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Tel: 07481 120673 (Secretary)

**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 JULY 2017

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Many thanks must go to the team of the Ridewell Tees Valley training scheme who enlightened us at the June Club meeting with regards to their aim of improving motorcyclists riding skills. Steve Darby, Nick Walker, and Dick McReddie form the team and have impressive CVs relating to motoring, and motorcycling in particular. Steve and Nick are both retired Class 1 Police Riders to VIP Status. Both are qualified advanced riding coaches and are examiners for international advanced riding/driving organisations. Steve was also formerly the force's advanced bike instructor and ACU Off road instructor, with Nick being a former CBT/DAS instructor. Dick has a wealth of experience and is well known within advanced riding groups throughout the region. Dick holds a RoSPA gold qualification, which is recognised as the highest civilian riding standard that can be achieved. He is also an advanced tutor for RoSPA, a national observer, and local observer assessor for the IAM, and he currently holds an IAM Masters qualification. These three guys must be the most qualified motorcyclists I have ever met! We are indeed honoured to have the team in the north east. Further information on what they do and how they do it is covered later in this newsletter.

**Club Barbeque.** August 20 will be the Club BBQ, which is to be held at the Yarm Cricket/Social Club at 3pm. Please give your names to our Chairman, Ken Vidgen, as soon as possible. Menu will cover: Burgers, sausage, chicken, corn, potatoes and salad etc. If you require Gluten Free or Vegetarian food these requirements can be arranged provided you pre-order.

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

**Committee Mtg: Weds 5 July @8pm**  
**Club Mtg: Weds 12 July @ 8pm**

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

29 Jun-2 Jul	Goodwood Festival of Speed. Chichester PO18 0PX
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
<b>14-16 July</b>	<b>Yarm Club Rally at Demesne Farm, Bellingham, NE48 2BS. Tel: 01434 220258</b>
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
<b>23 July</b>	<b>Bikewise at Durham Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham. 10am to 5pm.</b>
<b>4-6 Aug</b>	<b>Withernsea Festival. East Riding.</b>
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
<b>20 Aug</b>	<b>Club BBQ at Yarm Cricket. Names to the Chairman ASAP!</b>
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
<b>24 Sep</b>	<b>North Manchester Custom &amp; Classic Show. Ramsbottom Cricket Club BLO OBS</b>
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 Buccleugh Arms, Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway. DG10 9ET
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 <sup>rd</sup> November. Depart 06:00!
<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Party at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club</b>

**The Club Website.** [www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk](http://www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk). The Club's website has been created by Allan Wren. Your 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 £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.** Pay your £5 deposit to Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for the coach trip to the NEC in November.

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**BMF News.** The BMF's Management Team continues to meet via Skype on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month. Jim Freeman, Chairman. Howard Anderson, Finance. Peter Laidlaw, Membership Services. Anna Zee, Political & Technical Services. Mitch Elliott, Events Development.

There has been a steady stream of clubs re-affiliating at a good rate. In numbers of clubs almost 80% have renewed with a few new clubs too. Individual membership numbers are encouragingly rising, partly due to the Bikesure scheme but there is no room for complacency and all efforts are needed at events, in regions and personal contact to aid recruitment. The BMF Insurance scheme [Bikesure] is still a positive influence in the BMF being kept in a secure financial position.

Highways England. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of The Motorcycle Safety and Transport Policy, produced by the Motorcycle Industry Association and the National Police Chiefs Council last November has been adopted by Highways England. The BMF Facebook page has the facility to accept inputs regarding users requirements from Highways England.

DVSA. Contents of the driving test are being reviewed with a view to making the test more representative for the conditions drivers face today. Motorcycle training is also being reviewed; in particular the route to gaining a full licence. A proposal for extending the first MOT period from 3 to 4 years has been met with some concern by the BMF. Some 17% of vehicles fail the first MOT at 3 years and it is felt that extending to 4 years would result in more potentially more problem vehicles on the road. It was noted that motorcycles are not exempt from the concerns,

especially with worn tyres being a common MOT failure. DVSA have produced a 5-year strategy covering regulations, information, driving instruction, driving test, MOTs and manufacturers. More details on the revised driving test follows further down this newsletter.



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**Ridewell Tees Valley.** The guys at Ridewell Tees Valley provide courses in advanced motor biking through two structured Modules that are tailored to your needs. This is done as follows: Module 1 is 'Day 1' and Module 2 is simply 'Day 2'. The aim of both modules is to look at enhancing your existing riding skills, together with developing new ones that will assist you in making safe progress on your bike whilst allowing your riding to flow, regardless of the type of road that you are riding on,

taking your road riding skills to a whole new level. We'll teach you how to improve your cornering and overtaking skills, along with how to extend your observations to help you plan for these hazards. All of the experience is delivered on the fantastic roads that surround us in the Yorkshire and Durham dales, along with some extended routes through Cumbria.

The objectives for both modules are identical, but the difference between them is in your own development as a rider and the level we deliver at.

Of course, if people wish to, we can still deliver Module 1 & 2 back to back.

We use the police riders' manual; 'Roadcraft' as the foundation for the experience, however, we recognise that this also should reflect some flexibility. We'll also give you an input on science behind the body and how you can remain fit to ride for longer.

This experience will take your road riding to a whole new level. Many who have completed the experience in the past are testament to that.

For further details about developing your riding skills visit the website. Details are on the business card below:



**DVSA Announcement.** The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has confirmed that the driving test in England, Scotland and Wales will change from Monday 4 December 2017. The changes are designed to make sure new drivers have the skills they'll need to help them through a lifetime of safe driving. The changes will only apply to car driving tests to begin with. The 4 driving test changes:

- 1. Independent driving part of the test will increase to 20 minutes.**
- 2. Following directions from a sat nav – provided and set up by the examiner.**
- 3. Reversing manoeuvres will be changed**
- 4. Answering a vehicle safety question while you're driving.**

Further details are provided on the DVSA website.

**DVLA Update.** Did you know that INF188/1 is the guidance for standards of vision for driving cars and motorcycles? Neither did I! Judging by the age of most club members (KOS category\*) then many of us will have some deterioration of vision. If you have a medical condition with your eyes e.g. cataracts, glaucoma etc then it is worth checking the document – read it on the DVLA website, and of course your GP/opthalmist. You can in most circumstances carry on driving if you have only one functioning eye. Whatever condition your eyes are in you must be able to read a number plate at 20 metres, and the police can check this at the roadside if it is suspected that your vision is not up to scratch. (\*aircrew terminology – Knackered Old Shit).

### 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. Not 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**

**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](http://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.**

I was sent to prison and I said to my cell mate, "I won't be in here long." He replied, "Well the judge did give you 6 years." "Yeah I know, but I think my wife will break me out, she's never let me finish a sentence yet.

When I was young, I decided I wanted to be a doctor, so I took the entrance exam to go to Medical School. One of the questions asked was to rearrange the letters "PNEIS" into the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect. Those who answered "spine" are doctors today. The rest of us are doing other stuff.

Buyagra. A stimulant taken before shopping. Increases potency, duration and credit limit of spending spree.

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RAC van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador .." "Blow that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing. I thought she was dead, until I saw the red spot on her forehead and I realised she was just on standby.

**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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