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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 AUGUST 2018

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**Secretary's Ramblings.** After what has seemed such a long time, it is good to be back home and doing familiar things ... well nearly. We now have George (Joanna's Labrador) with us again, while she is enjoying a summer break in Colorado 'running with donkeys'. I thought I was guilty of dong bonkers stuff but Joanna is way ahead. Having won several 'Man Versus Horse' challenges in California this latest venture by Joanna opens another challenge on her bucket list. I'm only telling you this so that you know being bonkers 'runs in the family.' In 'Man versus Horse' it is a straight race against a horse over 50 miles, and Joanna wins no problem. In 'Running with Donkeys' it is necessary to stay with your allotted donkey; it just gets more bonkers. Oh well, good luck kid.

**Barbeque.** The club Summer BBQ will be on Sunday 19 August at the Yarm Cricket Club. Start time is 3pm. Don't forget to wear the new shirt with the club logo and 25 Years embroidered alongside. See you there.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts.** Shirts are now available for collection. There is a small surcharge to pay on collection - £2.25 for collared shirt and quite a bit less for a tee-shirt. Please bring sufficient change on Wednesday night

**NEC Coach Trip.** Will take place on 22 November. As usual, departure will be at 6 a.m. from Yarm Town Hall, with breakfast enroute at Morrison's. Get your name down early! Norman Simpson is ready to take your money; see him at the next club meeting.

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

<b>Club Meeting:</b>	<b>Weds 8 Aug @ 8pm</b>
<b>Committee Mtg:</b>	<b>Weds 5 Sep @ 8pm</b>
<b>Club Meeting:</b>	<b>Weds 12 Sep @ 8pm</b>

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

## **2018**

3-5 Aug	MAG Yorkshire Pudding Rally at Escrick Park nr York
4 Aug	Rufforth Autojumble
9-12 Aug	Jack Fowler Racing IOM
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
18-31 Aug	Jack Fowler Racing Manx Grand Prix
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 <sup>th</sup> Steve Henshaw International Gold Cup. Oliver's Mount
22/23 Sep	MCN Ally Pally Show and Supersprint
29 Sep	Squires Cafe Autojumble
6-7 Oct	Jack Fowler Racing Donington Park
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
<b>15 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Party, Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Assemble 1230 for 1pm start.</b>
15 Dec	Scorton Autojumble

## **2019**

**15 – 17 Feb New BMF Rally: T++he Crunchy Sleeping Bag Rally, Heneage Arms, Lincolnshire.**

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**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 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.**

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**Ride-Out Programme.** There are Ride-Outs every Sunday and on public holidays; the table below gives the dates.

<b>Public Holidays</b>
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  
Penshaw Monument  
Angel of the North

**The Tour to Poland – and Other Places.** Sometime in the New Year it was suggested by Bob Slosarczyk (Polish Bob) that the club should do a run to Poland over 2 weeks, taking in the sights, sounds and culture of the country. Before too long we had a definite six ready to do the trek and planning began almost immediately.

The six members were: Polish Bob on BMW F800; Bob Arnett on Africa Twin 1000; Bob 'the builder' McAlpine on Triumph Tiger XCx; Barrie Nicol on Yamaha Tracer MT09; Chris Simpson (a friend of Barry's from Cumbria) on Africa Twin 1000cc, and myself, Brian Burke on a 1995 Kawasaki GPZ 500S Twin. (I did have the choice of using the SV650S but the riding position is too extreme for touring).



Bob Arnett, Barrie Nicoll, Chris Simpson, Polish Bob, Brian Burke, Bob McAlpine

The Ferry from Hull was booked for 11 June for the overnight run to Amsterdam Europort. Accommodation in Germany was booked for the Tuesday evening near Leipzig. Aim was to arrive at Bielsko Biala early Tuesday evening, which would be our base for the duration of our stay in Poland.

We departed from the car park behind the Victoria Pub, Yarm Road, Stockton at around 1610. The aim was to be at the ferry for 1900. Under the leadership of Bob Arnett we headed out of Stockton for the Stokesley – Helmsley 'TT' run then via Beverley to Hull. After a fuel top-up and cuppa we went to join the ferry. On arrival not a single vehicle was in sight! Everyone and everything was loaded and we were just in time to get on the boat. It all happened pretty quickly and slickly and after checking out the accommodation, we were soon in the bar (where else?). The ferry chugged off at 8:15, by which time some of us were on our second pint. Dinner in the restaurant was £22, or one could slum it in Starbucks. Naturally we 'slummed it'! A bottle of Corona and an egg buttie was £7:50.



Bob, Bob and Bob enjoying a pint on the ferry

After that some of us went to the Irish Bar, where Guinness was £4.20, and there was a good band playing/singing up-to-date stuff. Total mileage to date was 103.

The morning came all too quick and after breakfast we were away from the ferry by 0900. As no route seemed to be agreed we must have spent some 30 minutes heading on all compass points before we eventually settled on heading east'ish. Two of the team (Barrie and Chris) had planned to head south-east into the Czech Republic to stay in Padderborn and Prague before meeting up at the Polish base camp. Once a new route was sorted the remaining four of us blasted along the autobahns to make an Ibis Hotel near Leipzig before nightfall. The Autobahns were extremely busy and as expected, traffic in the outside lane was travelling at 'warp-factor' snot. At one point I got to over 120mph but couldn't catch a Mercedes; anyway I had hit top-speed on the '500. We did come across queues at some roadworks although most cars moved over to allow us to pass by. At about 7pm we arrived at the designated night stop, only to be told that there was no booking recorded for us! The miserable old git behind reception proved to be completely unhelpful. I can only assume that sometime in the past his wife (if he ever had one) had been made pregnant by a Doberman Pinscher and then run off with the result to have a happier life. Although we wanted to burn the miserable shit's place down we decided to look for alternative accommodation. After nearly 2 hours of going in all directions we eventually stumbled across a decent hotel for E130 for a 2-man room. It was too late to get food but a couple of pints of the local ale helped to stave off the hunger until breakfast. Mileage covered today was 489 (planned 424).

In the morning the plan was to head south-east, more or less direct to Bielsko-Biala, rather than follow the main route which took us a more easterly. It did mean a few more miles on 'back-roads' but the roads were more interesting. After a really good breakfast we set off for the Polish border just after 8am. It was soon back into the rat-race of the autobahn although we were getting old hands at it

now. Before the Polish border there was a total blockage of the east-bound carriageway west of Dresden. We were very fortunate to be able to peel-off at the last exit before the holdup. After a few miles we had circumvented the hold-up and we were soon blasting on our way to the Polish border. One could see Polish Bob's spirits lift as we crossed into Poland! Soon we headed south-east and headed towards our destination of Bielsko-Biala. This route was more backroads than main roads but nevertheless gave us a good insight into the kinds of roads we would be riding over the next week or so. Heading south-east for what seemed an eternity we came to a really nice restaurant. After a good hour or so, where we ate our fill, it was time to press on to our destination. It was getting a bit late when we eventually rolled up at the camp sight at 21:15. The thought of a beer soon cheered us up and after sorting beds etc we had time for beer – just 5 Zlotys (£1) for a half litre. The accommodation was in a wooden chalet, and we could park our bikes outside; just the job.

To be continued next month.

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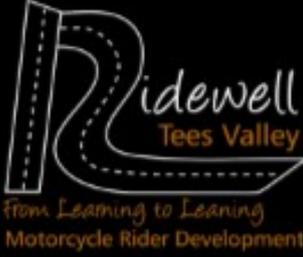
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**Bike Meets:**

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

A mother-in-law stopped by unexpectedly the recently married couple's house. She knocks on the door, then immediately walks in. She is shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. "What are you doing?" she asked. "I'm waiting for Jeff to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered. "But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed. "This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained. "Love dress? But you're naked!" "Jeff loves me to wear this dress! It makes him happy and it makes me happy." The mother-in-law on the way home thought about the love dress. When she got home she got undressed, showered, put on her best perfume and expectantly waited for her husband, lying provocatively on the couch. Finally her husband came home. He walked in and saw her naked on the couch. "What are you doing?" he asked. "This is my love dress," she replied. "Needs ironing," he says "Now, what's for dinner?"

Members from the Halcyon Landing Retirement Home had an outing to the cinema one afternoon, and Mary found herself sitting beside Zach, still a dashing old fellow, even in his early 80s. As the lights fell and the movie started, Mary leaned in next to Zach and said "If you undo your fly I'll hold your thing in my hand." "Thanks, but Naomi already has that covered," Zach said. "Naomi," Mary hissed. "What does she have that I don't have?" Zach grinned and said "Parkinson's."

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her for a while ... then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K." She asks ... "What does that mean?" He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot. She smiled happily and

said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... What about I, J, K?" He said, "I'm Just Kidding!" The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his testicles.

Whilst staying overnight in an hotel, David a friend of mine took his computer down to the bar to do some work. Sitting down at the bar he asked the bartender: 'What's the *wifi* password?' **Bartender:** You need to buy a drink first. **David:** OK, I'll have a beer. **Bartender:** We have Old Peculiar on tap. **David:** OK. How much is that? **Bartender:** £8.00. **David:** Ok. Here you are. Now, what's the *wifi* password?..**Bartender:** youneedtobuyadrinkfirst No spaces and all lowercase.

My Dear husband: I'm writing this letter to tell you that I'm leaving you. I've been a good wife to you for the last 20 years & I have nothing to show for it, and the last 2 weeks have been hell. Your boss called to tell me that you left your job today which was the last straw. Last week, you came home & you didn't even notice I had a new hairstyle, had cooked your favourite meal & even wore a brand new nightie. You ate in 2 minutes, & went straight to sleep after watching your TV soaps. You don't tell me you love me anymore; you don't want sex or anything that connects us as husband & wife. Either you're cheating on me or you don't love me anymore; whatever the case, I'm gone. Your EX-Wife. Don't try to find me. Your BROTHER & I are moving to New Zealand together! Have a great life! **REPLY:** Dear Ex-wife, Nothing has made my day more than receiving your letter. It's true you & I have been married for 20 years, although a good woman is a far cry from what you've been. I watch TV soaps so much because they drown out your constant whining & bitching. Too bad that doesn't work any more. I DID notice when you got a hair do last week, but the 1st thing that came to mind was 'You look just like a boy!' Since my father raised me not to say anything, if you can't say something nice, I didn't comment.....and when you cooked my favourite meal, you must have got me confused with MY BROTHER because I haven't eaten prawns for 7 years. About the new nightie: I turned away from you because the \$299.99 price tag was still on it, & I prayed it was a coincidence that my brother had just borrowed \$300 from me that morning. After all of this, I still loved you & felt we could work it out. So when I won the \$20 million Lotto on Saturday; I left my job & bought 2 tickets for us to Paris.....But when I got home you were gone. Everything happens for a reason, I guess. I hope you have the fulfilling life you always wanted. My lawyer said that the letter you wrote ensures you won't get a dollar from me. So take care. Signed, Your Rich As Hell & Free Ex-Husband! P.S. I don't know if I ever told you this, but my brother Carl was born Carla.

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy CremeDonuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast. God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food." God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds. Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then he said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest. God sighed and

created quadruple bypass surgery. Then Satan created Cuts to the Health Care System. Amen

Guy: 'Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant but we always use protection and the condom never broke. How is it possible?' Doctor: 'Let me tell you a story. There was once a hunter who always carried a gun wherever he went. One day he took his umbrella instead of his gun and went out. A lion suddenly jumped in front of him. In order to scare the lion, the hunter used the umbrella like a gun, and shot the lion and killed it!' Guy: 'Nonsense! Someone else must have shot the lion.' Doctor: 'Good! You understood the story. Next patient, please.'

I went to my nearby Shoppers Drug Mart, straight to the back, where the Pharmacists' high counter is located. I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter. The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me. I said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me? Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing. When he was finally finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked, "Now, does that taste sweet to you?" The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, "HELL NO!!!" I said, "Oh, thank God! That's a real relief! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!"

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished it worked just like new. So, how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic..."Try doing it with the engine running."

When students took the entrance exam for potential doctors, they were perplexed by this question: "rearrange the letters ( p-n-e-s-i ) to spell out the part of the human body that is most useful when erect." Those who answered 'spine' became doctors. The rest are in parliament.

A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. So she went to check it out. She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site. She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview. "Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?" "Morris Feinberg," he replied. "Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?" "For about 60 years." "60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?" "I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews, and the Muslims." "I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop." "I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man." "I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests." And finally "I pray that everyone will be happy". "How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?" "Like I'm talking to a Brick wall!"

I went for a testicle check-up yesterday. The little Thai nurse cupped my balls in her hands and said, "Don't worry. It's quite normal to get an erection during this procedure." "But I haven't got an erection." I replied. "No," she said. "But I have."

**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](mailto:brian.burke2@btopenworld.com) 01325 722660. Mobile 07481 120673.