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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 (1)

CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

A Message from Rider of the Year – John Peacock. Thank you to everyone involved in choosing me as rider of the year for last year. It was a nice surprise and totally unexpected especially when I think back to some of the dirt track rideouts I've led. The St Mary's Loch trip would have been better by boat....anyway thanks again. The bottle of whiskey went down well. I was wondering why Alan Coverdale was interrogating me about my drinking habits on the last rideout.

Looking forward to the club rides in the spring. I'm sure we can sort out the issues raised at the last meeting regarding the drop off system. Maybe two groups would help to include everyone and probably be a bit safer. It's worth remembering that if you volunteer to lead you don't have to stop. And you're first in the queue at the cafe. John Peacock

Secretary's Ramblings. I note that Motorcycle Monthly staff either read the same BMJ that I do or they've been reading this newsletter. The February issue has just done an article on riding during a full-moon. It doesn't worry me what the moon is doing; if I want to ride then I ride.

Cyclists with high-intensity front lights are beginning to get on my tits! The lights really dazzle when not set right. I just put my headlights on high-beam and keep them there (when it's safe for other road users of course). Sod 'em.. and I bet they ride on the footpath too! I recently shouted at 3 cyclists for going through a red pedestrian crossing light at Yarm Town Hall one Sunday morning; telling them I was with the 'constabulary' (I still had my crash helmet and yellow waterproof jacket on). The cyclists slowed down and apologised – makes a change from getting the usual two-fingers. I still don't trust 'em though.

After a bit effort, I finally got motivated to look up the three major racing series of the year; the compilation is at the end of this newsletter on a separate page so you can nail it to the back of the toilet door as a ready reference. Probably more interesting than the wildlife/supercar/country scenes/bare ladies calendar normally in the private room.

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Club Meeting:	Weds 14 February @ 8pm
Committee Mtg:	Weds 7 March @ 8pm
Club Meeting:	Weds 14 March @ 8pm

Meet every Sunday 10:00 at Osbournes in Yarm High Street 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)

PLEASE CHECK THE EVENT IS STILL ON BEFORE TRAVELLING

2018

3/4 Feb Carole Nash 38th Classic Motorcycle Show at Bath and West Showground
17 Feb Scorton Autojumble
17/18 Feb The Classic Dirt Bike Show @ International Centre, Telford, Shropshire
24 Feb Squires Cafe Autojumble
25 Feb Newark Autojumble
3 Mar Rufforth Autojumble
3/4 Mar Scottish Bike Show, Highland Centre, Edinburgh.
4 Mar Penrith Autojumble at Skirsgill, Pentith, CA11 ODN. 9am to 1pm. Entry £3.50
17 Mar Scorton Autojumble
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 Mar Squires Cafe Autojumble
24/25 Mar Manchester Bike Show
7 Apr Rufforth Autojumble
9 Apr Squires Cafe Bar Easter Egg Run
16 Apr Kilham Bikers Easter Egg Run from Bay Horse. Meet 0900 for 1100 depart.
21 Apr Scorton Autojumble
21/22 Apr Bob Smith Spring Cup Road Races, Oliver's Mount (provisional dates)
22 Apr Ripon Spring Classic Car & Spring Show Autojumble. Ripon Racecourse
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 Apr Squires Cafe Autojumble
28-30 Apr MAG Rally at Home Farm Barns, Sledmere, YO25 3XG.
29/30 Apr Oliver's Mount Festival of Speed. Hill Climb
5 May Rufforth Autojumble
12/13 May Auto 66 Championship, Croft Circuit
19 May Scorton Autojumble
19 May Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale. Party time.
19/20 May Carole Nash Festival of Motorcycling at Peterborough Arena.
26 May Squires Cafe Autojumble
28 May Ripley Castle Yorkshire Classic Vehicle Show & Land Rover display
28 May Classic Bike and Scooter Show, The Wharf, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2AG
2 Jun Rufforth Autojumble
6 Jun Lincoln Bike Fest, Brayford Waterfront, Lincoln
16 Jun Scorton Autojumble
23 Jun Squires Cafe Autojumble
23/24 Jun Cock O' the North Road Races. Oliver's Mount
7 Jul Rufforth Autojumble
7/8 Jul National Road Rally. Bmf.co.uk
18-25 Jul Lincolnshire Bike Week
21 Jul Scorton Autojumble
21-29 Jul Scarborough Bike Week (provisional date)

28 Jul	Squires Cafe Autojumble
3-5 Aug	MAG Yorkshire Pudding Rally at Escrick Park nr York
4 Aug	Rufforth Autojumble
9-12 Aug	Bulldog Bash. Shakespeare County Racecourse
12 Aug	Raby Castle Vehicle Show
17-19 Aug	BMF Dambuster Rally
18 Aug	Scorton Autojumble
25 Aug	Squires Cafe Autojumble
26/26 Aug	Croft Battle of Britain Car & Bike Races, Croft Circuit
26 Aug	Ripon Summer Classic Car & Bike Show
1 Sep	Rufforth Autojumble
2 Sep	Festival of 1000 Classic Cars & North West Classic Motorcycle Show (provisional date) at Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire
7-9 Sep	Goodwood Reviva
15 Sep	Scorton Autojumble
22/23 Sep	The 68 th Steve Henshaw International Gold Cup. Oliver's Mount
22/23 Sep	MCN Ally Pally Show and Supersprint
29 Sep	Squires Cafe Autojumble
6 Oct	Rufforth Autojumble
7 Oct	Oliver's Mount Bike Hill Climb
20 Oct	Scorton Autojumble
27 Oct	Squires Cafe Autojumble
3 Nov	Rufforth Autojumble
17 Nov	Scorton Autojumble
Nov	Motorcycle Live at the NEC
Nov	Coach Trip to NEC
24 Nov	Squires Cafe Autojumble
15 Dec	Yarm Motorcycling Club Christmas Party, Eaglescliffe Golf Club (prov date)
15 Dec	Scorton Autojumble
1 Dec	Rufforth Autojumble

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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 2018

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 £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.
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Is It Me or Have My Tools Got a Mind of Their Own? The Phillips screwdriver has proved very useful for punching through foil lids on oil and grease canisters while at the same time ensuring that oil/grease gets all over my clothes. It's also very good at rounding off Phillips screwheads. And as for the Stanley knife, I now have a collection of hoses that have been cut too short! Is it me? Mustn't forget the tweezers, which are good for getting wood splinters out of my fingers after using a broom handle to 'move' the down pipes on the Kawasaki so that I can get the oil filter off/on. Which reminds me, I must buy a new broom handle before Olwyn notices the broom is missing!

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.

ULEV & Motorcycles. The Government is still subsidising the purchase of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles until 2020 e.g. electric motorcycles. The subsidy is 20% of the purchase price, up to a maximum of £1500. It still leaves e-bikes very expensive in comparison to fossil-powered machinery.

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Autonomous Vehicles. A brief description of the six levels of Autonomous Driving:

Level 0: This one is pretty basic. The driver (human) controls it all: steering, brakes, throttle, power. It's what you've been doing all along.

Level 1: This driver-assistance level means that most functions are still controlled by the driver, but a specific function (like steering or accelerating) can be done automatically by the car.

Level 2: In level 2, at least one driver assistance system of "both steering and acceleration/ deceleration using information about the driving environment" is automated, like cruise control and maintaining lane-centre. It means that the "driver is disengaged from physically operating the vehicle by having his or her hands off the steering wheel AND foot off pedal at the same time." The driver must still always be ready to take control of the vehicle, however.

Level 3: Drivers are still necessary in level 3 cars, but are able to completely shift "safety-critical functions" to the vehicle, under certain traffic or environmental conditions. It means that the driver is still present and will intervene if necessary, but is not required to monitor the situation in the same way it does for the previous levels. Jim McBride, autonomous vehicles expert at Ford (USA), said "the biggest demarcation is between Levels 3 and 4." He is focused on getting Ford straight to Level 4, since Level 3, which involves transferring control from car to human, can often pose difficulties. "We're not going to ask the driver to instantaneously intervene—that's not a fair proposition," McBride said.

Level 4: This is what is meant by "fully autonomous." Level 4 vehicles are "designed to perform all safety-critical driving functions and monitor roadway conditions for an entire trip." However, it's important to note that this is limited to the "operational design domain (ODD)" of the vehicle—meaning it does not cover every driving scenario.

Level 5: This refers to a fully-autonomous system that expects the vehicle's performance to equal that of a human driver, in every driving scenario—including extreme environments like dirt roads that are unlikely to be navigated by driverless vehicles in the near future.

Still feeling ok about the future? Level 2 vehicles are becoming more common, but the jump to Level 3 is something of a scary proposition; even the experts are concerned. Imagine what it must be like for insurance companies to determine how to set up the necessary formulae to identify risks in what will be mixed traffic environments, even at Level 5. At the BMF meeting two days ago (27 Jan) a possible solution was discussed (not the solution many will find acceptable).



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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 Road.
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. The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial - strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surfaces, like a grass path." "Gentlemen, remember you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both." The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand. "Yes?" said the Instructor. "I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag?"

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walked into a bar and ordered three mugs of Bud. He sat in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finished them, he came back to the bar and ordered three more. The bartender approached and told the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time." The cowboy replied, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself." The bartender admitted that this was a nice custom, and left it there. The cowboy became a regular in the bar, and always drank the same way. He ordered three mugs and drank them in turn. One day, he came in and only ordered two mugs. All the regulars took notice and fell silent. When he came back to the bar for the second round, the bartender said, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The cowboy looked quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawned in his eyes and he laughed. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explained. "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

A husband and wife went to the check-in desk of a budget airline. "Do you have reservations?" asked

the clerk. "Of course we have reservations," said the man, "but we are flying with you anyway."

An elephant and a camel were chatting one day. The elephant asked, "Why are your tits on your back?" "I don't know," said the camel. "Why is your dick on your face?"

Six wise, blind elephants were discussing what humans were like. Failing to agree in any way, they decided to determine what humans were like by direct experience. So using their sense of smell, the six blind elephants managed to locate a human who was tending to his crops on the outskirts of a village. The first blind elephant felt the human and declared: "Humans are flat." The other five elephants, after similarly feeling the human, agreed.

A giraffe was visiting a waterhole in Africa when he spotted a frog. "Hey," he said to the frog, "you've got no neck!" The frog said, "Why would I need a neck like yours?" The giraffe replied, "With a neck like mine you could enjoy life to the full. You see, when I eat something, it takes so long to go down that I enjoy it all the way. I can savour every second. When I drink fresh water, I can feel it going from my lips to my stomach for ages; it adds extra quality to my life." The frog replied, "You've obviously never thrown up then!"

Foxgloves are worn by foxes to avoid leaving fingerprints when killing chickens

A male charity collector knocked on a woman's front door and asked her if she had any old beer bottles. She was highly indignant. "Do I look as if i drink beer?" The collector looked at her and said, "Okay, have you got any vinegar bottles?"

The England national soccer team were meeting ahead game in Germany. David Beckham asked the coach, "Where is Michael Owen?" The coach replied, "He's gone to get a tetanus injection." "Oh," said David. "I might just get a new car myself while I'm here."

Victoria and David Beckham were getting ready to attend a glittering awards ceremony when she turned to him and said, "Does this tampon make me look fat?"

Why is David Beckham like a Ferrero Rocher chocolate? They both come in a posh box. How do we know that woodpeckers are smarter than chickens? Ever heard of Kentucky Fried Woodpecker?

A chicken walked over to a duck standing at the side of the road. The chicken said, "Don't do it pal. You'll never hear the end of it!"

Waking up on the eve of her birthday, a woman said to her husband, "I just had a dream that you gave me the most beautiful diamond necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tomorrow," he said with a smile. The woman could hardly think of anything else all day and couldn't wait for the following morning to arrive. As she sat up in bed on her birthday, her husband handed her a beautifully wrapped small package. She opened it excitedly to find a book entitled *The Meaning of Dreams*.

Moshe was sitting at the bar staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig and menacingly says, thanks Jew Boy, whatcha going to do about it?" Moshe burst into tears. Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying. What's your problem?" "This is the worst day of my life," Moshe says. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot my car had been stolen and I don't insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the postman and then my dog bit me." "So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink; drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! "But enough about me, how's your day going?

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: brian.burke2@btopenworld.com 01325 722660. Mobile 07481 120673.

The 2018 Racing Calendar

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
25 Feb		Phillip Island	
18 Mar	Qatar		
25 Mar		Thailand	
2 April			Donington
8 April	Argentina		
15 April		Aragon	Brands Hatch
22 April	Texas	Assen	
6 May	Jerez		
7 May			Oulton Park
13 May		Imola	
20 May	Le Mans		
27 May		Donington	
3 Jun	Mugello		
10 Jun		Brno	
17 Jun	Catalunya		Snetterton
24 June		Laguna Seca	
1 July	Assen		
8 July		Rimini	Knockhill
15 July	Sachsenring		
22 July			Brands Hatch
5 Aug	Brno		Thruxton
12 Aug	Austria		
19 Aug			Cadwell
26 Aug	Silverstone		
7 – 9 Sep			Silverstone Triple Header
9 Sep	Misano		
16 Sep		Portimao	Oulton Park
23 Sep	Aragon		
30 Sep		Magny Cours	Assen
7 Oct	Thailand		
12 – 14 Oct			Brands Triple Header
14 Oct		Argentina	
21 Oct	Motegi		
27 Oct		Qatar	
28 Oct	Phillip Island		
4 Nov	Sepang		
18 Nov	Valencia		