

## WHITEKNIGHTS EMERGENCY VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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Often referred to as "Blood Bikes", the first such service was established in Stevenage in 1979. The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes (NABB) was formed in 2010 and represents 23 volunteer motorcycle rider groups that provide a courier service to NHS trusts across the country. Currently 90% of the UK is covered by this service, but not South Yorkshire.

The term "Blood Bikes" is slightly narrow and the riders convey many other items between hospitals locally and nationally. These can include clinical samples, X-rays, urgent medical notes and baby milk for premature babies. The service runs free of charge to the NHS between the hours of 7pm and 7am weekdays, 7pm Friday to 7am Monday and all bank holidays. All the riders are volunteers who give their time free of charge and all have an advanced riding qualification; either IAM or RoSPA. You can find out more about the national organisation of the Blood Bike service here at <http://www.bloodbikes.org.uk>.



The Whiteknights were formed in 2007 and supply a service to West and North Yorkshire NHS trusts. They are developing their South Yorkshire division. Their target is to obtain one motorcycle initially and the cost of this, including keeping it on the road for one year, is £6500.

If you would like to support this worthwhile local cause, donations can be made through Virgin Money Giving at <http://whiteknights.org.uk>. Alternatively, if you prefer please send a cheque payable to Whiteknights.

Contact Kev Morley and Wayne Morris at the WhiteKnights development team for South Yorkshire or Owen Wright at Rotherham Advanced Motorcyclists on Mobile 07931522795 E-mail [owenwright@webmail1.co.uk](mailto:owenwright@webmail1.co.uk)



## NEWSLETTER

Dec 2013

### *Greetings From Your Committee*

Christmas decorations up and the festive season upon us, most bikes have been tucked up away from the bad weather and salt on the roads. But there's still plenty to be done to fill your motorcycling needs.

Away from the bikes, there are also social events to partake in. A great way to keep in touch with each other throughout the dark nights.

A new committee has been elected during the AGM, but we're looking to the members to come up with some great ideas of events and rides for 2014 – contact any of us, either on club nights, or by email or phone.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and here's looking forward to brighter nights and a new riding season.

Your Committee

### KEEP IN TOUCH AND UP TO DATE

Visit <http://doncastermotorcycleclub.tripod.com>  
[doncastermotorcycle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doncastermotorcycle@yahoo.co.uk)

If you have anything you want to let the rest of the membership know about, from ride outs to equipment and bikes for sale, again, send an email or contact Sarah on 07950 921553 and she'll pass it on



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November is always the month that DDMCC holds its Annual General Meeting and that a new committee is put in place.

It was voted and accepted that the position of 'Ride Out / Events Secretary' would be removed from committee, being replaced by a general member. The constitution will be amended and reissued to members in due course.

Chairman	Steve Ascough
Secretary	Sarah Brough
Treasurer	Ken Osborne
Subs Secretary	Maggie Butler
General	Andy Brough, Dennis Clarkson, Ken Butler, Paul Taylor, David Bryan, Stuart Kirk, Marie Kirk, Malc Chase

If any member has any ideas for events or ride outs, or comments about the running of the club, please feel free to contact any of the above, or, alternatively, come along to a committee meeting, which is held on the last Thursday of each month (except December)

## AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014



Tickets for the After Christmas Party for £8 each, including buffet, raffle and disco are available now.

Free Prize Hamper Drawer with your tickets on the night.

Last date to pay for your tickets is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

## Motorcycle Live 2013

With a low uptake on the club trip to the NEC at Birmingham on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, we didn't bother with a minibus, but car shared with the club paying for car parking instead.

There's something for everyone at this show, from good deals on kit and accessories, reminiscing about the good old days with classic and vintage displays, seeing some of the current stars of the racing world, to having an opportunity to sit on pretty much every bike on the market, not to mention the chance to see Prince William.

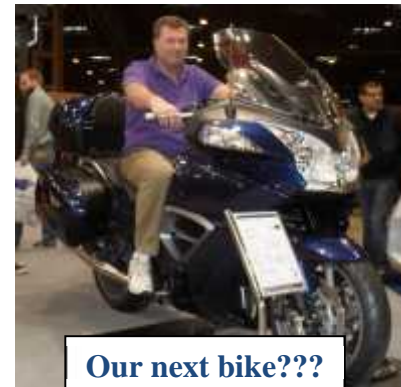
Most of the major manufacturers were there, fresh from the recent Milan show. As usual Triumph, BMW, Suzuki, Honda, Kawasaki, Harley Davidson and Ducati had huge stands, but then there were the smaller Norton, Royal

Enfield, CCM, Metisse, WK, Watsonian-Squires and Gladstone Motorcycles with guest host Henry Cole, presenter of the World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides, to name but a few.

By the number of people scrambling to see everything on offer and the huge bags being carried around, it would appear that riding motorcycles is becoming more and more popular.

We all took something away with us, even if it was only dreams...

Sarah



## WHAT'S ON - CLASSICS

[www.classicbikeshows.com](http://www.classicbikeshows.com)

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> January : - Classic Bike Guide Winter Classic  
Newark Showground, Pre-book tickets : Adult / Senior £7, On the gate £9  
01507 529430

2<sup>nd</sup> February : Classic Japanese Motorcycle Show & Jumble  
Donington Park, Tickets £10  
01484 667776



NORTH EAST SOUTH or WEST  
WHICH DIRECTION IS THE BEST?  
UP, DOWN, OR SIDE TO SIDE  
WHAT THE ECK, JUST TAKE THAT RIDE



THERE'S TOWNS AND VILLAGES  
EVERYWHERE  
WITH NORTH EAST SOUTH AND WEST  
I'VE ONLY SENT YOU ONE OF EACH  
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR THE REST



### ***MISSING YOUR RACING ?***

2014 will soon be upon us and it won't be too long before we can all get our racing fixes again. There have been moves between teams, classes and divisions. Here's a list of dates for your diary to give you something to look forward to....

Sand Racing, Mablethorpe	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec / 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec / 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
World Superbike :	23 <sup>rd</sup> February, Phillip Island
MotoGP :	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, Qatar
British Motorcycle Racing Club :	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April, Brands Hatch
British Superbike :	21 <sup>st</sup> April, Brands Hatch

## SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER GREYHOUND RACING NIGHT IN AID OF THE YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



With the dark and grim nights of autumn and winter amongst us, a social night was arranged to get us out of the house. Some people have commented that they don't like quiz nights, so a Greyhound Race night was organised.



The races were real, but the names of the dogs had been changed so that nobody had a clue as to who would win. Bets were placed – generally 50p or £1, with all proceeds from the betting going to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

With a pie and pea supper and the inevitable raffle in between, an enjoyable night was had by all.

At one point it looked like we would barely break even, due to some large wins, but, in the end, we have managed to donate £51 to the charity – every little helps.

Thanks to all that came – it makes it worthwhile.

Sarah

### **WHAT'S ON - BIKE SHOWS**

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February : London Motorcycle Show, opened by Carl Fogerty  
Excel, London, Advanced tickets £16, On the door £20  
<http://www.mcnmotorcycleshow.com/>

10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> May : Thundersprint Bike Show  
Darley Moor, £5 spectator, £15 camping  
01928 740498, [www.thundersprint.com](http://www.thundersprint.com)

17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> May : BMF Show  
Peterborough Showground, Concession priced tickets – see Sarah

## Rolling Thunder

On a crisp November morning, ten members of the Midland Classic Enduro Club gathered for their annual expedition, this year to the 'Camping Barn' in Goathland. Although there was a back-up van, the perilous journey was to be taken on nine British Vintage Bikes, consisting of...

1939 Ariel 500RH, 1946 Ariel 350NH, 1934 Norton ES2, 1938 Matchless 350, 1937 Norton 16H 500, 1931 BSA 500 Sloper outfit, 1935 Norton ES2, 1964 Triumph 500 twin, 1942 Ariel 350NH

Away we went, on a planned route of B and C roads. Everything was going fine, until 5 miles into the journey, when we had our first casualty – Nigel's 1935 Norton ES2 suffered a rear flat. No problem – he got out his foot pump and it was fine again – who forgot to check his tyre pressures !?!



Onwards towards Driffield, our first stop at David Firth's (Stuart's son) for bacon butties and a warm drink. As we continued, the Triumph, with suspension, (poof!!) fried it's wiring, so into the van it went. Jay jumped onto the back of Mark's 16H, but after 5 miles, that seized! After freeing it off, Jay moved to the van, then, pulling in for a regroup at Wetwang, we find John's 1946 Ariel had joined the Triumph in the back of the van! Not to be beaten, John climbed into the BSA's sidecar and we continued on!

You could tell where we'd been by the trail of oil and smoke bellowing from Andy's Ariel 500. The smoke from Steve's Matchless was something different though – his battery was cooking. Swiftly we disconnected it to save the dynamo and he continued on with no lights.



Through Malton, Pickering and over the moors with no more mishaps, we arrived at the Camping Barn at about 1pm where John's Ariel was sorted and a car battery booster was strapped to the pillion seat of the Triumph, meaning we could all continue.

A ride into Whitby got a lot of attention from the tourists as we roared through the small streets in a cloud of smoke and oil. Back at the Camping Barn, a roaring log fire, Jay's curry, Andy's Sloe Gin and crates of beer brought an end to a fulfilling day.

Sunday morning, while having more bacon butties, we had John's oil pump in bits, only to find it was too worn and would only last about 2 miles before needing to return to the van for the trip home.

We set off on a mild Autumn day through a tunnel as a steam train chuffed overhead. We made our first stop in Pickering at a Motocross meet. Luckily the gateman was a Vintage bike enthusiast so he waived the £6 entry fee.

As we continued back to Doncaster at a steady 40mph, there were to be no more problems and we all arrived back mid-afternoon after the best trip of the year.

Paul Taylor