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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 MAY 2018

Secretary's Ramblings. After whizzing around on the Kawasaki in the slush and road-crap I very carefully washed it down in cold water and oil/greased the usual places. Three days later I was unable to get the bike off its centre stand due to the front and rear brakes seizing on to the discs! I had to take the calliper mounting bolts out and hammer (rubber!) the callipers off the discs! Makes me wonder why I bothered to wash the bike. Bit of a waste of washing up liquid and elbow grease! Anyway, after cleaning the calipers they are ok again. I had a similar problem with the Suzuki but not so severe; I just started the engine, put the bike in gear and, with plenty of throttle, set off and freed the brakes ... similar to what one does in a car anyway! Moral of the story is don't bother with the centre stand?

New Cafe. I have just received notice of a new cafe opening up at Riding Mill in Northumberland. Called 'The Station Coffee House', it is situated next to the rail station, where there is plenty of parking and is next door to a pub. Riding Mill is south of Corbridge. Post code NE44 6JD. Tel 07790 421862. Information will be repeated in this newsletter under 'Bike Meets'.

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Committee Mtg: **Weds 2 May @ 8pm**
Club Meeting: **Weds 9 May @ 8pm**
Club Meeting: **Weds 13 June @ 8pm**

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

2018

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
14/15 July	7 th Annual Roxby Heritage Weekend at Fox Inn nr Staithes, TS13 5BB. Classic Bikes, Cars, Traction Engines, Trade and Craft engines. Contact Alison Potter 07813 333423
15 July	BMF Region 2 Annual Regional Meeting at Squires Cafe, Sherburn in Elmet
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 at Thorpe Camp, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire. £15 for the weekend
18 Aug	Scorton Autojumble
19 Aug	Yarm Motorcycling Club BBQ at Yarm Cricket Club
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 Revival
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
17-25 Nov	Motorcycle Live at the NEC
22 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC
24 Nov	Squires Cafe Autojumble
1 Dec	Rufforth Autojumble
15 Dec	Yarm Motorcycling Club Christmas Party, Eaglescliffe Golf Club
15 Dec	Scorton Autojumble

DO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE TRAVELLING

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.** 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/t-shirt/underpants/whatever!



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Ride-Out Programme. The Ride-Out season has started, with some 17 riders turning out for the first run. There are Ride-Outs every Sunday and on public holidays; the table below gives the dates. For June 24th and another date to be announced, the ride-outs are planned to be for 12 hours: 09:00 to 21:00, taking advantage of the light-nights and hopefully warmer weather.

Public Holidays/12-hr Ride
7 May May Day
28 May Spring Bank Holiday
24 June 12-Hour Ride
TBA 12-Hour Ride
27 Aug Summer Bank Holiday
28 Oct BST/Ride-Outs End

Some possible Ride-Out Destinations:

Roseberry Topping
Transporter Bridge
New Bridge over the Wear at Sunderland
'Tommy' at Seaham
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Autonomous Vehicles – It's Time to Carry Spare Underwear. Is your Will Up to Date? An investigation into the autonomous Uber car killing a woman in the street in Arizona continues. Although it is early days, it is believed that the software on the vehicles had been altered to leave a sanitised area around the vehicle, where pedestrians could not be detected. Anyway, more news will be forthcoming when it is made public.

Trouble in California. Blame for an autonomous car crashing into a motorcycle has been placed on the lane-splitting rider (filtering), despite the fact that it is legal in California. It's not the first crash involving an autonomous vehicle and not the first where a motorcycle was not detected by autonomous vehicle sensors. It also comes as a US panel of motorcycle industry experts has claimed autonomous vehicles will "kill off" motorcycles. The Californian incident occurred in San Francisco on December 7, 2017, when a Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicle in autonomous mode changed lanes and hit a lane-splitting (filtering) Honda Sport 90. According to any accident report with the California Department of Motor Vehicles the Bolt started changing lanes from the centre of three lanes to the left. It then detected a closing gap and moved back into its lane and hit the bike which had lane split into

the gap. The Bolt was being tested in autonomous mode by a driver for Cruise Automation. It was travelling at 12mph (about 20km/h) and the Honda at about 17mph (27km/h), the crash report says. The rider was unhurt, exchanged information with the driver and contacted 911 to report the accident as required. **Blame game. Surprisingly, the police claimed the rider was at fault, despite the fact that lane splitting is legal in the USA.** Cruise Automation, owned by powerful General Motors, claimed the rider "merged into our lane before it was safe to do so". Police accepted the GM claim saying the rider was "attempting to overtake and pass another vehicle on the right under conditions that did not permit that movement in safety". Interestingly, Cruise Automation reported 14 crashes between September and November this year while testing in San Francisco. This is the first involving a motorbike. The incident deepens the controversy of autonomous vehicles, their testing, the legal ramifications and the danger posed to motorcycle riders. What is of most concern is that the police sided with a major car company over an individual rider, even though he was performing a legal manoeuvre at slow speed. Motorcycles seem to be overlooked in the mad rush to test and introduce autonomous self-driving vehicles.

There's More! A traffic accident in Norway, involving a Model S with Autopilot engaged, two other vehicles, and a motorcycle, has prompted questions as to whether testing of Tesla's Autopilot system sufficiently took into account two-wheeled vehicles. This follows recent official tests in Germany that characterized this feature as a "traffic hazard." The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), in co-ordination with the Koninklijke Nederlandse Motorrijders Vereniging (KNMV) and the Motorrijders Actie Groep Nederland (MAG NL) motorcycle clubs, has issued a formal letter to the Dutch vehicle authority RDW inquiring whether testing procedures of autonomous vehicles take into account two-wheelers. Similar action had been undertaken earlier by the Norwegian riders' organization NMCU, directing questions towards the transport minister, Ketil Solvik-Olsen, and Tesla co-founder and CEO, Elon Musk. This was sparked by an accident on the E18 road to Drammen, Norway, where a Tesla Model S with Autopilot engaged rear-ended and seriously injured a female motorcyclist on July 27. The reason for this action taking place in the Netherlands has to do with EU policy. Any manufacturer wanting to import a vehicle into the EU needs only to obtain a European whole vehicle type approval in one member state; this documentation is then automatically valid throughout the Union. Tesla obtained it by the RDW, hence the involvement of local motorcyclist organizations, and the country's vehicle authority being the primary recipient of the letter. According to FEMA, it had reached out via email to the RDW on the same subject in March, without ever receiving a response. For motorcyclists the problem is the lack of evidence that Tesla's self-driving hardware and software were developed in tests that included motorcycles. Instead, actual events seem to be proving otherwise, as the two Dutch organizations, KNMV and MAG NL, are claiming knowledge of a number of other accidents or near-accidents directly tied to Tesla's Autopilot. Merely a week before the FEMA letter, a small scandal was unfolding in Germany after the magazine *Der Spiegel* published a previously unseen report from the Federal Highway Research Institute (BASt) on the Tesla Model S Autopilot. The German tests had started as soon as the first fatal accident involving the system was reported in May in the US. With an estimated 3,000 Tesla Model S cars sold in Germany, the authorities were understandably obliged to look deeper into the matter. After many thousands of kilometers of testing, BASt reportedly concluded that Autopilot represents a significant traffic hazard. Judging that it was not designed for complex urban traffic situations, the report declared that the car's sensors are too short-sighted to cope with the reality of German motorways. The federal agency in charge of motor transport evaluated the research institute's results and responded swiftly, proposing that the government provisionally suspend Tesla's type approval. Although this didn't happen, German Model S owners are reported to have received official federal correspondence urging them to remain vigilant while the Autopilot system is engaged. The question posed by *Der Spiegel* to the German transport minister Alexander Dobrindt asking why he knowingly – according to the magazine – ignored the report, is very similar to the one that FEMA is asking the Dutch authorities. Actually its letter contains a series of queries, culminating to

the final question that sums it all up: why a car equipped with advanced safety elements that may be insufficiently tested was allowed on public roads?

Bike Meets:

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| 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
The Station Coffee House, Riding Mill, Northumberland, NE44 6JD |

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THE END GAME. More jokes from some good friends at home and abroad.

Terry goes to a female dentist to have a tooth extracted. As she produced a large syringe to give him anesthetic shot, Terry protested, "Sorry, no way, no needles! I just hate needles!" So she started to hook up the nitrous oxide tank, but again he said, "No, no, I can't do the gas thing either. Just the thought of having a mask on my face suffocates me!" The dentist then asked if he had any objections to taking pills. "No problem at all," he said, "I'm fine with pills." So the dentist gave him two little blue

pills which he swallowed. "What are those?" he asked. "Viagra," she replied casually. "I'll be damned," said Terry, "I didn't know Viagra worked as a pain killer." "Actually it doesn't," said the dentist, "But it will give you something to hold on to when I pull your tooth out."

Billy was at school this morning and the teacher asked all the children what their fathers did for a living. All the typical answers came out, fireman, policeman, salesman, chippy, captain of Industry etc, but Billy was being uncharacteristically quiet. And so the teacher asked him about his father. "My father is an exotic dancer in a gay club and takes off all his clothes in front of other men. Sometimes if the offer is really good, he'll go out with a man, rent a cheap hotel room and let them sleep with him." The teacher quickly set the other children some work and took little Billy aside to ask him if that was really true. "No" said Billy, "Actually he plays cricket for Australia but I was just too embarrassed to say."

A couple's house was plagued by an infestation of flies. After the husband went round with a fly-swatter she asked him if he's managed to kill any. "Yes", he replied. "I got 6 flies; four males and two females." "How can you tell," asked his wife. "Four were on a beer can and two were on a phone."

An aircraft was experiencing engine trouble and the captain instructed the cabin crew to get the passengers sat down and to prepare for an emergency landing. After a few minutes the captain asked the cabin crew if the passengers were buckled in and ready. "All set back here captain," replied the head steward, "except the lawyers are passing round business cards."

Only the other day I was thinking to myself: "Why is that Frisbee getting bigger and bigger?" And then it hit me!

The five words a woman wants to hear during sex: "I will always love you." The five words a man wants to hear during sex: "You can put it anywhere."

A couple stopped at a service station on the M1 for breakfast. They bought two cooked breakfasts, two coffees and two doughnuts. At the checkout the husband pulled out his wallet and realised he only had a £50 note. The cashier said, "That's alright. Just put the 2 doughnuts back."

The UK Government has developed a new weapon that destroys people but leaves buildings standing. It's called the Stock Market.

A woman answers the door to find a workman standing on the porch and carrying a box of tools. "I'm the piano tuner," he announced. "But I didn't send for a piano tuner." "I know, but your neighbours did."

Did you hear about the woman who could only compose music in $\frac{3}{4}$ time? She had waltz timers disease.

If all the cars in England were lined up end to end it would probably be a Bank Holiday

How do you join the police? You handcuff them together.

Do you know of another use for multi-purpose compost apart from growing plants in it?

Does a shepherd get a staff discount?

If actions speak louder than words, why can you not hear mime artists?

Persistent truants: When will they ever learn?

Why does Aspirin come with a child-proof cap, yet bullets come in a cardboard box?

Wouldn't it be ironic if everybody went blind in the year 2020?

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 2018 Racing Calendar

Date	MotoGP	WSB	BSB
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		Thruxtion
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		