



# North West Newsletter

August 2018

## MAG – Democracy in Action

Don't forget, **MAG's Annual Group Conference** will be on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at **Borth Community Hall** in sunny Wales. There's camping up the road, a free lunch and a party (with live band) afterwards for MAG members. This is your chance to find what has been happening and to have your say in the future of the group. Just don't forget your membership card!

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



The **Great North West Motorbike Festival at Blackpool Winter Gardens** is this weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. After last year's successful launch, this year sees even more stands and experiences, including big-brand exhibitors and traders, a celebration of our hard-working emergency services and a custom bike village with live music, tattooists, beer & burgers.

MAG's North West Regional Rep, Tony Cox, said *"MAG is pleased to be supporting this event again. This year we will have 'The MAG Lounge', a dedicated seating area where members and prospective members will be able to come along and chat with MAG representatives including*

*our Director of Communications & Public Affairs, Lembit Öpik. There will be complimentary hot drinks and other refreshments available from the bar. We are also pleased to say that MAG members with a full membership card are being offered a 20% discount on their entry fee, which is much appreciated."*

The event will be hosted and full details regarding the event, including ticket prices, can be found at [www.gnwmf17.co.uk](http://www.gnwmf17.co.uk).

## Next Month – Jesters MCC Rally 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September



Almost time again for MAG-supporting **Jesters MCC's 19<sup>th</sup> Cum'n' Dribble int' Ribble Rally**. This is one fun little rally, with all the usual great bands, real ale etc, so why not get over to Whittingham and Goosnargh Social Club and have yourself a great weekend. It's only £12 advance or £15 on the gate. See poster below for details.

## Berliner DDR Motorrad Museum

If you're over that way, and have a liking for old East German bikes, the DDR Motorrad Museum in Berlin is well worth a visit. Just a stone's throw from Alexanderplatz, under the railway arches, some of the Communist Bloc's finest are lovingly curated and yours to see for just six and a half euros. They may not have been as innovative as the Japs but they were solidly built and had a quirky style all of their own. The East German government decided in the early 1960s that all motorcycles produced should be two-strokes as they were cheaper to produce, simple to maintain and powerful for their cc. And also, as a bonus, very smoky. One thing's for certain – the EU will never allow their like again.



*They built some very sturdy looking scooters.*

*This was the future once.*



*PPE '60s style*



*Horizontally opposed two-stroke twin*



*Guzzi inspired two-stroke?*



*50cc Simson (pronounced "zimzun" I learnt)*



*Very nice two-stroke combination*

## Writing on the wall for noisy pipes?

“Loud pipes save lives”, or so the patches read. Now claims that “loud pipes blight lives” seem to be getting louder. Sir Hugo Swire, MP for East Devon, has told parliament about the “assault on rural communities” by motorcycles with excessively noisy exhausts. He points out that motorcycles make up only about 1 in 30 vehicles on the road but account for 1 in 5 that fail their MOT for being too loud. Sir Hugo says that he has no wish to “reduce people’s pleasure from riding powerful motorbikes” but he fails to see why others should suffer as a consequence. He may have a point. This is the “silly season” for news outlets otherwise his views wouldn’t get the publicity they have but he may only be saying what many others are thinking, both bikers and non-bikers alike. I love a raunchy sounding exhaust as much as the next man but in these increasingly pollution-sensitive times the days of the loud pipes may well be numbered.



## UK’s first ultra-low emission streets

You thought London’s proposed £10 ULEZ charge was bad? As of 3<sup>rd</sup> September you’ll have to pay £130 if you use any of nine streets in Hackney and Islington on anything but an electric or hybrid vehicle. The streets will be policed by automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras and a £130 penalty issued if you’re using a petrol/diesel vehicle there during “rush hours”. Edmund King, president of the AA, has responded by saying “this is going to be incredibly confusing for drivers who will be charged different amounts for driving in different parts of the country”.

## 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 **Brigantia Rebels MCC** at **Old Springs Inn, 126 Spring Road, Wigan WN5 0JJ** at **8pm on Wednesday 26th September**. 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)

**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 RAFA

**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 Ellesmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

Norsemen MCC – last Wednesday of every month

Wild Bulls MCC meet every Wednesday at 7.30 in the Dog & Partridge, Preston.

**Known upcoming events**

25/26<sup>th</sup> August – The Great North West Motorbike Festival, Winter Gardens Blackpool – 20% off entry for MAG members

**REMINDER - Avernus Underworld Rally – Rally is cancelled, see below.**

25<sup>th</sup> August – Avernus Free Rock Night **STRICT 100 limit**, camping available, venue Adlington cricket club, Hutton road, PR7 4HD (No cars on site, parking available though). Please give heads up on the Event page so they know who is coming.

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

31<sup>st</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Leyland Eagles Rally, Edgehill Farm, Bolton Rd, Withnell nr Chorley PR6 8BS

9<sup>th</sup> September Avernus MCC Barbeque – Red Herring pub Coppull

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September – Jesters MCC Rally, Whittingham Club PR3 2JE

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 7LH

30<sup>th</sup> September – North Manchester Custom & Classic Bike Show, Ramsbottom Cricket Club BLO 0BS

6<sup>th</sup> October – Big Gaz Memorial Ride – Red Devils MC Clubhouse, 12.30 noon leaving 1.30 party afterwards

27<sup>th</sup> October - Rising Moon Free Rock Night – Ashton-under-Lyne cricket club **Rally is cancelled**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Leyland Eagles’ Bonfire Rock Night at Leyland RAFA club.

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

9<sup>th</sup> November – Road Slayers Brotherhood - Charity rock night for walking wounded, free admission, The Rock Peel Green

10<sup>th</sup> November - Millennium 2000BC rock night, Canberra club, Salmsbury

15<sup>th</sup> December - Brigantia Rebels Jingle Jam 3 Xmas Party – details to follow.

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



**East**

**West**



**Why we won the Cold War**

WINTER GARDENS BLACKPOOL

NEW FOR 2018 THE NWMD STUNT ARENA

Motorbike Festival 2018

SATURDAY 25TH - SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2018

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE WESTERN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

The Bike Insurer

MAG The heart & soul of biking

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

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# 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

**CUM'N  
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

JESTERS M.C.C.  
PRESTON

FRIDAY

Book of the Month

SATURDAY

ONE  
EDGE

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

CHEQUES TO:  
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)




## 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 ~~FRI~~ ~~DAY~~ ~~28th~~ ~~MAY~~ ~~2019~~, (11.30am-2pm) Presentation at 1.30 Bring a gazebos

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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