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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

CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

Secretary's Ramblings. A great April Club meeting, with a most interesting talk by Tim Swales on his life and times as a Speedway rider, promoter and chairman of the national organisation. Tim was very successful, due to his very hard work, determination and dedication. It was a real pleasure to listen to Tim describe his early years in Speedway and his progression through the discipline to become the national chairman.

Rideouts are going well. I managed to get out on Sunday's 30th April and 7th May – the first time in 2 years! I have changed the Sunday morning radio schedule I run every week to Friday evening. Many of the roads were totally new to me – even Seaton Carew and Seaham were places I had never been to! Most of my biking over 50 years has been in 'commuting mode', and I often covered up to 20,000 miles a year travelling to work and meetings. It's a nice change to have some fun biking. The 'Drop-Off System' worked very well, although there was a bit of confusion at Hawes on the first rideout due to another group using the same system and going on a different route! All-in-all a refreshing change to sitting on my bottom in the radio shack then going to garden centre/coffee shop/feeding ducks/whatever! I was totally knackered when I got home from the first rideout – slept very soundly that night!

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Club Mtg: Weds 10 May
Committee Mtg: Weds 5 July @8pm

Meet every Sunday 10:00 at Costa in Yarm during non-Rideout period – October to March.

12/13 May Croft Northern Clubman Road Race
29 May Nineteen Bridges Run. Depart Middlesbrough & District Motor Club, Coulby Manor. 10am
28 May BMF Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting at Squire's Cafe
28 May Sowerby Bridge 4th Annual Classic Bike & Scooter Show @ Shire Cruisers Wharf, HX6 2AG
Car Boot, Childrens fairground, Donkey Rides.
Free Parking.

29 May	<i>Spring Bank Holiday Monday Club Rideout</i>
11 Jun	Lakeland Motor Museum Classic 300 Classic Car Run
17 Jun	Scottish Classic Motorcycle Show, Ayr Racecourse. KA8 0JE
8/9 Jul	Croft Classic Bike Race Meeting
24/25 Jun	Oliver's Mount Cock O' The North
25 Jun	Car Show. Middlesbrough & District Motor Club, Coulby Manor.
1/2 July	National Road Rally. Sponsored by the BMF and the ACU
2 July	Geoff Wright Memorial Run. Middlesbrough & District Motor Club, Coulby Manor. 10am
14-16 July	Yarm Club Rally at Demesne Farm, Bellingham, NE48 2BS. Tel: 01434 220258
15 July	Aske Hall, Richmond. Vintage/Classic Motorcycle Sprint
16 July	National Bikesafe Show. Rockingham Motor Speedway, Corby, NN17 5AF
22/23 Jul	Barry Sheene Race and Rally Festival, Oliver's Mount
5/6 Aug	Croft Nostalgia Festival
5/6 Aug	Cadwell Park 'Count of Cadwell'
11-13 Aug	BMF Dambuster Rally. Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre. Lincs, LN4 4PL
20 Aug	Oliver's Mount National Hill Climb
28 Aug	<i>Summer Bank Holiday Monday Club Rideout</i>
28 Aug	The Moorland Classic – Bikes and Cars. Middlesbrough & District Motor Club.
2/3 Sep	Cadwell Park Reunion Meeting
2/3 Sep	Fryup 2 Day Motorcycle Trial, Woodhead Farm, Great Fryupdale. Info Paul 07776485409
10 Sep	Saltburn Hill Climb
10 Sep	Lakeland Motor Museum Classic Drive and Ride In.
17 Sep	The Beamish Trophy Trial
24 Sep	Teesside Classic Bike Show. Middlesbrough & District Motor Club, Coulby Manor.
22-24 Sep	BMF Scotland Rally. Stair Arms Hotel, Pathead, Midlothian, EH37 5TX
23/24 Sep	Oliver's Mount Steve Hanshaw '67 International Gold Cup Road Race
1/2 Oct	East Yorkshire 2 Day Motorcycle Trial, Flask Inn (A171) between Whitby and Scarborough
8 Oct	Oliver's Mount Bike Hill Climb
8 Oct	Manor House Farm Motorcycle Trial, Manor House Farm, Ruswarp
14 Oct	BMF AGM @ The McCleugh Arms, Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway
15 Oct	Catterick Classic Motorcycle Hill Climb
28/29 Oct	Cadwell Park Sidecar Bash
29 Oct	BST Ends
18-26 Nov	NEC Motorcycle Live. Coach to NEC on Thursday 23 rd November. Depart 06:00!
16 Dec	Christmas Party at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club

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 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 £23, 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!

NEC Coach Trip Deposit. Please pay your £5 deposit to Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for the coach trip to the NEC in November.

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New Camera Vans in Northumbria. Police Northumbria have new camera vans on the streets. Reckoned to be easier to spot, a police spokesperson said "We are not trying to catch people out, we are trying to keep people safe." Pictures are in the May edition of Motorcycle Monthly, which you should get at the May club meeting. For a closer, personal look go like a bat out of hell through Northumbria!



Talking of Speeding. Recent legislation has increased dramatically the level of fines that you can get for speeding. In the old days – like 2 months ago, the maximum fine was 100% of your weekly wage, as well as getting points, possible disqualification, driving test re-take or even jail. The new levels of fines can now range up to 150% of your weekly wage depending on the severity of the offence. For example, doing over 51mph in a 30 zone will incur a Band C fine – the maximum.

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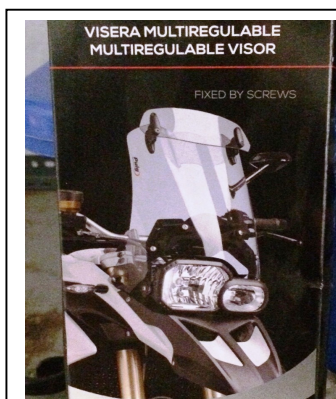
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Vespa Imitator Closed Out (I Paper). A Chinese company has been told it can no longer sell its 'Vespa' imitations in Italy following a ruling by judges in Turin. The ruling is that the design of the Vespa scooter is subject to copyright protection; the first time the Vespa has been recognised in this way.

Following still available:

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



Road Racing Coming Your Way (I Paper). Monaco-style grand prix racing, and other similar events, could soon be hosted in cities across England as new rules come into force allowing motor sports on closed public roads. The changes came into force in mid-April and pave the way for a wide variety of motoring fixtures, from small-scale local events e.g. Saltburn Hill Climb to international races, such as a city-based grand prix.

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**

Paris Ultra-Low Emission Zone. If you wish to ride through Paris between the hours of 08:00 to 20:00 your motorcycle must be registered after 1st June 2000 and must display a Crit' Air sticker. Apply for a sticker at www.certificat-air.gouv.fr. Click on the upper right flag to read the website in English.

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.

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.

The Biker Guide. Want to know more about biker-friendly accommodation, cafes, camping, events and squillions of other things related to biking? Check out www.thebikerguide.co.uk

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, 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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THE END GAME. This month the jokes are courtesy of Albert Higgins. Cheers.

Saturday morning the weather was too bad to play golf. I was bored with nothing to do. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. I opened it to find a young, well dressed man standing there who said: "Hello sir, I'm a Jehovah's Witness. " So I said, "Come in and sit down." I offered him a fresh cup of coffee and asked, "What do you want to talk about?" He said, "Bugged if I know. Nobody's ever let me in before."

Understanding Engineers. Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."
To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!." The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints." Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections." The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline next a recreational area?"

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said one, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, and announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away. One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Why are they called apartments when they are stuck together?

Why is a carrot more orange than an orange? Why do we wait until a pig is dead to cure it?

Why are there five syllables in the word monosyllable? Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle? Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

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
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		