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CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

Secretary's Ramblings: What a mix of good and bad weather we've been having through April. I've managed to get out on both bikes and, for a change, not get too wet! However, on one trip I managed to experience all four seasons in about 1 hour! Hopefully the current cold spell at the end of the month is going to be replaced by warmer, drier weather in time for the rally to Cumbria in a couple of weeks' time (please!).

It was nice to see club members at the MSG Bike Gear Open Day on 23 April. What a really good day was had by all. Carl Fogarty did a brilliant job, being really approachable and friendly and putting up with constant attention for 'selfies' and signing books, pictures and t-shirts. I was pleased to get my copy of Carl's autobiography signed – I'd waited 16 years for that! The 'On the Edge' stunt show was simply amazing. How on earth the pair of riders managed to do the stunts they did in the small grassed area was nothing short of astounding.



Carl Fogarty with the MSG Bike Gear Staff Opens the new Showroom

BMF Stuff. In case you have forgotten or didn't know, I am the club's BMF representative and a Councillor. For my sins I attend three Council meetings (usually in Leicester) and the AGM (somewhere between John 'O Groats and Lands End, each year. There are 10 Regional Areas and we are in Region 2. Each Region has an Annual Regional Meeting (ARM) and any and all affiliated club members in the region can attend. The ARM for Region 2 will be held on 26 June at The Gun Inn, Ridsdale, nr Hexham (on the A68). I will be attending as I am the acting Chairman for the Region – no one else out of Northumbria, Co. Durham, N. Yorks, E. Yorks or W. Yorks, can be arsed! Anyway, I intend to 'lead' a ride out to the Gun Inn – you will be most welcome to join me.

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Committee Mtg: Weds 4 May
General Club Mtg: Weds 11 May

- 7/8 May Classic Bike Racing at Croft
- 8 May Hurworth Classic Car and Bike Show at The Grange**
- 12 May Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 13-16 May Yarm Motorcycling Club Rally to Glenridding, Cumbria**
- 13-15 May Cumbria Custom and Classic Bike Show, Kirkbride, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 5HW**
- 14 May North West 200
- 14 May Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Meet at Bluebell Garage, Acklam at 0930
- 14/15 May MCN Festival of Motorcycling @ Peterborough Arena. PE2 6XE
- 21/22 May Race, Rock 'N' Ride. Santa Pod Raceway**
- 26/27 May Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 11 June Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Rideout to Hawes. Meet at Sedbury Layby on A66 near Scotch Corner at 0930.
- 11/12 Jun Merlins and Motorbikes (BMF) at Headcorn Aerodrome, Kent
- 10 Jun Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 18/19 Jun British Touring Cars Championship at Croft
- 20-26 June Ride to Work Week**
- 23 June Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 24-26 Jun VMCC Championship at Cadwell Park.
- 26 June Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting, Gun Inn, Ridsdale, nr Hexham. (I will lead a Rideout for 1300 meeting start).**
- 29 Jun Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 7 Jul Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 9/10 Jul Derby Phoenix Bike Racing at Croft
- 10 Jul BMF Council Meeting. Fosse Riders Club, Leicester**
- 24 Jul Bikewise at Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads
- 27 Jul Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits
- 5-7 Aug Dambusters Rally (BMF), Thorpe Camp nr Woodhall Spa, Lincs, LN4 4PL
- 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
- 11 Sep Saltburn Hill Climb**
- 23-25 Sep BMF Scotland Rally, The Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead**
- 8 Oct BMF AGM
- 19-27 Nov NEC
- 24 Nov Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)
- 12 Dec Christmas Party @ Eaglescliffe Golf Club**

Did you know you can get a pass for £35 to see all 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.**

Ride to Work. This year, International Ride to Work Day is Monday 20 June 2016, Ride to Work Week is 20-26 June 2016. During Ride to Work Week, motorbike and scooter riders around the world show just how enjoyable their daily commute is. By riding to work we demonstrate that life would be better if more people rode motorcycles and scooters every day, with time savings, less congestion and reduced travel costs.

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Summary of BMF Council Meeting 16 Apr 2016.

Membership. The membership has remained stable, with several new members joining when at some of the recent bike shows. A number of clubs have yet to renew, notably the Vincent Owners Club and the Trail Riders Fellowship. Representatives at the meeting confirmed that renewals are being 'chased

up'; being well aware that renewal was due by 1 January.

Platooning. A subject that the BMF is taking an interest in is the use of 'driverless' trucks being trialled in the northwest of England. The 'platoon' of trucks could consist of 6 or more vehicles, with the lead vehicle being a manned Command vehicle. The trucks would be closely spaced with the aim of saving fuel. How such a platoon could be safely integrated with other traffic, particularly with entering and leaving a route, has yet to be determined. Most members expressed alarm at the prospect of being anywhere near such a set up! No doubt the media will be buzzing with the subject when/if it ever comes to fruition.

Events. With the loss of the Mulberry Group which was responsible for previous shows, the BMF is sponsoring three shows this year:– Merlins and Motorbikes; The Dambusters Rally and Scottish Show. Details are:

Merlins and Motorbikes. The BMF has joined forces with Aero Legends and Headcorn Aerodrome (Lashenden), Kent, to launch 'Merlins and Motorbikes. Bike enthusiasts can expect an action packed experience, which is being held over the weekend of Friday 10 to Sunday 12 June 2016. There will be bands and music, as well as more than 100 trade stalls which will sell everything from bike kit and helmets to clothing and sunglasses. There will also be a bike jumble as well as a 'best in show' competition and several exhibitions available to experience. Taking centre stage at will be an aerial display from [The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight \(BBMF\)](#) in two Spitfires and the 'Great British Bike Off', a 1,200-metre drag race between a motorbike and the Aero Legends Spitfire TD314.

The Dambusters Rally. Takes place at Thorpe Camp, Woodhall Spa on 5 to 7 August. A supporting act will be 2 Spitfires from nearby RAF Coningsby. Details regarding camping and facilities can be obtained from BMF member Mitch Elliott on elliott.mitch@gmail.com.

Scotland Rally BMF. Taking place at the Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead, Midlothian, EH37 5TX. Entry costs £14, with rally places limited to 500. A ride out is planned for the Saturday to East Fortune Airfield, home of the National Museum of Flight, Scotland. Contact tom@tomduncan.co.uk if you have any further questions.

What Happens if We Leave the EU? An article in the Spring 2016 edition of Rider Magazine explains how Norway fares being a non-EU member and is, therefore, a useful yardstick to get an idea of how the UK would be affected by 'Brexit'. Morten Hansen explains that Norway wishes to retain its sovereignty but has established a free-trade agreement with the EU. In 1992 Norway gained access to the inner EU market and has to pay a substantial fee and accept all regulations regarding this inner market; this is without having any seats or votes in the European Parliament. Norway does not have a motorcycle industry and all imported vehicles have to comply with EU-type approval. Road regulations are not covered by the EU inner market therefore there is freedom to set the rules to suit national requirements. However, there is no access to MEPs therefore the only means of influencing EU motorcycle policy is through the Norwegian Motorcycle Union (NMCU), which is a member of Federation of European Motorcyclists Association (FEMA). Currently the BMF holds the Chair and Treasurer positions of FEMA and therefore has strong representation there. So, it may not be so bad for UK motorcyclists although other issues – financial for example, are factors being discussed ad infinitum in the media!

Tube-Type Tyres. The Vincent Owners Club reported on an issue concerning tube-type tyres and experiences with 'inexplicable' deflation. The problem was eventually pinned down eventually to plastic labels being left on the inside of tyres, which chafe the inner tube, resulting in the puncture. So check those tyres before fitting.




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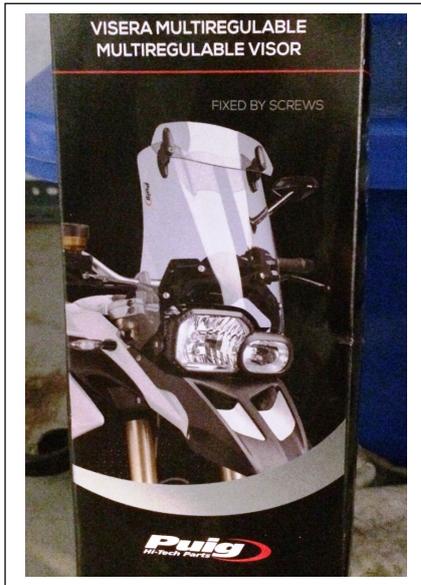
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SERIOUS STUFF - Those Darn Socks (excerpt from The Times Sat 23 Apr). Each person loses an average of 1.3 socks per month, accounting for more than 15 socks per year and 1,264 over a lifetime, according to a study of 2,000 people commissioned by Samsung to launch the Samsung AddWash washing machine which allows people to add extra items mid-cycle. (There must be some real plonkers around to lose that many!)

Chartered psychologist Dr Simon Moore and statistician Geoff Ellis applied science to discover what contributes to the problem of lost socks and to quantify their findings in a formula. They found the main factors causing missing socks were the complexity of the washing load – the way batches are divided up, based on whites/colours/different temperatures, and the number of socks in each cycle. The pair devised the formula: $\text{Sock loss index} = (L+C) - (P \times A)$ and the higher the figure, the higher the likelihood of losing socks. L equals laundry size, C equals washing complexity, P equals the positivity towards doing laundry and A equals degree of attention. And if that all seems a bit vague, the team did also state some practical and psychological reasons for the missing socks. Socks may get lost when more than one person is responsible for doing the washing because everyone may assume somebody else will take responsibility. Another issue is a human tendency to only look in the places we are most likely to find something – and if it's not there, we can assume it's lost forever. Practically speaking, the study found the most common causes for missing socks was falling behind radiators or under furniture, pairs getting separated in different washes, socks falling off a washing line or simply forgetting to put them in the wash in the first place. So if you want to find those missing socks, check behind radiators, under furniture and at the bottom of your washing basket – and if they still don't show themselves, blame someone else. (Mine end up in a duvet cover or pillowcases). It's all complete tosh but thought you ought to know. Psychiatric help is available through the NHS, although expect a bit of a wait.



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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.

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
2 May	Early Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Rideout
30 May	Late Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Rideout
19 June	Fathers' Day	Rideout
26 June	Region 2 Annual Regional Mtg	Brian Burke Lead to Gun Inn
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 mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.....

I had a mate who was suicidal. He was really depressed, so I pushed him in front of a train. He was chuffed to bits.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin... 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it...I thought to myself, these buggers have lost the plot!!

I was at a cashpoint yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance. Not being one to disappoint, I pushed her over.

A new Middle East crisis erupted last night as Dubai Television was refused permission to broadcast 'The Flintstones'. A spokesman for the channel said 'A claim was made that people in Dubai would not understand the humour, but we know for a fact that people in Abu Dhabi Do.'

My son's been asking me for a pet spider for his birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! Sod that I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

Just heard there was an explosion at a pie factory in Huddersfield. 3.1415927 dead

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her some bathroom scales. Went around to a friend's house today. His wife was sat there with their newborn baby. She asked if I'd like to wind it.... I thought that was a bit harsh so I gave it a dead leg instead.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.
I got some new aftershave today that smells like breadcrumbs. The birds love it!

I was driving this morning when I saw an RAC van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself 'that guy's heading for a breakdown'.

Eat one live toad first thing in the morning. Nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.
Apology from an Irish Hospital...Dear Mr Murphy. We are pleased to inform you that the biopsy of the redness on your penis showed it was not cancerous. It was lipstick. We deeply regret the amputation.

Do you know why Turtle Wax is so expensive? It's because turtles have such tiny ears!
A man phones his local pharmacy and asks, "Do you sell incontinence pants, and can you deliver?" "Yes, we do and we can deliver," replies the pharmacist. "Can I ask where you are ringing from?" The man replies, "From the waist down."

Two fat blokes are together in a pub. One says to the other, "Your round." The other replies, "so are you, you fat bastard."

What do you say to a beefburger? "How now ground cow?"
Wife to husband: "I've made the chicken soup." Husband: Oh, thank goodness. I thought that muck was for us!"

What do you call an anorexic with a yeast infection? A quarter pounder with cheese.
A frog's perspective on life: time's fun when you're having flies.

Snow is like sex. You never know how many inches you're going to get or how long it's going to last.

Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment and then he says, "I wish you had come sooner to see me."

I've got no faith in my doctor. All his patients are ill!
A man walks into a doctor's surgery. "What seems to be the problem?" asks the doctor. "I have five penises," replies the man. "Blimey!" exclaims the doctor. "How do your trousers fit?" The man replies, "Like a glove."

What do a near-sighted gynaecologist and a puppy have in common? A wet nose.
"Doctor, Doctor, I feel terrible." "What are the symptoms?" "It's a TV cartoon series with yellow people."

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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