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CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

Secretary's Ramblings: Summer? Round the corner? Having chosen to have a new central heating system installed this past week it was galling to know that it was colder than Christmas Day! Anyway, the central heating system is up and running – that and a new timing belt, water pump and 'dual-mass flywheel' on the car plus having the kitchen and dining room painted has left me short for upgrading the Kawasaki suspension and rear tyre. Guess I'll just have to ride around it until times are better!

Getting ready for the rally to Glenridding caused me a couple of headaches. The throwover panniers that Bill Robinson kindly loaned would not fit the Suzuki SV650 – the bike that I reckoned would be better than the Kawasaki 500S for the longer trips. The problem was the bike seat; the pillion seat is only slightly larger than an After Eight Mint so I could not 'trap' the securing straps! However, the panniers fitted the Kawasaki perfectly, so that was it. As it turned out, the bike performed very well, keeping up with the rest of the troops on their 1,000cc machines and I enjoyed thrashing around the twisty bits. The Suzuki has better suspension and brakes although quite a bit heavier. Anyhow, taking the panniers off later had me perplexed for a few minutes, until I realised I kept unlocking the helmet lock instead of the seat. Doh!

BMF Region 2 Meeting. The Region 2 Annual Meeting will be held on 26 June at The Gun Inn, Ridsdale, nr Hexham (on the A68). As acting Chairman for the Region – the folk of Northumbria, Co. Durham, N. Yorks, E. Yorks or W. Yorks, still can't 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 8 June
General Club Mtg: 8pm Weds 6 July

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| 10 Jun | Croft Bike Track Day with No Limits |
| 18/19 Jun | British Touring Cars Championship at Croft |
| 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 |
| 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.

Novel Approach to Upholding Helmet Law. The Mumbai police force has been cracking down on motorcyclists not wearing crash helmets. A number of bikers refuse to wear helmets because it is claimed that their hair styles get ruined! The police take the offenders to their station and give them the worst haircut imaginable! Brilliant!

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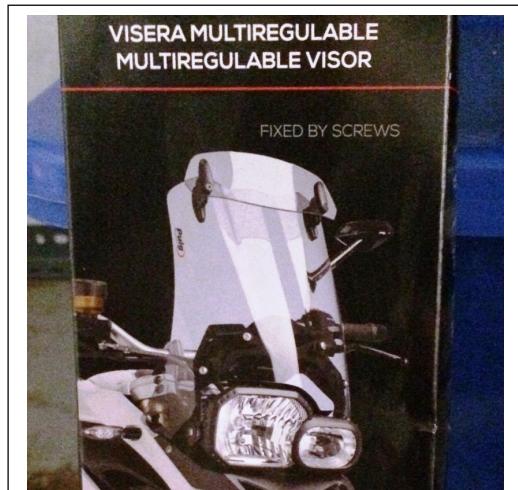
Now has executive rights on Maxxis Tyres in the area.

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Proposed New Law – Passing Cyclists. Motorists could be fined for overtaking too close to cyclists if the Government agrees to adopt policies similar to Europe and Australia where a minimum passing distance of one metre has been imposed. The Transport minister, Robert Goodwill confirmed that the DoT is interested in the idea. Minimum distances have been imposed in Germany, France, Spain and Portugal. Respect for some cyclists is hard to come by – on my way to the photo shoot the other Sunday a cyclist shot through a red light at the Cleveland Bay, almost collecting me as I was turning right to go past the Bluebell Inn. To cap it all he seemed to be pretty grumpy with me! The little shit.

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Glenridding Rally. The Rally took place over the period 13/16 May, and for a change the weather was near perfect (Dear Brian Taylor - sorry your record was spoilt)! Two groups set off on the Friday and Tony Petrie and Chris rolled up with a caravan much later in the evening. Dinner at the Travellers' Rest was very good. The Gillside Farm Bunkhouse was just fine, having 3-tier bunks in two rooms. A large kitchen area with cooker/kettle plus a toilet/shower block nearby provided the accommodation. A 'chuck wagon' was available in the mornings for breakfast and the Travellers Rest pub just down hill had good food and local beers (£3.90 a pint!).

The Rideout on Saturday started at 10 a.m. with Bob Arnett in the lead on a beautiful sunny day. Eight of us headed south to Ambleside via the Kirkstone Pass and down the very steep 'Struggle', the scenery was impressive – the single front disk on the little Kawasaki was getting quite hot on the descent! After a quick refuel in Ambleside we set off for Blea Tarn and the Wrynose and Hardknott Passes, stopping for a well-earned break at the Eskdale Railway. Heading further west we stopped at Ravenglass for



icecream on the waterfront. Despite being sunny the wind off the water was rather fresh. Continuing on the clockwise loop we passed through Lowswater, Whinlathe and Buttermere before stopping at the Honister Pass Cafe and Slate Mine. A large group of Harley riders arrived at the same time – how do they get away with such loud exhausts? We arrived in Keswick at 1645 and decided to have fish and chips as it was reckoned that the Travellers' Rest would be rammed with people (later on it was!). Keswick market place was pretty busy with several stalls still trading. The weather remained warm and sunny as we enjoyed our fish and chips 'al fresco.' We arrived back at the accommodation at 1740, after covering some 115 miles. Saturday night was a longish evening for some – we were barred from the one hotel down in the village proper due to a wedding party taking all the rooms. The Glenridding Hotel was still closed after the floods, so we went back up the hill to the Travellers' Rest, where we were joined by Tony, Chris and their dog Arty. It was cool in the outdoor seating area, although a couple of 'patio-heaters' helped.



Saturday Night at the Traveller's Rest

On Sunday a number of us headed home via various routes,



while the remainder went on to 'tour' the area before heading home on the Monday. Bob Arnett and I rode via Windemere and Kendal to pick up the A684 to Sedbergh. The A684 was excellent, being fast and flowing and totally devoid of cars. Hawes was totally rammed with bikes and cars so we stopped at a really 'twee' cafe in Aysgarth for tea and scones (can't live on fish, chips and beer all the time!). Approaching the Manor Cafe at Ellerby the road to Richmond was closed due to an accident. Police and rescue vehicles were in abundance and I noticed a rather bent Honda Repsol replica leaning against a hedge. After chasing down a non-descript back lane we ended up in Catterick and did a short run up the A1 to Scotch Corner and Middleton Tyas as the back road to Scorton/Croft was obscured/blocked by roadworks. Total distance for the day was just 87 miles; the weekend worked out to around 315 miles. An excellent weekend break, must do it again. Thanks to Brian Taylor for fixing the accommodation.

Suzuki Cafe Tour. Suzuki are planning to visit a number of cafes throughout the Summer. The new SV650S will be on display and a host of test ride machines will be available. Suzuki will visit the following in the 'local' area: Squires Cafe 2/3 July; Hartside Cafe 17/18 September. Go to www.suzuki-gb.co.uk and book a test ride.

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.

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.
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

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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
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 police officer a rusty old Toyota puttering along the A22 at well under 30mph, and thinks "this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder" so he pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that they are five elderly ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, most of them wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, seemingly composed but obviously confused says to him "officer I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit, what seems to be the problem" Well ma'am the officer replies you weren't speeding but you should know that driving far slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other motorists. the driver replied "Slower than the speed limit? no I was travelling at the speed limit exactly twenty two miles per hour", The police officer trying not to chuckle explains to her that A22 is the road number not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed the woman smiles and thanks him for pointing that out. "But before I let you go, ma'am, I have to ask is everyone in the car OK, your passengers seem awfully shaken. "Oh they will be all right in a minute" replies the driver "we've just come off the A120".

I had a nightmare last night. I dreamed Dolly Parton was my mother and I was bottle fed!
A butcher backed into the bacon slicer and got a little behind in his orders.

Did you hear about the cannibal who passed his mother in the woods? (Bad taste!)
A rich lady is riding with her chauffeur when they get a puncture. The chauffeur gets out and starts trying to prise off the hubcap. After a few minutes of struggling, the lady leans out the window and says 'Would you like a screwdriver?' He replies, 'We might as well, I can't get the bloody wheel off!'

Every young woman should hang on to her youth. But not while she's driving.
I wouldn't say that my mother was ashamed of me, but she used to go to parents' evenings under an assumed name.
How does a blind sky-diver know when he is approaching the ground? His dog's lead goes slack.

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: