meet at Birk Brow 0930</b>
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.
<b>23/24 Apr</b>	<b>International Classic Motorcycle Show @ Stafford County Showground.</b>
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
<b>14 May</b>	<b>Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Rideout North &amp; West. Meet at Bluebell Garage, Acklam at 0930</b>
<b>14/15 May</b>	<b>MCN Festival of Motorcycling @ Peterborough Arena. PE2 6XE</b>
26/27 May	Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
<b>11 June</b>	<b>Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Rideout to Hawes. Meet at Sedbury Layby on A66 near Scotch Corner at 0930.</b>
<b>11/12 Jun</b>	<b>Merlins and Motorbikes (BMF) at Headcorn Aerodrome, Kent</b>
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 Bike Racing at Croft
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
<b>5-7 Aug</b>	<b>Dambusters Rally (BMF), Thorpe Camp nr Woodhall Spa, Lincs, LN4 4PL</b>
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
<b>23-25 Sep</b>	<b>BMF Scotland Rally, The Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead</b>
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](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.

### 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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**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.

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

**BMF News Update.** Roadworks. Proposals to launch a major crackdown on disruption caused by roadworks on local roads and the start of 7-day working are being considered by the Department for Transport. Councils and Utility companies could face paying up to £5,000 a day if roadworks needlessly inconvenience motorists by being left in place when no one is actually working. Similar charges could also be levied on those who leave temporary traffic lights in place after work has been completed. Workers on A roads, which are managed by councils, will either have to work over the weekend – so the project is finished sooner – or lift the works until they resume. Hopefully this will happen soon.

**DVSA Scam Warning.** Beware of scam emails claiming to be from the DVSA Fixed Penalty Office requiring you to pay fixed penalty fines via suspicious web portals. The DVSA never sends fixed penalty notices to customers by email.

**Cooperative Intelligent Transportation System (C-ITS).** The aim of the system is to enable communications between highways management infrastructure and vehicle drivers and between drivers to minimise traffic flow disruption. Information such as roadworks, accidents, traffic-light phasing and failures, even parking space availability in a local areas, can be sent to C-ITS fitted vehicles. While this is less of a problem fitting systems to cars, manufacturers are looking at ways to incorporate C-ITS into motorcycles riding gear – particularly helmets. More later as information becomes available.

Manhole Covers. Manhole covers and highway castings become polished and slippery by traffic and are a hazard to 2-wheel users. The UK's leading supplier of thermoplastic road markings has been working closely with the casting suppliers to provide a non-slip coating. Preformed Markings Ltd anti-skid product can be applied to any type of casting in 30 minutes to 1 hours, thus causing minimum disruption to traffic. Testing has shown that the product exceeds all the relevant safety specifications and the BMF is engaged with the company to work out the best way to get the message across to all the 70-plus road authorities in the UK.

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**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  
Blenkinsop Castle on A69, Brampton, CA8 7JS  
Biker Café at GMEC Garage, nr Staxton, YO12 4NN

**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).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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!).

A man walks into a bar and orders a beer. "That'll be one penny," says the barman as he puts the pint on the bar. "One Penny! That's incredible! How much is the food?" asks the man. "I'd recommend the steak dinner" says the barman. "The 16-ounce steak comes with potatoes and salad plus a dessert for just three pence." "How do you manage to make a profit with such low prices?" asks the man. "You'd have to ask the owner," says the barman. "But he's not here right now, he's upstairs with my wife."

"What's going on up there?" asks the man. "The same as I'm doing to his business," replies the barman.

A man comes home and finds his wife in bed with a dwarf from the nearby circus. "I don't believe it!" he cries. "First it was the strongman and then it was the lion-tamer, and now it's with a dwarf." His wife replies, "Well at least I'm cutting down."

Always make a point of talking to your wife when you are making love – assuming that there is a 'phone handy.

Tom goes up to Dick and says, "Do you like women with big, saggy boobs and hairy armpits?" "No," replies Dick. "And do you like women with spotty backsides and stretch-marked stomachs?" continues Tom. "No," replies Dick. "And do you like women with bad breath and yeast infections?" "Certainly not!" replies Dick. "Good," replies Tom. "Then you won't mind staying the hell away from my wife."

A man goes to his bank manager to ask for advice. "How do I set up a small business?" asks the man. "It's simple," replies the bank manager. "All you have to do is buy a big business and wait."

You know, if work was so good the rich would keep more of it for themselves.

A man sits at a bar. "What'll you have?" asks the bartender. "A Scotch please," replies the man. The Bartender hands him the drink and says, "That'll be £3.50 please." The man replies, "What you talking about? I don't owe you anything for this." A lawyer sitting nearby says to the bartender, "He's right. In the original offer, which constitutes a binding contract upon acceptance, there was no stipulation of remuneration." The bartender is not impressed and tells the man to finish his drink and get out. The next day the man returns. "What the hell are you doing back?" says the barman. "I can't believe you've got the nerve to show your face here!" The man replies, "What are you talking about? I've never been in this place in my life!" "I'm very sorry," says the barman, "But the resemblance is uncanny. You must have a double." So the man says, "Thanks. Make it a Scotch."

The passengers on a jet watch in horror as the pilot and co-pilot walk up to the cockpit wearing dark glasses and carrying white sticks. There's a buzz of conversation between the passengers. Surely they can't be blind, it must be a joke. The engines fire up and the aircraft starts taxiing to the runway. The passengers are now very nervous as the aircraft accelerates down the runway; there's a large fence at the end, which is looming ever larger. The aircraft gets faster and faster and the fence gets larger and larger. The passengers realise they are not going to make it and start screaming. Suddenly the aircraft's nose lifts and they clear the fence by inches. The passengers are silent with utter relief. In the cockpit the pilot turns to the co-pilot and says, "Y'know, one day they're going to scream too late and we're all going to die."

**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: