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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 September 2019**

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**Ramblings.** What a great turn out for the bikers escort for Brian Burkes funeral cortege. Some 35 bikers turned up , we all enjoyed our tea and biscuits in the damp outside Brian`s house, while we were waiting to depart. Brian`s daughter Joanne & her boyfriend Chris joined the escort and the traffic was managed to avoid any delay, most motorists accepted the special occasion.

The funeral was full to overflowing and we all enjoyed celebrating the Life of Brian, the impromptu choir of members joining in with the chorus to "Always look on the bright side of life" raised a lot of smiles in the congregation. Farewell Brian you will live on in our fond memories.

#### **Farewell to Brian Burke:** Courtesy of Dot & John Angus

It is with great sadness that we reported the passing of our great friend Brian Burke who died on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the age of 72 years. Brian had been a member of Yarm Motorcycling Club for more than 23 years. For most of that time he had been a committee member and for many years our dedicated Secretary.

Brian enjoyed attending Superbike and Moto GP meetings with the club and especially with his two great friends Tony and Roy. They endured all weathers camping at the meetings and sank a few beers just to be sociable. Brian was one of our Magnificent Seven who carried out the John O`Groats to Lands End 24 hour bike challenge to raise funds for a junior school in Eaglescliffe. In December he would put on his Santa outfit and join 180 other motorcyclists to complete the 22 mile charity Santa Run. Last year he and friends from the club rode to Poland for a holiday.

As Secretary of the club Brian thrilled us every month with his great newsletter, full of information, news and jokes. He organised our annual meetings and made sure we were all aware of the club rules. As a member of BMF he kept us up to date with all things relevant. Brian brought many guest speakers to the club and also entertained us on many occasions himself with talks and quizzes. On one occasion he arranged a visit for a few members to Teesside Airport where he worked with RAF and RN Inspection. We were able to learn about his work in detail and then look around the planes in the

hanger before retiring to the clubhouse for a few refreshments.

Brian had time for everyone and was very well liked by all who knew him. We will miss him.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 35 YMC bikers, with 4 bikes two-up, turned out in the rain to escort our friend Brian and his family to Darlington Crematorium. Many members also attended in their cars. Tony and Roy led the escort. Joanna, in her dad's biking jacket, riding pillion with boyfriend Chris joined the bikers escort. Olwyn, Mark and Joanna expressed their thanks to the club for the large turnout for Brian. It meant a lot to them and Brian would have been chuffed to see us all in his riding in his honour.

### **Brian Rest In Peace**

**Barbeque.** The club Summer BBQ at Yarm Cricket Club was a great success and thanks are due to the organisers and the Cricket Club for allowing us to use their venue & Roger for organising it

**NEC Coach Trip.** Will take place on 21 November. As usual, departure will be at 6 a.m. from the Yarm Town Hall, with breakfast enroute at Morrison's. There are still a few places left so don't delay book up at the next club night. £16.00 members, £18.00 non members. The balance of your payment is due at the September meeting

**Xmas Party:** Will be held at Eaglescliffe Golf club on 7.12.19, 12.30 for 13.00 start. So get your names down with Jeff Percival as it is members first & first come first booked first to secure a place. A deposit of five pounds is payable per person on booking with the balance due no later than the November meeting. The cost is 12.00 members & 23.00 non members. Meus will be available shortly for you to select your choice of lunch.

**Mallory Park festival of 1000bikes 12-14<sup>th</sup> July 2020:** If any members are interested in this event for 2020 we could make it a club rally. Let me know if you fancy going. Mallory offers camping, motorhomes & caravans.

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

**Committee Mtg:      Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8pm**  
**Club Meeting:      Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8pm**

- (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 (2) to look 'ard)

### **2019**

7-9 Sep	Goodwood Revival
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Saltburn Hill climb
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Classic Bike show Coulby Manor 10.00 – 16.00
15 Sept.	Scorton Autojumble
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	Bangers & cash auction at Mathewsons Thornton le Dale
27-29 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 Croft
5 Oct	Rufforth Autojumble
7 Oct	Oliver's Mount Bike Hill Climb
19 Oct	Scorton Autojumble
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Catterick Hill Climb. Waithwaith Bank Catterick garrison
27 Oct	Squires Cafe Autojumble
2 Nov	Rufforth Autojumble, Bangers & cash auction at Mathewsons Thornton le Dale
16 Nov	Scorton Autojumble
16-24 Nov	Motorcycle Live at the NEC
21 Nov	Coach Trip to NEC
24 Nov	Squires Cafe Autojumble
30 Nov	Rufforth Autojumble
<b>7 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Party, Eaglescliffe Golf Club. Assemble 1230 for 1pm start.</b>
14 Dec	Scorton Autojumble

#### DO CHECK BEFORE TRAVELLING

If any one would like to give me the moto Gp & BSB dates I will enter them

**The Club Website.** [www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk](http://www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk). Stephen Pratt is the new Webmaster of our Club Website. So give him your support and send in lots of ifon for him to include. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, and items for sale and wanted. STEPHEN is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site. Many thanks to Allen Wren, who created our website. He has been our loyal webmaster for the past six years. I hope he doesn't miss the involvement too much. Allan if you do you could always get involved in a different role.

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#### BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2019

**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!

**Ride-Out Programme.** There are Ride-Outs every Sunday and on public holidays. Two of 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.

<b>Public Holidays/12-hr Ride</b>
12-Hour Ride
<b>12-Hour Ride</b>
27thOctoberBST/Ride-Outs End

### Ride-Out Destinations:

Send me some suggestions Polite please

### **New BMF Rally.**

**Potholes!!!** They are everywhere and ruining everyone's driving experience. So when you see one report it to the council then they have to repair it. This is a subject which drives me nuts as nobody seems to check the quality of the repairs which are generally based on chucking some cold set bitumen in the hole and tamping it down. No proper cutting out cleaning up and sealing of the edges. So they just fall to bits quickly. Good if you are getting paid to do the shoddy repairs.

**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)

### **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  
The Station Coffee House, Riding Mill, Northumberland, NE44 6JD

## Moto GP/WSB/BSB Dates for 2019

DATE	MOTOGP	WSB	BSB
FEB 24		Phillip Island	
Mar 10	Qatar		
Mar 17		Buriram	
Mar 31	Argentina		
Apr 7		Aragon	
Apr 14	Americas	Assen	
Apr 21			Silverstone
May 5	Jerez		
May 6			Oulton Park
May 12		Imola	
May 19	Le Mans		
May 26			Donington
June 2	Mugello		
June 9		Jerez	
June 16	Catalanya		Brands Hatch
June 23		Misano	
June 30	Assen		Knockhill
July 7	Sachsenring	Donington	
July 14		Laguna Seca	
July 21			Snetterton
Aug 4	Brno		Thruxton
Aug 11	Spielberg		
Aug 18			Cadwell
Aug 25	Silverstone		
Sept 8		Portimao	Oulton Park
Sept 15	San Marino		
Sept 22	Aragon		Assen
Sept 29		Magny-Cours	
Oct 6	Chang		Donington
Oct 13		San Juan	
Oct 20	Montegi		Brands Hatch
Oct 26	Phillip Island	Losail	
Nov 3	Sepang		
Nov 17	Valencia		



19.6.5 – 11 Scotland & the Isles. Three & a Carer ride again

This year's trip was organised during the winter while I was idling in New Zealand so all I had to do was pay up & turn up. My unctuous thanks to those who did that for me, put up with me on the trip and shared some great times.

The general plan was to visit some of the Hebrides and a bit of Scotland. We had no fixed route or plan other than the ferries and digs. We decided to avoid motorways where possible, so we went to our first ferry at Ayr via Alston, Dumfries & Castle Douglas. We were spoilt at Ayr having a room each in the Travel lodge, last night of no snoring. The moral is book really early and get a good price. There is a restaurant for meals & a breakfast spot next door to the hotel. Some parsimonious person thought the beer was too dear & one of us was served a cold meal.

We got the early ferry to Brodick on Arran, this left us time to have a tour of the island going over to the west then up the coast to Lochranza for the next ferry to Claonaig on the Mull of Kyintyre. This ferry sometimes sets off & docks from Tarbert depending on the weather.

Dave wanted to visit Cambletown to see the hospital where his Mum once worked. We then went back up the other side of the Mull via Lochgilphead & the Crinan canal, after which we followed the A186 up to Oban. We stayed that night in a youth hostel which had great beds and was en suite. The warden showed where to park the bikes out of site. We avoided the distillery even though Dave tried to drag us in,



There was a do on at the distillery but once we found out the price we all lost interest & moved on to a local hostelry for food & beer & finally bed with a return to anti snoring ear plugs.

In the morning there was no breakfast but we did manage to find an eatery on the way to Mallaig

We arrived in good time for the ferry which meant we could visit John's favourite pie shop for lunch, we relaxed in the sun and watched all the cars rolling up including a party of period sportscars who weren't allowed on as they hadn't booked. We learnt that last year all ferries need booking as they are nearly

always fully booked. We were still idling about then had to get on in a rush as the controller got grumpy forgetting he had forgot to tell us when to move. We had a little panic but got on OK when Gordon had a big panic as he couldn't find his keys, so he shot off the ferry to try to find them all to no avail, so we decided he must have locked them in his back box once he was on the ferry, mainly because he had started his bike to ride it on.



That only left the one option smash open the box, then we noticed a locksmiths van parked on the ferry. Unbelievable, the bigger tried a hefty charge but John whittled him down to a reasonable price. The moral being never buy a top box that can lock with no key in the lock.

After a short trip to Armadale we had a lovely tour of Skye before arriving at Uig to find our caravan, which was great as it had three bedrooms. Rather than share Brian volunteered to sleep in the lounge, a cunning move as it meant he had a fire. The van was nicely furnished and stocked with tea & coffee we finally got ready and went to the pier side hotel which we found had stopped serving food for the evening. Dave & Gordon kindly walked a few miles to the nearest hotel which did takeaways. Very kind of them I had to stay in the pub to keep John company. We had a reasonably leisurely start the next morning as our check in time was 09.05 and only a few yards from the caravan.

After arriving at Tarbert on Harris we set off to go anticlockwise so I kept turning left, the roads soon changed to proper Scottish Isles roads plenty of gravel & grass down the middle. So by common consent (very democratic group us) we got ourselves onto better roads and spent an enjoyable day touring Harris then up to Port Nis at the very Northern tip of the island before finding our flat at Stornaway. The only fault with the flat was that it didn't have a proper fire exit. Apart from that it was great, I was awarded the double bed and Gordon took the camp bed in the lounge leaving John & Dave to share a room & two tone snoring. We passed a pub painted St. Andrew's blue so ignoring our cares caution went in to find that not only did they serve the English they were all really friendly. After a convivial drink we got ourselves take aways to eat while we watched the TT on telly. What more could a biker want. The flat



was well stocked with condiments, biscuits, milk, bread & cereals.

We managed a quick breakfast before an early check in at 07.15 for the ferry to Ullapool, Brian taking advantage of the trip to catch a nap, not a pretty sight.



After landing we decided to circle loch Ness stopping at Fort Augustus for ice creams while watching the boats coming down the ladder of locks. Going back up the other side we stopped at the Falls of foyers where only one intrepid pensioner had the energy to walk down the hill to view the falls.

That evening we arrived at our old friends B&B at Daviot (Just South of Inverness) where we got a very friendly welcome. The price included a ride to the Culloden moor Inn in an off road troop carrier. The meal was good but we had to have some of the beer replaced. The barmaid was a bit grumpy about this so the manager took over. There was no problem with our malts though.

The next day we said our farewells after a magnificent breakfast & set off towards Nairn where we turned off for Tominoul . Dave gave a good tour around this area taking in all the distilleries. Being good bikers we refrained, preferring to stop at Toimntopul to visit the Whisky Csatle to vie his stock of over 500 malts. After this we headed down to vivct the royal Chapel at Crathie we didn't visit Balmoral as it was too expensive & we didn't have enough time to view it properly. We went in the Chapel as I wanted to view the battle standards fo the Gordon Highlanders regiment ( my Dad's old outfit in WW2 now disbanded)



Then we had a wet run through Braemar then over Glenshee, past Blagowrie, Perth to our final stop at Sterling premier Inn where we parked the bikes in sight of the reception & security cameras. We only ventured as far as the bar restaurant next door for a final meal & of course more beer. What else did you expect. The next day we decided to return home via the west side to avoid bad weather in the East, a good decision as we had a dry ride home.

I leave this tale with John who perfectly summed up our feelings at the end of our trip, let me know if you can guess who the carer was



## **THE END GAME**

And it's 'Goodnight' from the two B`s, I like to think he is watching over my shoulder to make sure I do a reasonable newsletter. Please call me or email if you would like something putting in the newsletter.

Hope this encourages write ups or articles, I am fresh out now & need some more

Send your piccies of trips ,days out & rideouts to both Allan Coverdale and Stephen Pratt for the club website& photo archive

No jokes this month. If you have any tasteful ones you could send them to me

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