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CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

Secretary's Ramblings: After a few glorious days mid-June it's now back to unsettled weather – even the ducks looked pissed off! I'm tempted to get 'Naughty Suzi' out and check if the front spark plug and cabling can stand a good soaking and still operate – but I can't be bothered. Doubtless there will be many opportunities to check the electrics as the changeable 'summer' progresses.

BMF Region 2 Meeting. As I anticipated, the meeting turned out to be a non-event. It was a pleasant enough ride up the A68 to the Gun Inn at Ridsdale. No one from Region 2 turned up so I had a nice lunch, did some reading, then 'tootled' back home. The Gun Inn landlord was most friendly and stated that bikers often camp in the adjoining field when staying for a weekend – and with music and beer available what's not to like. As an aside, Naughty Suzi behaved herself – nothing fell off and everything worked! I spent 3 hours the day before sorting out an indicator problem – fairing off (again!). Grotty connector block was the problem. Any more hassle and I'll make up a complete new wiring harness for the front as I've had enough grief with it. At least I can now get the fairing off in less than 10 minutes after all the practice I've had!

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Committee Mtg: 8 pm Weds 6 July

General Club Mtg: Weds 13 July

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| 2 Jul | Rufforth Autojumble |
| 2/3 Jul | Suzuki 'Cafe Tour' at Squires Cafe. www.suzuki-gb.co.uk to book a test ride. |
| 3 Jul | Newark Autojumble |
| 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 |
| 11 Jul | Middlesbrough Motor Club – Vintage Motorcycle Club Evening Run |
| 16 Jul | Middlesbrough Motor Club – Aske Hall, Richmond Motorcycle Sprint |
| 16 Jul | Scorton Autojumble |
| 16 Jul | National Bikesafe Show & Track Experience @ Rockingham Motor Speedway |
| 17 Jul | Classic Motorcycle and American Car Show. White Swan, Hunmanby YO14 0JU |
| 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 |
| 7 Aug | Newark Autojumble |
| 20 Aug | Scorton Autojumble |

21 Aug	CLUB BBQ AT THE POT AND GLASS, EGGLESCLIFFE @ 3pm
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
17 Sep	Scorton Autojumble
17/18 Sep	Suzuki 'Cafe Tour' at Hartside Cafe
23-25 Sep	BMF Scotland Rally, The Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead
25 Sep	Middlesbrough Motor Club – Classic Bike Show
25 Sep	Newark Autojumble
8 Oct	BMF AGM
15 Oct	Scorton Autojumble
16 Oct	Middlesbrough Motor Club – Catterick Hill Climb (limited spectator facilities)
23 Oct	Newark Autojumble
19-27 Nov	NEC
19 Nov	Scorton Autojumble
20 Nov	Newark Autojumble
24 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)
11 Dec	Newark Autojumble
10 Dec	Christmas Party @ Eaglescliffe Golf Club
17 Dec	Scorton Autojumble

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.**

Club Badges. Be sure to carry some 'readies' with you at the club meeting and pick up a club badge. These are quality items and will last the rigour of several years exposure to the elements.

Club BBQ. Make a note in your diaries for 21 August when the Club BBQ will be held at the Pot and Glass, Egglecliffe. There will be an announcement plus details at the next club meeting on 13 July.

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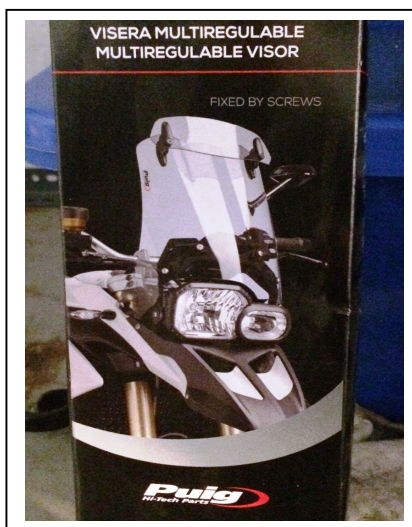
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Now has executive rights on Maxxis Tyres in the area.

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Norton and BSA to go Indian? As reported in MCM the Indian motorcycle company Mahindra is set to take over Norton and BSA. According to the Indian Economic Times the company is looking at six motorcycle companies, including some from Europe and USA. Things could be happening in the next 3 months

FOR SALE:
Puig screen/wind deflector, universal fitting as new with instructions boxed. £35.
Contact Tony Simpson
07732231371.



No Sweat! Honda has filed a patent for an on-bike air conditioning system. It's basically a tank bag in which you insert an ice-block chill pack and a powerful fan blows cold air to the rider's helmet. Probably not an essential item for UK riding, judging by the current weather. (posted in July MCM).

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:

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

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Number Plates (A refresher on number plate specifications). On 1 September 2001, new regulations introduced a standard font for number plates, making them easier to be read. This change ended the use of italics and other styles of lettering that are difficult to read. For vehicles with new or replacement number plates fitted from 1 September 2001, registration numbers can no longer be shown over three lines (unless the vehicle was first registered before 1 January 1973) or if a vehicle is constructed before 1 January 1976 and is registered in the historic tax class and is exempt from vehicle tax. Also, the letters and numbers on number plates bought since 1 September 2001 will need to meet the following standards: Characters must be 79mm tall. Characters (except the number 1 or letter I) must be 50mm wide. The character stroke (the thickness of the black print) must be 14mm. The space between

characters must be 11mm. The space between the age identifier and the random letters must be 33mm. The margins at the top, bottom and side of the plate must be 11mm. Vertical space between the age identifier and the random numbers must be 19mm.

Motorcycles and tricycles. There are separate rules for motorcycles and tricycles. Motorcycles registered from 1 September 2001 must only display a number plate at the back of the vehicle. Motorcycles registered before 1 September 2001 can display a number plate at the front, but do not have to. The characters on the number plate must be set out over two lines and must be displayed on all motorcycles registered on or after 1 January 1973. Tricycles made from four-wheeled bodies, such as saloon cars and quad bikes, must meet the normal requirements in the first paragraph above. Tricycles built from motorcycles must meet the rules for motorcycles, which are as follows: Characters must be 64mm tall. Characters (except the number 1 or letter I) must be 44mm wide. The character stroke (the thickness of the black print) must be 10mm. The space between characters must be 10mm. The space between the age identifier and the random letters must be 30mm. The margins at the top, bottom and side of the plate must be at least 11mm. Vertical space between the age identifier and the random numbers must be 13mm.

Vehicles made before 1 January 1973. May display traditional 'black and white' number plates (for example, white, silver or grey characters on a black plate). Since April 2016 vehicles manufactured before 1 January 1976 can display the older style plates. You must: a) have applied to DVLA, and b) be registered within the 'historic vehicles' tax class. Vehicles constructed 40 or more years ago are exempt from tax. The 40 year exemption date rolls forward automatically each year on 1 April.

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
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 couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. The couple produce photos of their 50 foot motorhome, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills." Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment. "Our nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet." The social workers are satisfied with the response. Finally they ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "It doesn't really matter, as long as he fits in the cannon!" the couple replied. BOOM BOOM"

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them.

Does 'expecting the unexpected' actually mean that the 'unexpected is actually expected'?

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.

Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
If you keep your feet firmly on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.
A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.
When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.
My wife got 8 out of 10 on her driver's test--the other two managed to jump out of her way!
There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.
Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.
Give me ambiguity or give me something else.
Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?
Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.
Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.
I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.
If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.
If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?
Money is the root of all wealth.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationary.....

Queen Elizabeth and Dolly Parton die on the same day and they both go before an Angel to find out if they'll be admitted to Heaven. Unfortunately, there's only one space left that day, so the Angel must decide which of them gets in. The Angel asks Dolly if there's some particular reason why she should go to Heaven. Dolly takes off her top and says, 'Look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created, and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day, for eternity.' The Angel thanks Dolly, and asks Her Majesty the same question. The Queen takes a bottle of Perrier out of her purse, drinks it down. Then, pees into a toilet and pulls the lever. The Angel says, 'OK, your Majesty, you may go in.' Dolly is outraged and asks, 'What the hell was that all about? I show you two of God's own perfect creations and you turn me down. She pees into a toilet and gets in! Would you explain that to me?' 'Sorry, Dolly,' says the Angel, 'but even in Heaven a Royal Flush beats a Pair - no matter how big they are.'

A golfer was involved in a terrible car crash and was rushed to the hospital. Just before he was put under, the surgeon popped in to see him. "I have some good news and some bad news," says the surgeon. "The bad news is that I have to remove your right arm!" "Oh God no!" cries the man. "My golfing is over! Please Doc, what's the good news?" "The good news is, I have another one to replace it with, but it's a woman's arm. I'll need your permission before I go ahead with the transplant." "Go for it doc" says the man, "as long as I can play golf again." The operation went well and a year later the man was out on the golf course when he bumped into the surgeon. "Hi, how's the new arm?" asks the surgeon. "Just great," says the businessman. "I'm playing the best golf of my life. My new arm has a much finer touch and my putting has really improved." "That's great," said the surgeon. "Not only that," continued the golfer, "my handwriting has improved, I've learned how to sew my own clothes and I've even taken up painting landscapes in watercolours." "Unbelievable!" said the surgeon, "I'm so glad to hear the transplant was such a great success. Are you having any side effects?" "Well, just one problem," said the golfer. "Every time I get an erection, I also get a headache."

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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