

***** 2nd Anniversary souvenir issue! *****

Fred Hill Shock – weather is good!

Over the past twelve years we've had snow, sleet and ice. We've had gale force winds and the rain dancing off the cobbles in the Cathedral precinct. I've felt the notes for the reading turning into papier-mache in my hands. But this year the sun shone on Fred Hill. This year also marked the first time we have not started the run from the old Napier pub in Blackburn, home to Red Rose MAG for over a decade. The Sir Charles Napier was a Blackburn landmark, a real biker bar in its day, but it has now gone the way of so many other pubs in recent years. Its closure adds yet one more nail into the coffin of Blackburn town centre, which has gone from one of the most vibrant in the North West to almost a ghost town at night. Many people blame the policies of successive governments for failing to support the pub trade but this has fallen on deaf ears of those in power. The sad fact is that many of those passing the laws never set foot in a pub. If they close, then it is of little concern to them personally. What, though, has all this got to do with Fred Hill?

As bikers we are a vulnerable minority in more ways than one – not only on the road but also vulnerable to interfering legislation, albeit well-meant, sponsored by the non-biking majority. They sit in judgement, decreeing what is an acceptable risk and what is not, knowing that the repercussions of their laws will never affect them directly. MAG, however, believes that the best people to make decisions about personal safety on motorcycles are those who ride them. We know the risks, we know the consequences and we can weigh them up for ourselves. This is what Fred Hill believed and this



is what, in the end, he gave his life for. He believed that whether he wore a crash helmet or not was of no concern to anyone else. Therefore, on principle, he refused to wear one. This was his own choice and he didn't try to dictate to anyone else what they should do. When he was arrested and convicted (as he was many times!) he refused to pay the fines. In response they locked him up, an old man and not in the best of health. 32 years ago this year he died in prison.

Each year, around the anniversary of his death, bikers the length and breadth of the UK gather in small ceremonies to pause and remember Fred. True to his spirit, we will continue the fight for riders' rights.



This month – Red Rose MAG Rock Night 20th Feb

A massive thanks to everybody who came along to support the first Red Rose MAG Rock Night – it was a brilliant night. Venue, food and band (the excellent Badger) were all spot on and a great time was had by all. Perhaps more importantly, we also turned a healthy profit for the MAG fighting fund. The good people of Red Rose MAG deserve a big pat on the back for their organisation and hard work. Cheers!



Coming up – North West AGM 28th Feb

This years **NW AGM** is at **1pm** on **Sunday 28th February** at the **Petre Arms, Whalley Rd, BB6 8AB Langho** (between Blackburn and Whalley, just off the A59). You paid your subs so why not come down and exercise your democratic rights? The Petre is a cracking little pub, with an ideal function room for the meeting, so you can also support the great British boozier while you're supporting MAG! Don't forget your membership card to sign in. Hope you can make it.



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 hosted by **British Bulldogs MCC** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 23rd March** by at the **Balcarres Arms, 1 Copperas Lane, Haigh WN2 1PA**. Here is the latest, up to date list of biker events this autumn which the Alliance has put together, which includes a few changes from the previous month.

Regular monthly events

HAMC Liverpool Open night 3rd Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

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

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Salford MAG meeting – meet at Bird in Hand, Eccles, last Thursday of month

Red Rose MAG meet every 1st&3rd Wednesday, Petre Arms, Langho

Anvil MCC meet every Wed 8pm - contact Ray 07747748946

Avernus MCC – open clubhouse - last Saturday night of month Coppull Mill, Mill Lane PR7 5BW – **not this Feb!**

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ - finished until April 2016 then 3rd Wed of month

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite - every second Monday Black Bull in Penwortham on A59

Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday Black Bull Huncoat BB5 6LN Contact David 07480927399

MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

Gypsy Divas meet – 1st&3rd Wednesday, Woolpack, Haslingden from 8.00pm.

Rigby's Guardians meet every Sunday 6.30-9.00 at the Gardener's Arms, Hollin Lane, Middleton M24 5LE (near Junc. 19 M62)

Known upcoming events –

27th Feb – Millennium Rock Night – with El Bronson Canberra Club, Salmesbury £5 otd

27th Feb – Allegiance MCC Rally in the Alley - 8 till late, live music, 66 Long Lane, Aintree, L9 7BN

4th March – Avernus MCC Rock Night – British Legion, Coppull PR7 5EJ (then the clubhouse) band Snakeplay, £5 otd

5th March – Black Diamonds MC Rock Night – band Glam Nation, at the clubhouse, Hindley

13th March – British Biker Group Social - Legion Bar, 9 Upper Dickenson St, Wigan, band Beyond Recognition 7pm

8th April – Brotherhood Quest Rock Night, Vernon's Club, Factory Lane, Penwortham Preston PR1 9SN £5 OTD camping available, band Done & Dusted

2nd-3rd April – Manchester Motorcycle Show – Event City, Trafford Park.

8th-10th April Rising Moon MCC Rally, Lowerhouse Cricket Club, Padiham

17th April – Cogheads MCC Petfood Run – Black Bull, Huncoat 12.30pm start, ride to RSPCA and Bleak Holt

Avernus trip to Ibiza 9th -19th May – Rock festival, 1497miles – anyone interested contact Ant 07584098610 for details of discount. Itinerary, costs available for next meeting. £270 for 10 days, hotel inclusive.

7th May – Bikes & Trikes RC Rocknight – Southport Railway Club, Sussex Rd. Southport

20th-22nd May – Leyland Eagles MCC Rally – Kirkland & Catterall Memorial Hall Churchtown PR4 0HR

24-26th June – Blackpool MAG Rally – the North-West's No.1 Riders' Rights Rally! – Fleetwood Rugby Club

3rd July NW MAG Bike Show – Italian Gardens, Stanley Park Blackpool

2nd -3rd July Mid-Life Crisis Bike Show – Ship Hotel, Irlam

7th – 10th July – Caveman Bash Rally – Canberra Club Salmesbury 18 pre-book, £23 otd

8th July – Jimmy T's Party for Elaine, Britannia Hotel, Palatine Rd, Didsbury (with Deathwish)

10th July Salford AutoJumble – Bird in Hand, Eccles – stalls £10, free music

22nd – 24th July AAVMCC Not Forgotten Rally, Bradford on Avon

21st August Cogheads Bike Show – rear of Arndale, Accrington 11am on

27th August NABD Fundraiser – Wangies, Eccles, entry by donation – Contact Brian 07792089619

26th-29th August – Avernus Underworld Rally - Hamilton House Farm, St. Michaels on Wyre PR3 0TB

16th-18th September Jesters MCC Rally – Whittingham Social Club, Goosenargh

7th-9th Oct Rising Moon MCC Rally, Lowerhouse Cricket Club, Padiham

8th Oct Mid-Life Crisis Birthday Bash – Ship, Irlam

29th Oct Millennium Rock Night –Canberra Club, Salmesbury £5 otd

5th Nov Blackpool MAG Hellfire Bonfire Party – fancy dress, Blackpool Rugby Club

11th Nov Leyland Eagles Rock Nite – Leyland& Farrington Social Club

19th Nov – Avernus Rock Night

26th Nov – Cogheads MCC Frightmare before Xmas – Fancy dress, Poplar Social Club, Wellington St Accrington



Need A Band?

If you're organising an event and need some live music then the following fine artistes come very highly recommended by the NW Alliance:

- **Deathwish** – contact Ant 07584098610
www.facebook.com/deathwishuk – the best band in the world (for the money)
- **Cheese Puff Death Squad**
- **Band of Gypsies**
- **Strap on Jack** - excellent value for money
- **Hooker** – not cheap but brilliant, will fill the dance floor
- **5th Element** – (covers & own stuff, Manchester based) Tel 07795348008 Neil
- **Night Train**
- **Cold Flame**
- **Heston**
- **Cautious Retreat** – see Facebook page
- **The Trollbangers** (rock covers) – 07727241479 /07715910712 zedd650@hotmail.com
- **Road Hog**
- **August**
- **Sin after Sin**
- **Riff-Raff**
- **Badger**
- **Whistle Test** (classics from the TV show)
- **The Arcane** listed **AeroTwisted** – contact Lewis 0790654795
- **Nameless** – Liam 07969866766
- **Hollowpoint** (classic Rock) – Tim 07771686828
- **Powertrip**
- **Dirty Little Secrets** – contact Graham 0771259036
- **Done & Dusted**
- **Beyond Recognition**
- **Thunderchild**

As ever, if you would like to have your say on anything vaguely MAG-related, or sell something bike related, just drop me a line at billgreen@madasafish.com and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

Bill

NW Political Rep

“MAG is working 365 days a year to protect the rights of all riders. Now that's what I call cool!”



6th WARRINGTON WHEELS YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE COMPETITION 2016

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MOTOR CYCLES?



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ENTER A LOCAL MOTOR CYCLE (OR MOTOR CYCLE RELATED VEHICLE) BUILDING COMPETITION TO TAKE PLACE AT WOOLSTON BROOK SCHOOL, WARRINGTON, (CHESHIRE, WA1 4Z), ON FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2016 (11am-2pm)

ENTRANTS CAN BE TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS AGED 18 YEARS OR UNDER.

ENTER AS MANY VEHICLES AS YOU CAN BUILD.
(Any type of bike, running or not)

ENTRANTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THEIR EXHIBITS IN THE NATIONAL YOUTHBIKE COMPETITION (www.youthbike.com) HELD IN LINCOLNSHIRE 24-26 JUNE 2016

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT BOB TOWLER
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All profits go to protecting "Riders' Rights"



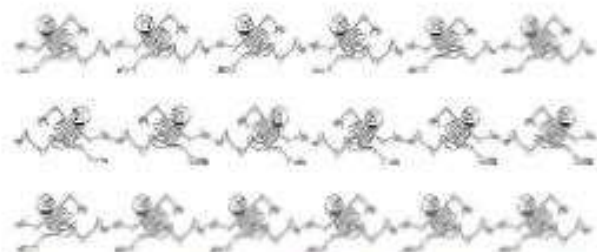
Blackpool Stanley Park Motorcycle Show

Featuring Rupert Fabulous in the Bandstand
Sunday 3rd July 2016
11am-4:30pm

£2 per bike/trike parking
which gains free entry in
the show. Trophies for best
in each class and overall

**All profits to MAG's
Fighting Fund
Protecting "Riders' Rights"**

Further details at
www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org



Everybody is racing to the Salford MAG Mid-Summer Motorcycle Auto Jumble

Finished your winter project?

Got spare parts left over?

Want to sell, buy more or swap?

Private stalls: £10.00 upfront buys you a plot from
12.00 noon til' 5pm on SUNDAY 10th July 2016 at
the Bird in Hand Eccles M30 ORY

Traders by appointment Only apply to Blayz for price

Queries to Blayz 07791794740 or Floyd 07763569438

Free live music all afternoon