



# North West Newsletter

July 2018

## Summer was made for biking.

I hope you're managing to take advantage of this cracking weather to get out on the bike. The last fairly recent summer this good that I remember was 2005, although my memory may be faulty. I definitely do recall 1976 though. Months of sunshine, I'd just passed my test and got a GT380 – I was happy as a pig in muck! And I'm pleased to report that I'm having just as much fun now as then (toured the Highlands last month, off to Ireland in August). The fact that I can still do that in 2018 is down in no small part to the hard work of groups like MAG. Let's keep bikers riding free for another 40 years!

## This Month – Blackpool Area MAG Rally 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July



It's been said that the sun shines on the righteous but it also shines on Blackpool MAG. This rally has seen all kinds of weather over the years (including hurricanes) but this year you couldn't have hoped for better. Add that to the great bands, beer and company and you've got the recipe for a great event. Many thanks to all who supported on the weekend – it also made a healthy profit for the fighting fund.

## This Month – Stanley Park Bike Show 8<sup>th</sup> July



The fantastic weather hung on in there for MAG's bike show the following weekend. That's no surprise as they seem to be lucky sun-wise every year. The show makes a great destination for a Sunday ride out, with bikers dropping in and out throughout the day. And all those £2 admission charges go directly to MAG to help fund our campaigns. It's a win-win situation really.

## Next Month – Great NW Motorbike Festival 25<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> August



The Great North West Motorbike Festival at the Winter gardens Blackpool is back, and MAG will be helping out again.

There should be plenty to see – there'll be tutorials in the custom world of bike building from air brushing, welding and mechanical advice as well as live music, stunt shows, industry professionals, trade stands competitions and of course hundreds of bikes to gaze at..

Entry is reasonable too:

Adult: £10.00

Junior (12 - 16 years):£3.00

Under 12's: FREE

## Sign of the End (or end of the sign?)

It looks like one of the casualties of the move towards autonomous vehicles may be the humble road sign. At present most autonomous vehicles use cameras and laser sensors to read information on road signs but this method is far from infallible. Signs that have become obscured by branches, covered in dirt or green mould, or even just have stickers on them often fool robot vehicles causing them to make the wrong decisions. It is much more straightforward for them to get such info e.g.speed limits, parking restrictions, when to give way, directly from a sat-nav type system. A new system developed

by Inrix, a US transport data firm, is being trialled by Jaguar Land Rover in Coventry. As autonomous vehicles become more common there will be less need for such road signs, resulting in fewer being put up. That's not a bad thing in itself (there's often far too many anyway) but let's hope they leave enough to allow those "self-drive" vehicles that remain to get about.



## Warrington Wheels Youth Motorcycle Competition 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019



This is a heads-up for those who fancy having a go at next year's Warrington Wheels Youth Motorcycle Competition – start building early. The entrants must be under 18 years old but they'll need a bit of help and guidance. That's where you come in. As well as encouraging the next generation of bikers, creating a custom motorcycle can be a great experience for a youngster, building up their confidence and self-worth as well as giving them something useful to do that doesn't involve Xbox's.

Who knows, it could even lead to a new career for them one day? If you'd like to find out more contact Bob Towler, c/o Woolston Brook School, Green Lane, Warrington, WA1 4JL 01925 818549 or email [bobtowler57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobtowler57@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 **Red Devils MC** at the **clubhouse Hindley WN2 4SZ** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 25th July**. Please check the NW Alliance website for any last minutes changes to venue/dates– they do happen! 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** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

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

**Hell's Belles WMC Open Night** last Monday of month at clubhouse Radcliffe – Everyone welcome - The Cauldron, Globe Industrial Estate, Derbyshire St, Radcliffe, M26 2TA

**Red Devils MC open night** every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

**Red Rose MAG** - meet every 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Petre Arms, Langho nr Blackburn

**Ecclestone Delph Bike Meet** every Tuesday until end of season, café open till 9pm

**MT Heads Meet** – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

**Road Reapers MCC** - meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7.30 at the Ellsmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

**Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite** – every Monday (except last in month) 7-9pm Anchor pub, Liverpool Rd, Hutton PR4 5SL

**Bury the Hatchett MCC** - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 third Thursday of month

**Ronin MCC** - meet every Thursday at the Greyhound pub, 44 Leigh Rd, Worsley M2 1LR - open night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Cogheads MCC** meet every Thursday (except 1<sup>st</sup>) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton–le-Moors

**Road Slayers Brotherhood** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Rock Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY (except next one - 15<sup>th</sup> June)

**Accrington MCC** meet at the Sidney St. club, Accrington every other Sunday at 8pm.

**Chorley Wildhartz MCC** – meet first Thursday of month at Seaview Inn, Preston Rd, Chorley - suspended

**British Bulldogs MCC** – every Wednesday at the Balcarres Arms, Wigan WN2 1PA

**Spartan MCC** meet every Thursday at Railway Linnet pub Middleton, M24 1GQ

**Brigantia Rebels MCC** meet at the Old Springs, Spring Rd, Wigan WN5 0JJ 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 7pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3pm

**Leyland Eagles MCC** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at Leyland & Farrington Club

**Avernus MCC** – meet at the Red Herring, Coppull, please check [www.avernus-mcc.co.uk](http://www.avernus-mcc.co.uk) for dates

**RBLR** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at St.Chads Club, Whittle-le-Woods

**Life Behind Bars MCC** meet Thursdays at the Sundial, Bury

**Lioness MCC** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ Cart & Horses Astley

**Throttle Twisters MCC** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – The Rifle Range pub, Burnley lane, Chadderton

**Veterans Garage** open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

**Rising Moon Bike Night** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at the Travellers Call, Bredbury

**Road Reapers Bike Night** every Wednesday at the Ellsmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

### Known upcoming events

**27-29<sup>th</sup> July** – MT Heads Runnin' on MT Rally – Panto 9 – Collop Gate Farm, Heywood

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August** – Brigantia Rebels Rally, Wigan

**19<sup>th</sup> August** – MT Heads Bike Show at the Flying Horse

**24-27<sup>th</sup> August** - Avernus Underworld Rally – Rally is cancelled

**25<sup>th</sup> August** – Avernus Rock Night, venue TBA

**26<sup>th</sup> August** - Norsemen MCC Bike Show & Rock Night at the Grapes, Peel Green

**15<sup>th</sup> September** – Throttle Twisters Charity Rock Night at the Rifle Range pub, £5 on the door (for charity)

**29<sup>th</sup> September** - Lioness MCC Farm Wars Rally, Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LS

**27<sup>th</sup> October** - Rising Moon Rock Night – Rally is cancelled

**27<sup>th</sup> October** – Accrington MCC – Halloween Rock Night @ Poplar Club

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - Hells Belles WMC Samhain Party at the Cauldron, M26 2TA

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](mailto:billgreen@madasafish.com) and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.

Bill

NW Political Rep





***One road sign we never want to see.  
Keep supporting MAG!***

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DRIBBLE IN'T  
RIBBLE 19  
14<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

**2018**

**DETAILS OR BOOK ONLINE:  
[WWW.JESTERSMCC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.JESTERSMCC.ORG.UK)**

**MOB: 07971530190**



**FRIDAY**



**SATURDAY**



**CHEQUES TO:**

**ALL THE USUAL PARTYING AND  
DEBAUCHERY YOU CUM TO  
EXPECT**

**LIVE BANDS  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT**

**WHITTINGHAM CLUB  
OLD WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL  
GROUNDS**

**WHITTINGHAM  
PRESTON  
PR3 2JE**

**£12.00**

**PREBOOK**

**OR**

**£15.00 OTG**

**JESTERS MCC, 109 COLLEGE COURT PRESTON PR1 7RU**

**LIMIT OF 350 TICKETS THIS YEAR**

**NO CARS OR VANS: PARKING AVAILABLE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS**

MOBILE CHAOS MCC

22ND

KAMIKAZE CAVE RUN

RALLY SILVERDALE

28TH-30TH SEPT 2018

CHEAP BAR, BANDS,  
STALLS, TROPHIES,

PRE BOOK £18, OTG £22.  
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS  
[www.mobilechaosmcc.co.uk](http://www.mobilechaosmcc.co.uk)

# MAG 2018 AGC

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Borth Community Hall SY24 5LH

Entry from 10:00, conference starts at 12:00.  
You **MUST** be a member of MAG,  
or an affiliated club delegate to attend

Lunch provided for all attending.  
If you have particular dietary requirements,  
please let us know in advance

Evening party venue:

Ty Gwyn, SY24 5LA

Live music by:

**RUBICON HELL YEAH**

Free entry for delegates,  
£5.00 for all others

For further details or enquiries call

Oh I do BIKE to be beside the seaside

**MAG**  
Motorcycle Action Group

WINTER GARDENS BLACKPOOL

NEW FOR 2018  
THE NWMD  
STUNT ARENA

Motorbike Festival  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH MANCHESTER

2018

SATURDAY 25TH - SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2018

The Bike Insurer

MAG  
The heart is part of being

LIVE MUSIC | REVS BIKE SHOW | HERITAGE ZONE  
MAJOR EXHIBITORS | INDEPENDENT TRADERS | CUSTOM VILLAGE

WINTERGARDENBLACKPOOL.CO.UK

## 9th WARRINGTON WHEELS YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE COMPETITION 2019

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 4JL  
ON FRIDAY 26th MAY 2019, (11.30am - 2pm) Presentation at 1.30 Bring a gazebo

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](http://www.youthbike.com)), HELD IN LINCOLNSHIRE JUNE 2019

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HAPPY BUILDING!



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