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www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk

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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 July 2021

Ramblings:

Great news that we may be free of restrictions on 19th of July and we are hoping we can soon organise our next club meeting combined with the AGM, I will tell you all by email when we can get it organised.

We all need to remember that, even though we have had our jabs, we can still get infected with covid but the effects should be less and fatalities much lower. Cheerful bugger me.

Please take note that if anyone wants to write or email me to add anything to the Agenda or make a proposal to modify the club constitution; you need to put them in writing to me a minimum of one month before the AGM. In the current circumstances I will accept additions and proposals up to the 16th of July. Please note that unless received in writing they will NOT be considered at the meeting

At the AGM we will be doing our usual elections but I will issue an AGM agenda & usual attachments plus an election rota for club officers

This is a last call for proposals for a new Chairman, again please send a minimum of one month before the AGM

I am going to leave a deliberate error in the newsletter to see if anyone can spot it and let me know.

Pie & Peas evening. A 2021 date will be announced.

Barbeque . A 2021 date to be announced

NEC Coach Trip. All set up for the NEC on Thursday 9th Dec. get your names to Norman or Allan to make sure you get a seat. No support no bus. This year there are no restrictions on guests as data shows we rely on guests too make the trip viable.

Hurry if you want to go seats are selling fast currently 45 booked

Norman & Allan will be collecting fees at our 23rd June AGM

Xmas Party: Hopefully there will be a Christmas party this year. Let me know asap if you would like to go to a Christmas party. I am making this plea again as I have had little response from you. Get your fingers out lazy sods or perhaps there is no interest. If you don't tell us we can't possibly know what the members wish us to do!

Forthcoming Events Hopefully can post those for 2021 when I get the info. Upcoming racing dates can be found on the website under the events, www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk/events/list

The Club Website. www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk.

Just a reminder that the new website has been launched, if you've not had a look yet go check it out using the link above. Any comments or feedback on the new website would be welcomed. If you've got a story for the website or you'd like to get involved in adding content get in touch with me at webadmin@yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk . Can all ride leaders please keep track of mileage done on all future club rides (hopefully we'll be back riding soon) so it can be added to the website each week/month, there's counters to record club mileage statistics and it'll be interesting to see how much mileage the club racks up. We've updated the user registration process on the website so you can request an account, this will allow members to comment on and discuss articles. If you are interested please sign up for an account on the website, please use the same email address that's associated with your club membership so we can ensure your account gets approved.

So give him your support log in and join you may need your club number and send in lots of info 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.

BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2020

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. British motorcycles failed

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, the meeting place is now Conyers School bus park, if coming from Kirklevington roundabout it is on the right just before the rail bridge.

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

Biker Meeting places: Don't worry I will put them all back when we can go out again

BE ADVISED:

- Avoid crowded spaces = Ride Motorcycles
- Do not use public transportation = Ride Motorcycles
- Well ventilated spaces are virus free = Ride Motorcycles
- Protect your nose and mouth = Ride Motorcycles
- Recommended use of Gloves = Ride Motorcycles
- Try not to touch contaminated surfaces = Don't let anyone touch your Motorcycle
- Avoid shaking hands = Do not remove your gloves when getting off the Motorcycle
- Keep a Safe distance from people who sneeze or cough = Ride Motorcycles
- Maintain a positive and prudent attitude = Only way to ride a Motorcycle

*Feel Free to Share this Important Information

Above still makes good sense, we don't want to risk a third spike of infections

Improve our public image and keep to the rules, always take a mask. Behave courteously in other peoples villages & towns. Be considerate of other road users and don't tail gate drivers.

Don't play catch up the drop off system provides a turn marker & tail end Charlie will pick you up if you fall behind. Always ride within your capabilities not imaginary ones. Not all of us can be a Marquez

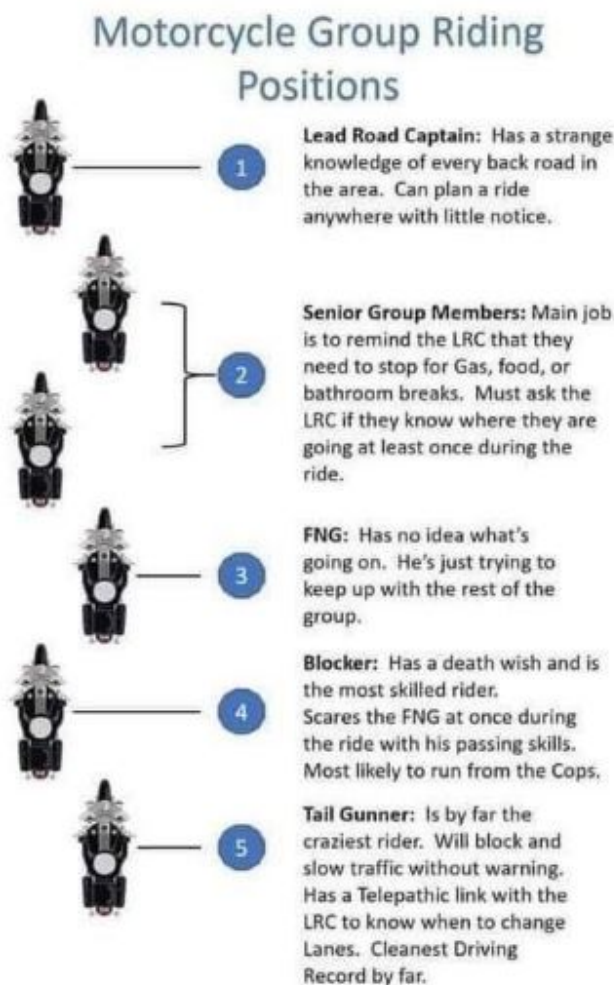
There, there Mother is finished instructing you now.

Questions for you all that are perplexing me.

Why do cyclists expect everyone except themselves to look out for their safety?

Why do motorcyclists have to ride as if everyone is out to eliminate them?

I have had quite a few comments about the drop off system which I have summarised as below



Seriously the drop off system works and with the smaller groups we now ride in the are

more leaders and tail end charlies so we should be able to stick together better.

I still think it's a good system as it means no needs to worry about dropping behind. Turn markers need to stay in position until they see tail end Charlie. If they don't the rear gunner may shoot them, to vent his frustration.

John's fab four ride again, only one was missing as Dave had a knee problem. We set off for Dumfries and Galloway on Monday 21st June and went there via Staindrop, Alston, Brampton, Longtown & Gretna. We bumped into (not literally) a sign for a motorbike museum & couldn't resist having a look. The owner was a great character called Mike Barry reminded me of an older Guy Martin as he had a similar manic optimism



A free pint to anyone who can identify the following machine, John & Gordon excluded, it is quite rare & that's the only clue you are getting



Here`s Brian in the museum reliving his past racing days , the outfit is a Windrick Chassis One of the first professional outfit builders) with an A65 engine possibly converted to 900cc as raced by Ken Blacklock before Jap engines took over. Probably still couldn`t afford one. Never mind self builds taught me a lot. Would love to ride one again if anyone could arrange it for me.



If there is a demand I can organize a trip to this museum . We were lucky Mike was in when we called but normally a visit has to be pre arranged. Before you all get enthusiastic he asks for a donation for the museum upkeep so I will collect a min of £3.0 each as we go in. Worth it for the tea & biccies.

Any way back to our trip. Gordon had organized digs the Premier Inn Dumfries, easy to find and a good choice for touring the area. Big bonus my own bed & bathroom and walls thick enough no tto hear snoring or other windy noises. There is a TableTable

restaurant next to the hotel for brekkie, meals & refreshments. Better still they asked us to park in front of reception so the security guard could keep an eye on our bikes



Next day we went to the Isle of Whithorn at the end of a peninsular. It's a lovely old port and fishing village. It has a chapel to St. Ninian, brownie points if you can tell me his tale. Picture below are three of the Yorkshire tykes, could it be (from the right), eat all, pay nowt, sup all?

We went back to Dumfries via Newton Stuart and the A712 a smashing road, good surface great bends and very little traffic.

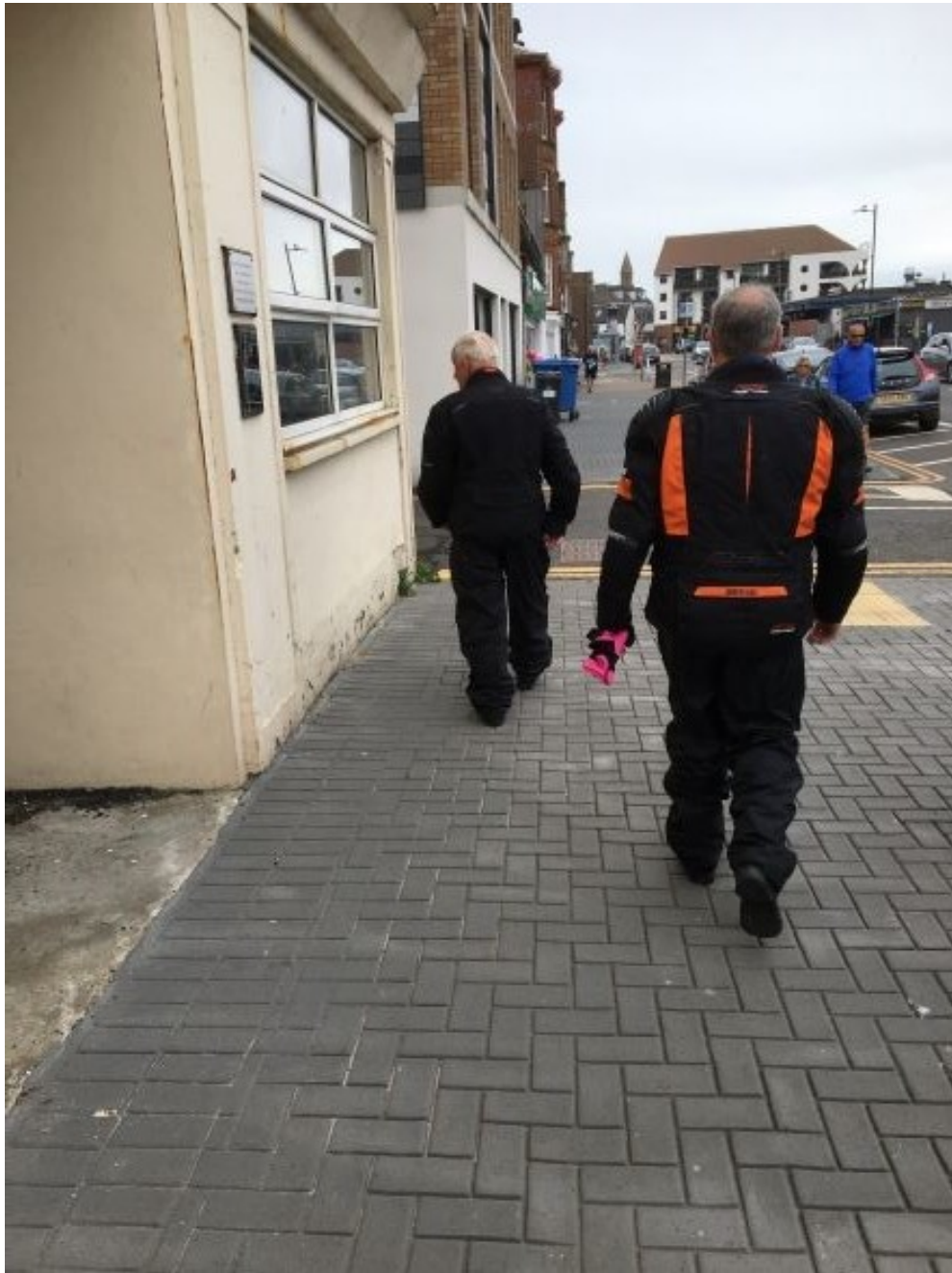


On Wednesday we headed up to Largs via B roads mostly single tracks and we daren't ride through puddles as the road was full of potholes. It was a good ride with mgnificent views albeit a bit wet. It faired up at Largs and after a visit to the big marina, Brian needed a jumper poor soul got cold in the wet; we went into Largs little seems to have changed since Brian worked on Hunterston Power station when it was built in the early 70`s.

We found a candidate for a new Chairman



John & Gordon got the scent of an ice cream parlour which turned out to be near the ferry pier. You can see them below sprinting away from me. (still can't do a rotate need an IT expert) They thought if they ordered I might pay, wishful thinking.



As we set off back to Dumfries the heavens opened so we did the short route back to Dumfries via the quick roads. Well it would have been except for the traffic jams.

We came home via Gretna, Cockermouth, Keswick, Dockray down to Ulswater & stopped for a brew at Aira Force. The to Polley Bridge, Askham. Through Lowther estate to Melki9nthorpe and down the lovely little bach roads to Appleby, Kirby Stephen then followed Swaledale to Richmond and home, get the map out if your interested in the route but be careful on the narrow bits.

All managed in the dry. A good run avoiding motorways and the A66, except we went through Scotch Corner to get to Barton. We had a smashing trip and covered 650 miles, thanks to John & Gordon for putting up with me.

Finally I thought I would let you see that even modern sidecar outfits can get into bother, I hope the pair of them were OK as I don't suppose they got it back on three wheels. Hopefully they slid to a stop on their side with no more than hurt pride and scuffed leathers. The passenger still has hold of his grips! Never let go those guys.



The End Game.

I will try to get some photos of solos for the next issue, perhaps some of you could send me some. My thanks to those who did. Their identity is safe with me.

You are all welcome to comment about or make suggestions for the newsletters (polite ones only please) It would be good to get some feedback. You could get out your pics of

trips or bikes or write up the story of your trip or some articles, send your stuff in as I need loads of things to publish, and it may make a change from my drivel. Come on guys help me out a bit please you don't need to be shy.

Send your photos of trips, days out & ride outs to Stephen Pratt for the club website & photo archive. Stephen will also put ads on the website so send them via me you can get my contact details from the web site.

Sad news from Brightspark magnetos the husband of the man & wife team has died suddenly, but she told me that she would still operate on parts supply basis.

Good news from Chris & Tony she has some work teaching creative writing. He gets a free cruise all found with booze. Chris also gets Tony 24/7. Good for them



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Please note my new contact email address.

Stay safe out there
'Cheerio' from the two Bs

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