

As I write, the weather is fine and I'm about to drag th'old Kwak out of the shed. I hope you're out there enjoying the balmy weather – there ain't much to beat riding your bike in the sunshine. And remember, MAG is there to make sure you can keep doing it.

**Last Month - 12th April – National AGC, Blackpool**

How did it go? Well, those of you who couldn't make it will be glad to know that your region did you proud. The event was well organised and ran smoothly, right from the signing-in queues in the morning through to when the meeting finally concluded at after six thirty. This was entirely due to the hard work of Tony Cox (NW rep) and Blackpool MAG (who did 99% of the work). There were no less than two votes of thanks to the region so we must have done something right. The meeting itself was predictably tense at times but hopefully we worked through our difficulties and can now put it behind us.



*A NW member reflects on a job well done*

MAG simply has bigger fish to fry and this is no time for us to take our eye off the ball (mixed metaphors allowing). The fight goes on. Sadly, there are still plenty of people out there who wouldn't dream of riding a bike themselves but who still feel qualified to tell us how to do it. One vote at this year's meeting saw MAG affiliating to "Liberty", the civil rights campaign. It was perhaps a timely reminder that although we sometimes get involved in stolen bikes and manhole covers, MAG is primarily a freedom organisation protecting the rights that we already have and often take for granted. And if MAG fails, we'll all suffer.

**Looking ahead to May – Stranger : It means so much!**



Have you downloaded the track yet? Remember, if it charts then MAG will not only get unprecedented publicity but also a major boost to the fighting fund. However, you need to download it before **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. So, why not do it now, before you forget?

1. Follow the link or scan the Qcode

<http://tinyurl.com/pxtnf9t>



2. Buy the track!

Couldn't be simpler – you never know, you might even like it (Stranger things have happened!)



## 9 - 11<sup>th</sup> May You've Been NABD 23, Astle Park, Chelford, Cheshire

The NW MAG stand will be at the You've Been NABD rally again this year. The National Association for Bikers with a Disability, a MAG affiliated organisation, exists to help disabled bikers back onto two or three wheels. So, it's a great cause and a fantastic rally – what's not to like? And it's a bargain at only £25 for the weekend. As ever, you'll find a warm welcome at the MAG tent if you're passing.



### NW MAG Branches

After a fantastic AGC, NW branch of the month is **Blackpool MAG**, who meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm at

**The Victoria Hotel,  
183 Victoria Road West,  
Cleveleys,  
Nr Blackpool, FY5 3PZ.**

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### North West Motorcycle Alliance

This is not a MAG organisation but a monthly meet for all bike clubs, organisations and interested bikers anywhere from Cheshire up to Lancaster. The next meeting is at **8pm on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> May at Crusaders Brotherhood Clubhouse, Cobden Street, Bury BL9 6AW**

Here is the latest, up to date list of biker events this summer which the Alliance has put together, which includes a few changes from last month.

#### Regular monthly events

HAMC Open night last Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late.

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, last Wednesday of each month, starting 30<sup>th</sup> April - Ship Inn Irlam M44 6AJ

Sutton Rockers Band Night, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Last Friday of each Month - Open Night, Ribble Valley Chop Club

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month – Born of Chaos MCC meeting everyone welcome - Warrington WA4 6RS – restarts in May

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month – Brickies Bike Club meeting everyone welcome - Atherton, M46 0QA

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday April → Sept – Rising Moon MCC Ride In, Hyde

Salford MAG meeting 8pm Last Thursday every month

#### One off events

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Rising Moon's "Totally Tartan" Rally, at Witton Albion F.C

3<sup>rd</sup> May Evanfest Fundraiser – Ship & Giggles, Preston 10am onwards

4<sup>th</sup> May – Assassins MCC Bike Show – 10-4 Station Pub, Warrington St, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6XB

9<sup>th</sup> May – NABD 23 at Astle Park Chelford.

10<sup>th</sup> May – Gypsy Divas Bike Show 12pm at the Kershaw House, Luddenden Foot, food and free camping.

16-18<sup>th</sup> May – Leyland Eagles Rally, Catterall Memorial Hall, nr Garstang

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Warrington Wheels Kids Custom Show for National Youth Bike

25<sup>th</sup> May – Sons of Hell MC's STOCK DOVE BIKE SHOW, 94 Compstall Road, Stockport, SK6 4DE

**30<sup>th</sup> May – Rorkes Drift Rally**, Brecon, Wales.  
**7<sup>th</sup> June British Bulldogs MCC rock Night** - Castle on th'Hill Pub, Hindley  
**13<sup>th</sup> June – Trikers With Attitude Terror Squad**, TWATS get together, Torksay Lock nr Lincoln.  
**13/14<sup>th</sup> June – Lancashire Satan’s Slaves Rock and Bike** at Coast Riders Cafe (as was), Blackpool.  
**21<sup>st</sup> June – Born of Chaos MCC, 1st Birthday bash/Summer Solstice poker run**, Saracens Head, Wilderspool Causeway Warrington  
**27/29<sup>th</sup> June - Blackpool MAG Rally** Blackpool Rugby Club  
**27/29<sup>th</sup> June– NCC Ribble Valley Annual Field Party**, HMS Nightjar, Inskip, Preston £10 entry with ride out  
**5<sup>th</sup> July Triumph Owners’ Club 2nd Annual Show & BBQ** – 12-3pm Wheatsheaf Inn, Raby CH63 4JH  
**6<sup>th</sup> July- Blackpool Bike Show**, Stanley Park  
**4-6<sup>th</sup> July – Mid-Life Crisis Bike Show**, Ship Inn, Irlam  
**10-13<sup>th</sup> July - Millennium Caveman Bash**, Canberra Club, Salmesbury nr Preston.  
**18<sup>th</sup> July – Photo shoot, 12pm (noon)** at the pond, Faro Rally site  
**18-20<sup>th</sup> July, Billing Biker Bash**, Billing Aerodrome, Northampton.  
**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July AAV Rally** – Bradford-on-Avon  
**25-27<sup>th</sup> July - MT Heads Rally**, Rochdale  
**2<sup>nd</sup> August – Rogue Riders Bike Show**, Wheatsheaf, Lymn WA13 OTR (Band – Deathwish)  
**22<sup>nd</sup> August – Avernus MCC Rally, Hamilton House Farm, Tarnacre farm, St. Michaels PR3 0TB** (tickets currently available)  
**23<sup>rd</sup> August – Lee Rigby Charity Bike Show and family day**, Boarshaw Working Mens' Club.  
**30<sup>th</sup> August – Millennium Bike Show** – venue TBC  
**6th September Scavengers Rocknight** (with Rampage) at the Roundhouse Bolton BL1 3TZ £5 to get in  
**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Jesters MCC Rally** Whittingham nr Preston, **Autumn NABDness** Enstone Airfield, **Lone Wolf Full Moon Rally**.  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept - But Why AVVA Laugh Rock night and Bike show**.  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – CAT MCC Rally**  
**28<sup>th</sup> September – North West Custom and Classic Show** – Ramsbottom Cricket Club  
**4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Millennium Rock Night** at Canberra Club  
**11<sup>th</sup> October – Mid-Life Crisis MCC Birthday Bash** – Cheese Puff Death Squad at Ship Inn Irlam  
**24/25<sup>th</sup> October - Brickies rally**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party** at the Minstrel pub Chorley

## Do men and women think differently?

### Her diary

*Tonight I thought that my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with friends all day long, so I thought that he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed but just sat there and didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong but he just said, "Nothing". I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset but he just said that he was not upset, it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept on driving. I can't explain his behaviour and I don't know why he didn't say "I love you" too. When we got home he seemed so remote, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly watching TV. He seemed so distant and absent. Finally, after about an hour of silence, I decided to go to bed. Fifteen minutes or so later he came up to bed, still distracted, his thoughts obviously somewhere else. When he fell asleep, I cried. I don't know what else I can do. I'm almost sure he has found someone else and that my life is a disaster.*

### His diary

*Bike won't start. Can't figure out why.*

If you would like to have your say on anything vaguely MAG-related, just drop me a line at [billgreen@madasafish.com](mailto:billgreen@madasafish.com) and I'll put it into the newsletter next month. Till then, have fun and I'll maybe see you at the NABD Rally.

**Bill NW Political Rep**

## Small Ads

MAG member Fred Hood writes:

*"After some toerags stole my 2011 Triumph Tiger 800 I have for sale a **standard tiger seat and exhaust**, never used, £75 each plus postage. Thanks".*

Call 07809141901



## Events

**RAV**  
riders are voters

Ahead of the Euro-MP Elections  
Let's Get the Message Across  
**Riders Are Voters**  
Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> (9.30-10.00am)

Meeting at;  
The Station Pub,  
Warrington Street  
Ashton-Under-Lyne  
OL6 6XB

Riding to a destination in  
Greater Manchester ???  
National Press and TV coverage!  
Further Info;  
[MotorcycleParty@aol.com](mailto:MotorcycleParty@aol.com)

41 Years Fighting For Riders Rights  
**BLACKPOOL AREA MAG'S  
BIG BIRTHDAY BASH**  
27th-29th June 2014

Blackpool Rugby Club,  
Fleetwood Road,  
FY5 1RN

Everyone enjoyed it so much last year  
We're keeping the same format for  
**MAG's Birthday Weekend!**  
With Bigger Marquee, More Bands,  
More Beer! Demo Ride Down Prom,  
Rally Bus into Town  
£12 Pre-book £15 OTG  
Includes £3 MAG members' beer/food voucher  
Tickets available on-line via NW web-site

For more information go to  
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North West  
**MAG** In Association with  
Motorcycle Action Group The Friends of Stanley Park  
Present .....

**BLACKPOOL MOTORCYCLE SHOW**  
The Italian Gardens, Stanley Park,  
Sunday, 6th July 2014  
11.00am till 5pm  
All Proceeds to  
MAG UK

£2 per bike/trike parking which gains  
Free entry in the show  
Trophies for Individual Classes &  
Overall Best In Show

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