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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 SEPTEMBER 2017

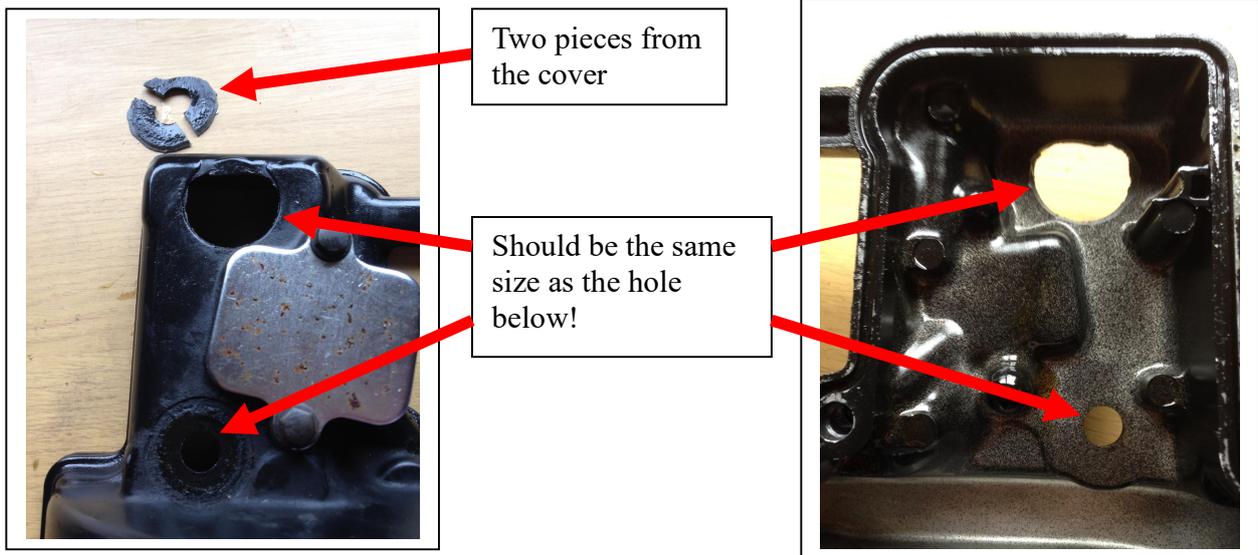
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**Secretary's Ramblings.** Pub Bans Bikers. The Royal Oak at Ulley, near Rotherham, has banned bikers from using its facilities. At the time of going to press, the brewery owners, Samuel Smiths, has not given any reason for the ban other than 'undesirables' are not wanted. It is not known whether the ban applies to just the Royal Oak or all Sam Smiths pubs. Samuel Smiths has recently banned swearing from its pubs – of which there are around 200. The comments on Reddit.com are pretty strong! 'F\*\*\* 'em' is one of the milder statements! One guy had heard a story from a friend where a pub on a popular biking route refused to serve him and his friends because they were "bikers". (About 6 of them, aged between 35 and 50). They weren't even after a beer, just some pub grub. They went back a few weeks later, all dressed up in. The same manager that refused to serve them was on duty again. They ordered food from the menu, and then when the manager brought it out they went "Oh hang on a sec, we're all bikers, we forgot you can't serve us", got up and left! Good move guys. Euan Lawrence, from Black's Solicitors in Leeds, said bikers were not a "protected group" under the Equality Act. "Whilst many people would say 'well in the plain English meaning of the word discrimination then yes it is discrimination'. "But for the purposes of the law and whether or not there is a remedy in respect of that discrimination - the short answer is there is not."

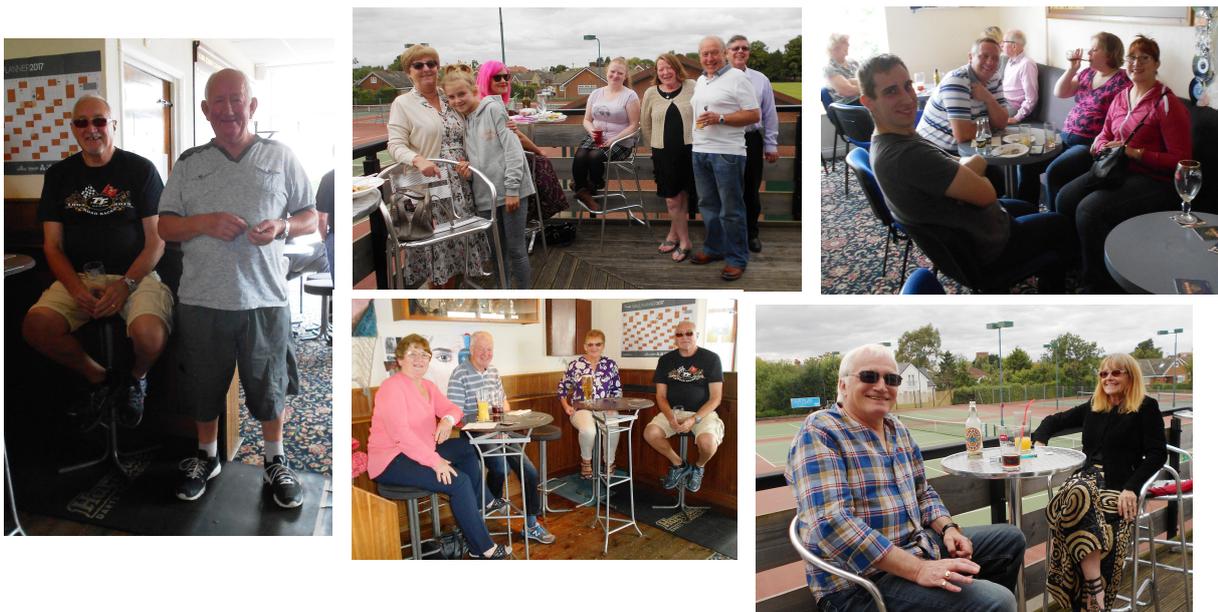
Foggy in Big Crash. While taking part in the Dirt Quake event at the Adrian Flux Arena, Kings Lynn in July, Carl Fogarty had a bit of a crash, resulting in 10 broken ribs, a punctured lung and broken shoulder blade! Foggy had won 5 of 6 heats and was on a roll but things went a bit wonky. Foggy is in good spirits despite the inconvenience; Triumph are probably less so!

GPZ 500S. The little 'Kwacker' is now back on the road and running really well after the bad oil leak the day before I was going to take it on the Bellingham rally. The problem was a large hole in the engine valve cover (cast aluminium), which happened after setting up the valve clearances and carburettor balancing and then tightening the cover down on the gasket. The area around one of the holes for bolting down to the engine had broken into two pieces. Why it happened I am not sure as I used a torque wrench set to the correct value. I possibly got a washer misaligned, or there was a weakness in the cover from previous abuse (I am the 9<sup>th</sup> owner!). I ordered a new cover from Kawasaki

Cornwall as my usual source of spares – Wemoto – didn't have the part listed. Kawasaki Cornwall has a very good website, with incredibly detailed parts diagrams of all the Kawasaki range. The new valve cover had to be ordered from Japan and it arrived eight days later. Kawasaki Cornwall customer service was excellent; keeping me informed of the progress of the order. Pictures below show the damage to the cover. I did think for a moment that I could 'bodge' it but I know it would never be a satisfactory fix. One of the two broken pieces was resting against the No. 2 cylinder exhaust camshaft lobe; luckily there was no damage! Having had the camshafts rebuilt a couple of years ago I would have been a bit miffed to have to go through all that hassle again.



**Club Barbeque.** Great time at the Yarm Cricket Club on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Good company, good food, and plenty of it! Nice bar and friendly staff. Thanks to Ken Vidgen and Roger Barber for organising the event. Thanks must also go to Jeff for the raffle prizes (brilliant leather jacket by the way!) and to Gloria for bending arms and getting the folks to buy tickets. The weather co-operated too so the balcony came in very useful. Few piccies of the boys and girls enjoying themselves – Johnny Angus will have to do some explaining about those shorts to the fashion police!



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

**Committee Mtg: Weds 6 September @8pm**  
**Club Mtg: Weds 13 September @ 8pm**

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

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  
**24 Sep North Manchester Custom & Classic Show. Ramsbottom Cricket Club BLO OBS**  
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.  
**23 Nov Coach to NEC. Depart 06:00! Breakfast at Morrisons S'Mkt enroute.**  
16 Dec Christmas Party at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club

**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 £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 23 November.** Please pay your £5 deposit to Norman Simpson or Allan Coverdale for the coach trip to the NEC in November. Check in with MSG Bike Gear for deal on entry tickets.

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**Stuff from BBC Science and Technology FOCUS magazines:** According to research at Harvard University nasal mucus is full of friendly bacteria that can boost your immunity system when eaten. So folks, get 'pickin' and lickin'! You know it does you good!

A recent study at Stockholm University has found that people who are sleep-deprived are deemed to be less attractive and less healthy than the well rested. You only have to look around the room at a club meeting to know that! I wonder how much that study cost to tell us the bleedin' obvious!

A California 'think tank' has estimated that by 2030 some 95% of cars will be self-driving electric cars. I hope to be around still by then to prove them utterly wrong.

The Machine Intelligence Research Institute of California predicts that by 2060 Artificial Intelligence will be able to do everything better than humans. I'll be dead by then so bollox to it all!

Drexel University in Philadelphia has found that drawing and doodling causes an increase in blood flow in the prefrontal cortex – an area associated with the brain's reward circuit. So, if you see me playing with crayons at the next meeting you know I am building up to something big – like a stupid grin!

Recent studies show that driverless cars may not be able to detect potholes in all weather conditions and so will be forced to crawl along in 'proceed with caution mode.' That means either billions of pounds is needed to be spent on our roads, else the whole country is going to be a bloody mobile (just!) 'car park'.

And it was announced today, 25 August, that trials will begin soon on truck platoons on a motorway to be announced. Be afraid, be very afraid.

#### **For Sale:**

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**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.

#### **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.** A man wakes up in hospital, bandaged from head to foot. The doctor comes in and says 'Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now you probably won't remember, but I'm afraid you were in a pile-up on the motorway.' 'You're going to be OK, you'll walk again, everything seems to be OK, but there is a bit of bad news and I'm going to break it to you as gently as I can. Your Willy was chopped off in the wreck and we were unable to find it.' The bloke groans a bit (as you do) but the doctor goes on, 'We've checked your insurance and you've actually got £9,000 compensation coming to you and the good news is that we have the technology now to build you a new Willy that will work just as well as your old one, better in fact. But the thing is, it doesn't come cheap. It is one thousand pounds an inch.' The bloke perks up a bit at this (as you would.) 'So it's a simple decision,' the doctor says, "You need to decide how many inches you want. But it's something you'd better discuss with your wife. I mean, if you had a five inch Willy before and you decide to go for a nine Willy now, she might be a bit put out. But if you had a nine incher before and you decide only to invest in a five incher now, she might be a bit disappointed. So it's important that you consult with her to help you make the decision.' So the bloke agrees to talk with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day. 'So' he says, 'have you spoken with your wife?' 'I have.' says the chap. 'And has she helped you to make the decision?' 'Yes, she has' he says. 'And what is the decision?' asks the doctor.

'We're having a new kitchen.

Children writing about the ocean.

1. Here is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly, age 6 )
2. Oysters' balls are called pearls. (Jerry, age 6)
3. If you are surrounded by ocean, you are an island. If you don't have ocean all round you, you are incontinent. (Mike, age 7)
4. Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kylie, age 6)
5. A dolphin breathes through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy, age 8)
6. My uncle goes out in his boat with 2 other men and a woman and comes back with crabs. (Millie, age 6).
7. When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William, age 7).
8. Mermaids live in the ocean. I like mermaids. They are beautiful and I like their shiny tails, but how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen, age 6).
9. I'm not going to write about the ocean. My baby brother is always crying, my Dad keeps yelling at my Mom, and my big sister has just got pregnant, so I can't think what to write. (Amy, age 6).
10. Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves in to chargers. (Christopher, age 7)
11. When you go swimming in the ocean, it is very cold, and it makes my willy small. (Kevin, age 6).
12. On vacation my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water fired right up her big fat ass. (Julie, age 7).
13. The ocean is made up of water and fish. Why the fish don't drown I don't know. (Bobby, age 6)

14. My dad was a sailor on the ocean. He knows all about the ocean. What he doesn't know is why he quit being a sailor and married my mom. (James, age 7).

We had a power cut at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad & my new surround sound music system were all shut down. Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead and to top it off it was raining outside, so I couldn't play golf.

I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needs power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a couple of hours. She seems like a nice person.

Tommy Cooper Says. A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only clingfilm for shorts. The shrink says, "Well, I can clearly see you're nuts."

I went to see the butcher the other day and bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high".

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

I went to a seafood disco last week ..... and pulled a muscle.

Guy goes to a doctor, "I've got a cricket ball stuck up my backside." Doctor says, "How's that?"

Man goes to a doctor and says, "I can't stop singing The Green Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" asks the man. "It's not unusual."

Two Eskimos were sitting in a kayak and were very chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

Apparently 1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or dad, or my older brother Colin. Or it could be my younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu. I think it's Colin.

Two fat blokes in a pub. One says to the other, "Your round." The other says, "So are you, you fat bast\*\*d!"

Somebody complimented me on my driving yesterday. They left a note on my windscreen; it said, "Parking Fine." That was really nice of them.

How many mice does it take to screw in a light bulb? Answer: Two. The mystery is how the heck did they get in there in the first place?

**Men!** After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kind of strange. So she decides to do a DNA test. She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents. Wife: "Honey, I have something very serious to tell you." Husband: "What's up?" Wife: "According to the DNA test results, this is not our kid." Husband: "Well you don't remember, do you? When we were leaving the hospital we noticed that our baby had pooped." You said: "Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here." "**So I went inside, left the dirty one there and got a clean one.**"

**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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