

Giggle is no laughing matter

A 2012 Yamaha XF50 Giggle, signed by famous Yamaha factory riders, is going under the Charterhouse gavel in their **26th October classic bike auction** with the proceeds of sale donated to the Two Wheels for Life charity.

“The Giggle was used as a paddock bike by various Yamaha personnel in Moto GP,” commented George Beale. “The bike will be a perfect addition to any collection, large or small, and is a great way to support this worthy charity.”

In 2022, at the Misano Moto GP, the Yamaha Giggle was donated to the charity Riders for Health.



Yamaha XF50 Giggle with its special paintwork and legendary signatures

Marco Riva , General Manager of Yamaha Racing along with Daniele Severino and Andrea Coleman contacted Yamaha Europe Design Centre who along with Yamaha Racing Heritage Club came up with the unique colour scheme and design dedicated

to the 50th anniversary of the iconic Yamaha TZ 350 of 1973 .The Giggle was completely rebuilt by Yamaha Europe at that time and remains in excellent condition today.

The Giggle has been signed by famous Yamaha factory riders comprising Carlos Lavado (1983-86 250cc World Champion), Johnny Cecotto (1975 350cc World Champion), Toprak Razgatlioglu (2021 World Superbike Champion), Niccolo Canepa (World Endurance Championship rider), Lorenzo Baldassari (World Supersport rider) and Bradley Ray (World Superbike rider) and all were photographed whilst giving their signatures.



All proceeds from the Charterhouse auction will go to the charity Two Wheels for Life, a new part of Riders for Health. Riders which was started in 1996 by Barry and Andrea Coleman with the help of Randy Mamola and Kenny Roberts.

Two Wheels for Life work in Africa includes support in Malawi, Lesotho, The Gambia and Nigeria where they train local men and women to be mechanics and provide tools, equipment and clothing. They also train professional, health workers such as clinicians, midwives and public health specialists with others to ride motorcycles so that they can reach their communities in remote areas reliably and safely. The charity pays for rider, driver training and protective clothing with each health worker carrying out daily technical checks on their motorcycle and the charity's technicians sorting the more advanced servicing.

Their work has completely transformed some aspects of the health system -such as rapid diagnosis, public health servicing and also maintain ambulances which are critical for saving the lives of mothers and babies.

Andrea Coleman started Two Wheels for Life in 2016 as Riders for Health is now mature enough to be led from the Africa programmes. However, they continue to need support and value her experience, expertise and guidance as well as funding for specific things particularly training, clothing, motorcycles and digital development.

Two Wheels for Life is the official charity of MotoGP and the FIM. Further information about the work Riders for Health do can be found on www.riders.org and www.twowheelsforlife.org

The Yamaha XF50 Giggle, with its signatures and unique paint scheme, is being sold without reserve in the Charterhouse classic bike auction at the **Haynes International Motor Museum on 26th October**. Live internet, room and telephone bidding will all be available.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this classic bike auction.

George Beale and the Charterhouse Team can be contacted for advice and valuations at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, **01935 812277** or via **bikes@charterhouse-auction.com**