



North West Newsletter

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MAG ASKS PARTIES: WHAT DO YOU OFFER 5 MILLION BIKERS?

The Motorcycle Action Group is approaching the political parties to ask them: what will you do for the millions of bikers who are voters too?

With the announcement of a General Election on 8th June 2017, MAG is insisting on answers to the question: what will your party do for bikers? The question matters because there are scores of seats in which the motorcycling vote exceeds the majority of the sitting MP. MAG's Political Unit is already preparing to engage with the parties at the highest level on the basis that the 'biking vote' could swing the result of the entire election.

"We'll be launching our manifesto for biking and inviting the parties to provide an official response," says MAG Chair, Selina Lavender. *"Given the short time available we'll be handling quite a lot of this centrally. However, candidates can fully expect local bikers to be quizzing them on their biking policies too. Nobody expects politicians to all be experts on motorcycling but what we're looking for is a positive mind-set and a willingness to see bikes as part of the transport solution, rather than part of the problem."*

MAG is also offering support to bikers who wish to organise their own local debates for candidates. *"We have a 'how to' guide which is available from HQ,"* explains Lembit Öpik, MAG's Director of Communications & Public Affairs. *"Just call 01926 844 064. It's very straightforward – all it needs is a little preparation time and calling around."* Alternatively, you can attend one of the many debates which will occur all over the country where candidates will have to answer questions from the public.

Key themes for MAG include:

- giving bikes a better deal on Vehicle Excise Duty on account of bikes' congestion-busting and environment-friendly qualities
- bike parking
- motorcycle theft and assaults on bikers
- bikes in bus lanes
- exemption from user-charging.

"Elections are the times when politicians have to listen and respond to the public: their careers depend on it," adds Selina. *"As riders, we're wise to make the most of these opportunities."*

This Month – St. George's Rock Knight 22nd April

Massive thanks to all of you who came along to support Red Rose MAG's 2nd Rock Night. There was a cracking turnout and everyone seemed to have a ball. The band, 5th Element, was as excellent as ever, the venue was spot on and the opportunity to camp over was the icing on the cake. And the fact that the weather was warm and sunny was the cherry on the icing. All in all, the branch raised about £250 clear profit, which will go straight into the MAG fighting fund.



Looking ahead – You’ve Been Nabbed 26 5th-7th May



It's almost time for You've Been Nabbed again and to quote the great Bobby Ball, "I'm dead excited Tommy!" This has got to be one of the most chilled, relaxed rallies going and as usual there will be plenty of entertainment: 20 bands in 3 marques and the Frog & Bucket Comedy Club Roadshow on the Saturday afternoon. At the time of writing the weather looks set to be fair, which is always a bonus. All profits will obviously support NABD in helping disabled bikers to get back onto the road. Please note that the site has now moved to the **Cheshire Showground WA16 0HJ**. NW MAG will, as ever, be there and looking forward to seeing you – look out for the stand.

This Month – Warrington Wheels Youth Motorcycle Competition – 26th May

As we've said before in this newsletter, we need to encourage more youngsters onto motorbikes if biking is to survive. Youthbikes are trying to do just that by organising bike-building competitions for kids. The next regional final will be at **Woolston Brook School, Warrington WA1 4JL** between **11.30am** and **2pm** on **Friday 26th May**, where there will hopefully be a fine selection of weird and wacky machines like the one on the right. Both NW MAG and the NW Motorcycle Alliance support the project 100% and will be sponsoring trophies on the day. For more information and how to enter a bike into the competition contact Bob Towler (via the school) on 01925 818549 or email bobowler57@hotmail.co.uk



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 **HAMC Manchester** at the **clubhouse, Liverpool Rd, Cadishead** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 17th May**. 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.

28th-30th April - Into The Valley at new weatherproof site with heated inside area – pre-book only

30th April Motley Crew MCC Bike Show Packhorse, Albert Lane, Bury

30th April Crisis Crew MC Gentlemen's' Afternoon at the Ship Irlam

5th-7th May You've Been Nabbed – new site: Cheshire Show Ground, Flittogate Lane, Tabley, Knutsford WA16 0HJ

6th – 21st May – Ibiza Run – SOLD OUT

12-14th May Leyland Eagles Rally – the Showground, Whorles, nr Kirkham

20th May BACA 100 mile Ride starting at 10am from Twa Dogs Inn Keswick

26th May - 7th Warrington Wheels Youth Bike Competition – Woolston Brook School, Warrington, WA1 4JL

27th May HAMC Manchester Open Night is at the Rixton Food and Drink Festival

25-28th May – Big Barn Rally.

16th-18th June Farmyard Party – Helmsley, North Yorkshire

18th June Rising Moon MCC Bike Show - Euan Fields, Hyde
 23rd-25th June – Blackpool Area MAG Rally, Fleetwood Rugby Club – the North-West’s Premier Riders’ Rights Party
 24th June RBLR 1000 Mile Run in 24 hours starting from Squires café, Sherburn in Elmet
 30th June Crisis Crew MC Rock Night at the Ship, Irlam.
 2nd July - Stanley Park Bike Show Blackpool – all proceeds to the MAG fighting fund.
 1st-2nd July – Crisis Crew MC Bike Show at the Ship, Irlam.
 8th July - Limefest
 13-16th July Millennium 2000BC Caveman Bash Canberra Club Samlesbury BB2 7LF
 4th-6th August Yorkshire Pudding Rally Escrick Nr York – pre-book only
 18-20th August – HAMC Rock & Bike Fest, Rixton, Warrington WA3 6EA – custom show, camping and bands.
 25th-28th August - Avernus Underworld Rally – Hamilton House Farm, Tarnacre Lane, St.Michaels PR3 0TB
 25th – 27th August - Great North West Motorbike Festival, Winter Gardens, Blackpool
 3rd September Millennium 2000BC Bike Show Baron’s Rest Chorley PR1XA
 23rd-24th September Ramsbottom Motorcycle Show
 15-17th Jesters Rally Whittington & Goosenargh Social Club
 28th October Accrington MCC Fright Night Poplar Club Wellington St, Accrington
 28th October Millennium Halloween Rock Night
 25th November Cogheads Nightmare Before Christmas Poplar Club, Wellington St, Accrington

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



The bike owner.
The MAG member

He loves motorcycles. He's knowledgeable about them, too. He's aware of all the models, their features and their specs.
 He's a pretty good rider and has an understanding of why certain handling characteristics are important.
 He thinks his machine is the most beautiful thing on the road. It's luxurious. It's powerful. It's fast. And it's as futuristic as tomorrow.
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 He's very typical. **He's an enthusiast.**

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7th WARRINGTON WHEELS YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE COMPETITION 2017

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 4ZL ON FRIDAY 26th MAY 2017. (11.30am-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 JUNE 2017

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT BOB TOWLER
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HAPPY BUILDING!



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NEW SITE FOR 2017
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BIKERS WITH A DISABILITY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THEIR NATIONAL RALLY FOR 2017

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26th ANNIVERSARY
5TH-7TH MAY 2017

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BOOK YOUR SERVICE NOW!

BIKETIME SHOW BY BACK STREET HEROES MAGAZINE
If you are a biker and you are looking for a good time, then you have to be at the BIKETIME SHOW. It's a great day out for all biker types. There's a lot to see and do. The show is held at the BIKETIME SHOW CENTRE, 1000, BIKETIME DRIVE, WARRINGTON, CHESHIRE, WA1 4ZL. For more details contact NABD, Unit 20, The Bridgewater Centre, Robinson Avenue, Liverpool, Merseyside, M41 7JL. T: 0844 415 4649 OR info@nabd.org.uk

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Fleetwood Rugby Club, Melbourne Avenue, Lancs, FY7 8AY

All profits to The Motorcycle Action Group Ltd
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Leyland Eagles A.I.C.C.

The Leyland Eagles Tyred 'n' Exhausted Rally

The Show Field, Salwick Road, Wharles, Nr Preston, Lancashire, PR4 3SN

12th - 14th May 2017

Food and Refreshments,
Clothing and Accessory Stalls,
Mobile Tattooist, Psychic Medium
Raffles, Auctions and competitions.

All amenities provided on site

On field Car Parking £8 per car
Parking for Blue Badge Holders is free
(Vehicle reg needs to be stated prior to rally)

Anything larger than a trailer - STRICTLY by arrangement

To purchase tickets please send cheques
(made payable to Leyland Eagles MCC) and a SAE to the
L.E.M.C.C Rally sec at: 25 Withy Grove Road, Bamber
Bridge, Preston, PR5 6WV

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
RALLY SEC: JASON 07393 412 265

Tickets Pre-book £15
Pay OTG £20

THE CURIOUS CAT

NEW BLOOD RACES

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ROCK OF AGONY

Goodwill Air Ambulance Charity

**Blackpool Stanley Park
Motorcycle Show**

**Sunday 2nd July 2017
11am-4:30pm**

**Live Music in the Bandstand
Cadence, Free Roll, Secrets**



**£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
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