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**Club Meets: Second Wednesday of the Month at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe**  
**Rideouts: April to October. Meet for 10am start at Yarm Town Hall every Sunday**

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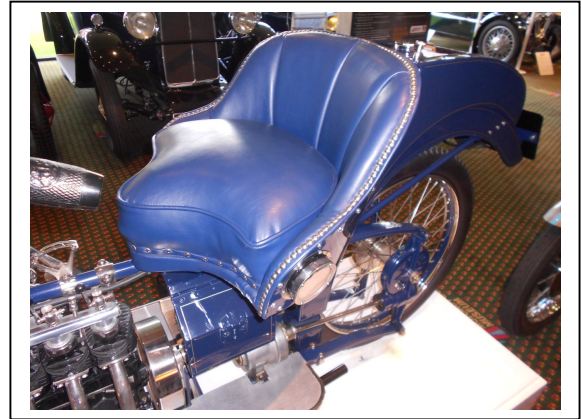
**Secretary's Ramblings.** I went to The National Motorcycle Museum (NMM) at Birmingham on Saturday, 28 October. The exit from the M42 is on the same roundabout as for the NEC. The NMM has been carefully put back together following the disastrous fire in 2003. The fire destroyed much of the National Motorcycle Museum, ruining 650 vintage machines and leaving 60% of the building a blackened shell. The value of the destroyed bikes was around £8m, and many of the machines were irreplaceable. As soon as you enter the building you are greeted by some immaculate vintage machines and as you enter the shop and ticketing area there are a few cars and bikes, including an AJS leaking oil! In fact many of the bikes had drip-trays under the engines as many are run/ridden at the weekend by the 'Friends of the Museum' ... they are British after all. The museum has some 850 bikes on display in 5 halls; the largest display of British bikes in the world. The machines are meticulously presented, and most machines are accompanied with brief histories of the particular marque. Most of the older machines had enormous seats, bit like the ones on old tractors – probably a lot of Fat Ass Bikers in the old days. There are plenty of bikes that have featured in some of the major world speed record attempts, superbike races, the TT etc.



There is quite a large section devoted to Geoff Duke, who won an amazing number of trophies. If you wish to use the cafe you need to leave the display area. Hot and cold meals can be enjoyed at reasonable prices. Keep your entrance ticket if you want to go back to the display halls. The museum also holds the National Conference Centre, so don't be surprised if the car park looks pretty full and yet the motorcycle museum seems quiet. The shop has a good range of gifts – books, tee-shirts, mugs etc.



AJS with Oil Leak (as usual)



Old-Fart's Seat

**Forthcoming Events** (latest additions in Bold).

**Club Mtg: Weds 13 December @ 8pm**  
**Committee Mtg: Weds 3 January @8pm**  
**AGM: Weds 10 January @ 8pm**

***Meet every Sunday 10:00 at Costa in Yarm during non-Rideout period – October to March.***  
**(wearing Ruffy-Tuffy biking gear optional if you come by car, cycle or walk but want to look 'ard)**

2 Dec Rufforth Autojumble  
 10 Dec Newark Autojumble  
 16 Dec Christmas Party at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club. 1200 for 1230 start.

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28 Jan Newark Autojumble  
**3/4 Feb Carole Nash 38<sup>th</sup> Classic Motorcycle Show at Bath and West Showground**  
**17/18 Feb The Classic Dirt Bike Show @ International Centre, Telford, Shropshire**  
 25 Feb Newark Autojumble  
**4 Mar Penrith Autojumble at Skirsgill, Pentith, CA11 0DN. 9am to 1pm. Entry £3.50**  
**17 Mar Celtic Rock and Reel at The Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale.**  
**01642 778334 for info.**  
**18 Mar MOTO Gp Starts off the Racing Season at Qatar. Will Marquez make it No. 5?**  
**24/25 Mar Manchester Bike Show**  
**9 Apr Squires Cafe Bar Easter Egg Run**  
**16 Apr Kilham Bikers Easter Egg Run from Bay Horse. Meet 0900 for 1100 depart.**  
**22/23 Apr Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Show, Staffordshire Showground, ST18 0BD**  
**23 Apr Mods and Rockers Charity Ride. Donate £5 to Air Ambulance.**  
**Dept Clifford Tower, York, YO1 9RY for Rose and Crown, Beadlam, YO62 7RD**  
**28-30 Apr MAG Rally at Home Farm Barns, Sledmere, YO25 3XG.**  
**29/30 Apr Olivers Mount Festival of Speed. Hill Climb**  
 18-25 Jul Lincolnshire Bike Week

**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.

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### BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2017

**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 £25, 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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**Zero-Emission Vehicles. Just Who is Shittin' Who Here?** (Extracted from the 'i-Paper' dated 31 October 2017). Deep underground in Cornwall the hunt is on for Lithium. It is one of the metals vital for the production of lithium-ion batteries needed to power battery driven vehicles. With the UK Government declaring that sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2040 would be banned, analysts predict that by 2030 four out of five vehicles bought will be electric or hybrid. However, some researchers are worried that they may not be the clean, green environmentally friendly dream most people believe. Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Joshua Graff Zivin of the University of California, says that the cars are zero-tailpipe emission; they are not zero-emission vehicles. What is happening is that the pollution has been shifted to where the power is generated. It could be that the person driving the electric vehicle in Chelsea while the person breathing the pollution is in Newcastle. Professor Anders Hammer Stronman, director of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology's ecological programme states that the

manufacture of electric vehicles has a greater impact on the environment than that of traditional cars because, for example, the production of batteries and electric motors requires more toxic minerals. The CO2 emissions from petrol and diesel cars is well understood because it is a very mature industry whereas there have been very few studies into the pollution caused in the production of electric vehicles.

Many experts believe that we should stop thinking of electric vehicles as a one-to-one substitute for petrol or diesel cars. We should be looking at electric vehicles in combination with ride-sharing and the use of autonomous vehicles.

At the beginning of this article was mentioned the search for lithium, one of the two essential ingredients in the production of the batteries. The other mineral is cobalt, and mining for these two means that the environment loses out. Most of the world's lithium comes from the high-altitude lakes and salt flats where Argentina, Chile and Bolivia meet. Mining for lithium involves drawing brine from deep underground and in the 'lithium triangle' of South America the water table has dropped by several centimetres – worrying for the surrounding biodiverse areas. Cobalt has its own issues. Two thirds of the mined production of cobalt is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, which has an issue with child labour and poor environmental standards. The extracted cobalt is shipped to China for further processing.

However, it is felt that as production of electric vehicles becomes more efficient and electricity generation is progressively from renewable energy sources, then electric vehicles will eventually be the cleanest option.

If you get really bored and have trouble sleeping then I suggest you read a report entitled '*Comparative Environmental Life Cycle Assessment of Conventional and Electric Vehicles.*' It's a look at the 'whole-life' cycle of the impact of vehicles, from the mining of minerals to the breakers yard.

Other Factors Affecting Autonomous Vehicles. As well as the environmental problems encountered in producing zero-emission vehicles there is the big difficulty of connectivity to individual vehicles. In order for 'autonomy' to work then each vehicle requires continuous 4G/5G connectivity, as well as GPS and fully-functioning all-round sensors. The other day I was 'roaming' in the countryside between Ripon and Harrogate and spent most of the time with 'No Service' showing on my phone. It's going to take years to get this sorted, and I am not keen on realising 'system problems' while sliding along the bonnet of some 'autonomous' vehicle. In the meantime Elon Musk, who has had vehicles world-wide operating in semi-autonomous mode, has announced the first 'zero-emission' truck with a range of 500 miles. Apart from the huge batteries costing around \$400,000 the production of such vehicles will probably finish the environment completely. Just as well Musk is building a rocket (Space X) to take people and materiel to Mars, which could be a good place to be (eventually!). Either way we are screwed.

More Charging Points for Electric Vehicles / UK To Be Centre of Excellence for Autonomous Vehicles. Phillip Hammond, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the Budget that the UK will be a centre for the development of autonomous vehicles at some time in the future. In the meantime he is giving £400m to fund the development of charging stations for electric cars across the UK. A further £500m is pledged for the development of 5G, high-speed fibre broadband and Artificial Intelligence – essential for safer autonomous vehicle operations.

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**Is It Me or Have My Tools Got a Mind of Their Own?** Properties discovered while using a large hammer: the hammer was originally used as a weapon of war, or to kill nice fluffy animals before ripping them apart to eat and to dress up in their lovely warm skins. Nowadays it is a kind of 'divining tool' to locate those expensive parts not far from the object you are trying to hit. The other tool causing problems is the Hacksaw. It belongs to the family of cutting tools based on the Ouija Board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you try to influence its course the more dismal your life becomes.

..... and as for the bloody MoleGrips! Apart from rounding off the heads of bolts they are excellent for transferring intense heat most efficiently from the blow-torch when trying to free the seized rounded bolt to the palm of your hand!

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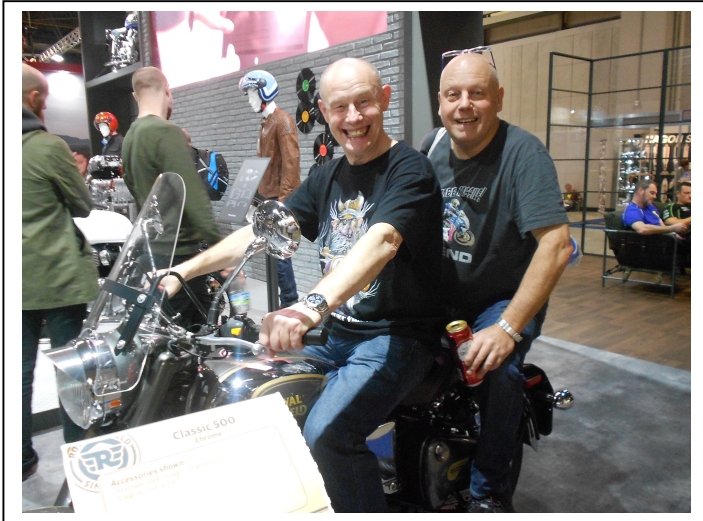
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**NEC 2017.** The 'Terrible Three' made it to the NEC for the last day of the show. Arriving on Saturday evening at the booked Travel Lodge, next door to a Peachy Keens restaurant, we were told we had been double-booked and would have to be put up in the Travel Lodge at the airport, and would be given a free, all you could eat, English breakfast. It was tough, but being 4 miles nearer to the NEC plus a much bigger room, we could hardly complain! The show was remarkably busy at opening time on Sunday morning. There didn't seem to be the number of small traders that we were used to seeing – ProBolt and MCN were missing for a start! Tony didn't disappoint though and found a couple of scanty-clad girls (Liquid Mollys I think) to be photographed with, after paying a suitable bribe. The bags (the plastic ones!) contained pictures of muscle-cars, partly obscured by these girls with quite a lot of oil smeared about their bodies. Shocking! I thought there would at least be a few bikes on the calendar.



The Terrible Three took over the Peugeot stand but some loony took the No.3 slot and got us thrown off!



Still, plenty of new machinery to see, but the prices of the top-end models is pretty eye-watering. Looks like I'll be sticking to the bottom range stuff, probably pre-owned and pretty old. I think the 23-year old Kawasaki GPZ500 is a good bike. It's quick, does 55+ mpg and is real easy to work on. The SV650S is a different matter. To get just the airbox off the engine there were 3 electrical connections and 5 pipes – the Kawasaki has none. Anyway,

looking forward to next year's show, if only to get a 2019 calendar with some good bike shots.

### **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, Bridge Street, 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, Merry Lees Spital Road nr Staxton, YO12 4NN

Elaine's Tea Room, Austwick, nr Settle. LA2 8DF



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**'Crims' on Scooters.** (As reported in Dec MCM). I'm not talking about regular guys like Bill Robinson, but those twonks going around the city throwing acid, stealing phones, computers, briefcases from the unwary public. Our Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, has finally decided to back up the police. The 'Met' will have the right to pursue the little twats whether or not they are wearing crash helmets, and they will also be able to use Stingers. If the buggers crash then the police will be given legal protection. A recent addition to the police armoury is the use of DNA Spray, which marks the criminal and whatever they are riding. The DNA Spray becomes visible when subjected to UV light. The Chief of the Met is at last being given the tools to 'Dick' the prick. (Did you get the pun?)

**THE END GAME.** Last Will and Testament: Doug Pender lived all his life in the Florida Keys and is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons, are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and that a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes. When all is ready he begins to speak: "My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses." "My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier." "My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bay side on Blackwater Sound." The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pender, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property." The wife replies, "The asshole had a paper round!"

Advert allegedly in the Cornish Guardian: SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, as well as cosy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelit dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be waiting at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Call 01272 6420 and ask for Annie. I'll be waiting! Over 150 men found themselves talking to the Truro RSPCA.

What did one saggy boob say to the other? We'd better get some support before someone thinks we're nuts.

I'm on a whisky diet. I've lost three days already.

Waiter: 'Tea of coffee, gentlemen?' 1<sup>st</sup> customer: 'I'll have tea please.' 2<sup>nd</sup> customer: 'Me too, and please make sure the cup is clean.' On his return the waiter says, 'Two teas. Who asked for the clean cup?'

One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of chocolates can make you gain five pounds. A man goes to the supermarket and notices a very attractive young woman waving at him. She says, 'Hello.' The man is taken aback as he can't place where he knows her from. So he says, 'Do you know me?' To which she replies, 'I think you're the father of one of my kids.' Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife, and he says, 'Are you the stripper from the stag night that I made love to on the snooker table?' She looks into his eyes and says calmly, 'No, I'm your son's teacher.'

An elderly man in Australia has owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, suitable for swimming, so he fixed it up nicely with picnic tables and some apple and peach trees.



One evening the farmer decided to go down to the pond, and took a bucket with him to pick some fruit. As he neared the pond he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One woman shouted out, 'We're not coming out until you leave.' The farmer frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm just here to feed the crocodile.'

The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read 'Best Deals.' He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading 'Lowest Prices.' The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got a bright idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop, which read, 'Main Entrance.'

Did you know that the finger-print sensor on the I-Phone 5S can be unlocked by a cat's paw? That explains how they manage to upload all their videos to Facebook.

A cabbie picks up a nun. The handsome cabbie won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring. "I have a question to ask, but I don't want to offend you." "My son, when you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm ure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive." "Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me." "Ah. Well, let 's see what we can do about that. 1) You must be single and 2) You must be Catholic." The cabbie is very excited. "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!" "OK. Pull into the next alley." The nun fulfills his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road, the cabbie starts crying. "My dear child, why are you crying?" asked the nun "Forgive me, but I have sinned. I lied and now I must confess. I'm married and I'm Jewish." The nun replies "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."

A woman goes to Italy on a ten-day business trip. Before she leaving she asked her husband if there was a present he wanted her to bring back. "How about an Italian girl?" he laughed. The suggestion was met with a stony silence. Ten days later she returned home and he asked her whether she'd had a good trip. "Yes, it was surprisingly enjoyable," she replied. "And where is my present?" he smiled. "What present?" "The one I asked for – the Italian girl." "Oh that! I did what I could; now we have to wait nine months to see if it's a girl."

A man went into a florist's and asked for a very big bunch of flowers. "How big exactly?" asked the florist. He replied, "Caught in bed with my wife's sister size."

In the course of a blazing row, a wife yelled at her husband: "It just shows how much attention you pay to me; you don't even know that I've been sleeping with your brother for the past two months." The husband replies, "You disgust me!" "As a matter of fact," she replied, "we didn't discuss you at all!"

A man called his wife from hospital and told her that his finger had been cut off on the building site where he worked. "Oh my goodness!" cried the wife, "The whole finger?" "No," he said, "the one next to it."

Driving along a remote country road, a motorist saw a sign that said, "Watch For Fallen Rocks." A few miles further on he spotted a pile of small rocks by the roadside and picked them up, putting them in the boot of his car. When he reached the next town, he took them to the highway maintenance office. Placing them on the counter he said to the official, "Here are your fallen rocks. Now where's my watch?"

Did you hear about the guy whose wife asked him to go into town and buy a baby monitor? He couldn't find one so he bought her an iguana instead.

**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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