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### **CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017**

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#### **Secretary's Ramblings: Please note new home phone number at end of newsletter.**

Thank goodness Christmas is over and life is getting back to some sort of normality. It was a bit of a traumatic time for me and Olwyn; sorry about missing two newsletters. In the run-up to Christmas: Dad having a stroke; Olwyn breaking her left arm in three places (being left-handed); moving house; having a house full of visitors, including 2 labradors, and trying to find 'stuff' in the pile of unpacked boxes. All in all it was a good Christmas and New Year despite the chaos – the chaos helped to take the mind off the lack of preparation for the festive season!

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

**General Club Mtg: Weds 8 February. Speaker for the evening will be David Hunter on the subject of vintage and classic buses.**

**Committee Mtg: Weds 1 March @8pm**

#### **2017**

25/26 Mar	Manchester Bike Show. Event City, Manchester, M41 7TB
26 Mar	BST Begins
2 Apr	Lakeland Motor Museum Classic Drive and Ride In Day LA12 8TA. Free Parking
14 Apr	Good Friday Rideout
18 Apr	Easter Monday Rideout
21/23 Apr	Fat Skeleton Blues and Bikes Weekend, Cadbourne Parva, Lincs. Call Tony on 01507 527835 or Ron on 07737613786
1 May	Bank Holiday Monday Rideout
29 May	Spring Bank Holiday Monday Rideout
11 Jun	Lakeland Motor Museum Classic 300 Classic Car Run
17 Jun	Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show, Ayr Racecourse. KA8 0JE
24/25 Jun	Cock O' The North, Oliver's Mount
1/2 July	National Road Rally. Sponsored by the BMF and the ACU
16 July	National Bikesafe Show. Rockingham Motor Speedway, Corby, NN17 5AF
22/23 Jul	Barry Sheene Race and Rally Festival, Oliver's Mount
11-13 Aug	BMF Dambuster Rally. Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre. Lincs, LN4 4PL
28 Aug	Summer Bank Holiday Monday Rideout
10 Sep	Lakeland Motor Museum Classic Drive and Ride In.
22-24 Sep	Scotland Rally. Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead, Midlothian, EH37 5TX

14 Oct BMF AGM @ The McCleugh Arms, Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway  
29 Oct BST Ends  
?? Nov NEC Motorcycle Live. Date TBD

**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 £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.** Allan Coverdale has Club Badges available at £8 each. These are quality items and will improve the appearance of your jacket/whatever!

#### **Crofton Court Motorcycles Ltd**

**See Steve and crew.**

**Telephone: 01642 601795 / 07881276919**

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**Now has executive rights on Maxxis Motorcycle Tyres in the area.**

**Zontes Motorcycles Dealer**

**Performance Electric MotorBike.** Fenris Motorcycles of Denmark are developing an electric high-performance motorcycle. A prototype of the bike has achieved a top speed of 300 km/h and acceleration from 0-100 km/h in less than 3 secs. The Danes are targeting companies such as Zero, Brammo and Energica who are established in the field. At last a manufacturer is getting close to the kind of performance I'd enjoy having at my wrist, although I think traction control and ABS might be prudent!

**Electric Bike Subsidy Confirmed.** Did you know that from 13 October 2016 the Government announced a £3.75 million subsidy scheme to encourage the take up of zero-emission motorcycles and scooters? Each eligible machine will be discounted by either £1,500 or 20%, whichever is the smaller.

### CLOTHING FOR SALE

**Rukka Water Proofs. One-piece. Size 52. Jacket, Trousers Spats and Glove-covers. Two-tone grey. As new: £100.**

**Wolf Leathers. Jacket 46 inches ( 117 cms). Excellent condition. Trousers Bib and Brace type. 36 inches. The set for £100**

**Akito Cobra Cordura Jacket. Brand New. Nnt worn. Black. Size Medium. Also Nitro Cordura Trousers. Black. Size Small. Jacket and Trousers = £100.**

**Motorcycle Helmet by MDS. Worn twice. (Boxed). Size Large. £25.**

**Boots by Frank Thomas. Black. Size 9. £15**

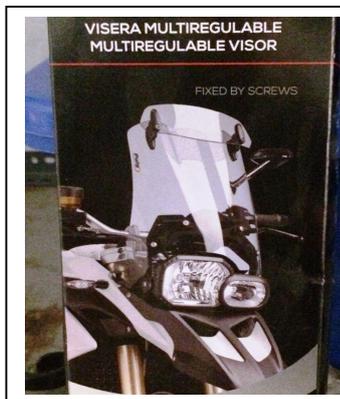
**Gloves by Frank Thomas. Black. Size Large. £5**

**Contact Tony on 07903 693199. Text or Call and negotiate at deal.  
Try the items before you buy. Tony lives in Darlington**

**The Annual General Meeting.** Harry Christie stood down from being the Treasurer after many years of outstanding service. Thank You Harry. We need a Vice Treasurer to back-up Jeff Percival, who took the main post from Harry. Congratulations Jeff and Thank You. Congratulations also to Peter Rochester, who has joined the Committee and will be helping to steer the Club through this year' programme of events.

#### **FOR SALE:**

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



#### **Get Down to the March Meet.**

MSG Bike Gear have a whole load of new stuff, and Joyce and the team from the store will be there to give you the inside info. 2017 is already looking good with a vast range of new motorcycles, and there is a whole load of improved clothing and accessories to go with the bikes. Check it out!

**Dickies on the Road.** Welcome to Dickies, a Lincoln-based company who have long been in the business of making clothing for industry, are now making motorcycle clothing. For information on Dickies products go to: [www.dickiesmotorcycleoutfitters.com](http://www.dickiesmotorcycleoutfitters.com)




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**Computers.** Computers with a fast processors and lots of RAM at great prices. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286. Paul can also do repairs and upgrades.

**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

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**Mobile Phones – again!** What is it with the dorks who can't leave their phones alone when in the car? A recent RAC report reveals that 31% of drivers admit to using a held-held phone at the wheel. It has been illegal since 2003 and yet 12% of users believe it is okay! Since 2010 there has been a 27% reduction in road-policing officers, maybe this has a lot to do with the used of phones?

**Automation Has It's Place ..... but...** Self-drive cars have been in the news of late, mainly due to things not quite working as hoped. A Tesla self-drive car in the USA collided with an articulated lorry, resulting in the death of the car driver. What is not commonly known is of a recent case where a 'Tesla Autopilot' vehicle resulted in the serious injury of a female motorcyclist in Norway. The Tesla was being driven in Autopilot mode and drove into the motorcycle from the rear – the system never identified the rider and bike! Many motorcycling lobbying groups are now questioning just how much testing is done by the manufacturers, what vehicles are being tested against, and who checks the results? In the UK there are no regulations for testing automated vehicles, despite the government wanting UK industry to be world leaders in the field. Drivers are putting far too much reliance on automation, believing that it is better than it really is. Certainly there are parallels with the aviation industry, but the training, checks and balances in aviation are far superior to anything you will find in the motoring world. Automation can be a great boon in reducing workload, but it requires greater vigilance for when the system misses or fails to interpret data correctly and does not alert the user. Self-drive cars? Steer clear of them!

**Want to Bend an Aluminium Tube?** A tip I recently read about in Classic Motorcycle Mechanics – how to bend an aluminium tube without creasing it. Tap each end to take a bolt, or screw in a self-tapper if tube too thin for a bolt. Pack the tube with dry sand, tamp it down to make it really firm and screw in the bolt/self-tapper then rub the area to bend with a dry, hard bar of soap. Turn on the heat. When the area to bend turns black get bending – watch those fingers!

**THE END GAME. Top Tips for Him:** Don't buy expensive ribbed condoms. Just buy ordinary ones and slip a handful of frozen peas inside before putting them on.

Avoid arguments with the missus about lifting the loo seat by simply pissing in the sink. Have all your dumps at work. Not only will you save money on toilet paper but you'll also be getting paid for it.

To spice up your sex-life try a bit of 'rodeo sex'. Take your missus from behind and, holding on tightly to her jugs, call her by the wrong name. See how long you can 'stay mounted'.

Women like silent men; they think they're listening.

**Top Tips for Her.** An empty aluminium cigar tube filled with angry wasps makes an inexpensive vibrator.

Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.

Slimmers – avoid that devilish temptation to nibble at the chocolate bar in the cupboard or fridge by not buying the f\*\*\*ing thing in the first place, you fat b\*\*\*\*\*d!

Men are from earth. Women are from earth. *Deal with it!*

A recent scientific study found that women find different male faces attractive depending on where they are in their menstrual cycle. For example, when a woman is ovulating, she will prefer a man with rugged masculine features. However, when she is menstruating, she prefers a man doused in petrol and set on fire, with scissors stuck in his eye and a cricket stump shoved up his backside.

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me,

work. Try it." Two hours later the man calls the boss and says "I did what you said Boss and I feel

"You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

A man calls his boss one morning and says, "Boss, I can't make it to work today. I have a stomach ache, a headache, and my legs hurt." The boss says, "You know something? I really need you today. When I feel like that I go to my wife and ask for sex. That make everything better and I go to great! I'll be right in to work! And by the way, you have a nice house!"

A very lonely man decides to buy a pet to put some fun in his life. He wanted an unusual pet, and after much deliberation, decided on a centipede (he was also very sad!). He sorted out a nice home for his centipede and decided to go down to the pub with his new pet. He stands in front of his pet – now settled in his new special-purpose box, and says, "Would you like to go down to The Queen's Head for a beer?" There was no answer, so after a few minutes he asked the question again. "How about going down the pub for a drink?" Still no answer, so he puts his face up against the centipede's house and shouts, "Hey, you in there! Would you like to go to the Queen's Head for a drink with me?" A little voice comes out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm still putting on my f\*\*\*ing shoes!"

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a donkey lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this: "Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?" "And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a donkey lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?" Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the Irish accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, replied: "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!" There was dead silence on the line for a moment . . . Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, 'tis certainly true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."

**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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## **The Racing Calendar 2017**

Date	MOTOGP	WSB	BSB
26 Feb		Phillip Island	
12 Mar		Chang, Thailand	
26 Mar	Losail, Qatar		
2 Apr		Aragon	Donington
9 Apr	Argentina		
17 Apr			Brands Hatch Indy Cct
23 Apr	USA. Cct of Americas		
30 Apr		Assen	
1 May			Oulton Park
7 May	Jerez		
14 May		Italy, Ferrari Autodrome	
21 May	Le Mans		
28 May		Donington	
4 Jun	Mugello		
11 Jun	Catalunya		
18 Jun		Misano	Knockhill
25 Jun	Assen		
2 Jul	Sachsenring		Snetterton
9 Jul		Laguna Seca	
23 Jul			Brands Hatch GP Cct
6 Aug	Brno		Thruxton
13 Aug	Austria. Spielberg		
20 Aug		Lausitzring	Cadwell
27 Aug	Silverstone		
10 Sep	Misano		Silverstone
17 Sep		Portugal. Algarve	Oulton Park
24 Sep	Aragon		
1 Oct		Le Mans	Assen
15 Oct	Motegi	TBD	Brands Hatch GP Cct
22 Oct	Phillip Island		
29 Oct	Sepang		
4 Nov		Losail, Qatar	
12 Nov	Valencia		