



# North West Newsletter

September 2018

## MAG AGC – Final Reminder

Just a final reminder that **MAG's Annual Group Conference** will be this **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September** at **Borth Community Hall, High Street, Borth, SY24 5LH** in mid-Wales. Entry from **10:00 am** and the conference starts at **12:00 noon**. Camping is available, lunch is provided and the weather looks set for fair. Don't forget your membership card though if you want to vote. Any enquiries: 07773 718 444



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



It was good to see the Great North West Bike Show back for a second year, with a decent selection of machines to ogle over. Honda put on a good display and for those who like their scooters I thought the Royal Alloys looked the part – ABS and a four stroke engine included. As last year, Blackpool MAG played a key part by organising the bike parking and a MAG drop-in area. Plus the beautiful Blackpool Winter Gardens is always a joy. A big thanks to all who turned out and supported the event.

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



MAG-supporting **Jesters MCC** are celebrating another success at their 19<sup>th</sup> **Cum'n' Dribble int' Ribble Rally**. The weather wasn't the best but everybody was too busy having a good time to notice. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> so you can bet that will something really special!

## This Month – Spat Out of Hull Rally 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September



Meanwhile, on the other side of the Pennines, Yorkshire MAG held their end of season Spat Rally on the old Farmyard site. Obviously, a good time was had by all and, this being the drier part of the country, they were lucky with the weather. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Spat rally on this site and it now looks like a regular fixture.

## This Month – Ribble Valley Mod Weekender 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September



Another event that seems to be going from strength to strength is the Mod Weekender in Clitheroe - if anything it seemed bigger than last year. The streets were lined to see the Saturday ride-in, which was impressive (even if the solitary guy on a RD400 looked a bit out of place – maybe his Vespa had broken down?). Many bars had a 60s or Ska band on in the evenings so the whole town had a party atmosphere. Both bikes and scooters have to put up with the same silly laws so there's more in common than divides us. Plus it's always good to see how the other half lives (and has fun).

## Manchester needs a new MAG rep

After 6 years in the role, Manchester rep Jimmy Torrance has decided to step down at the end of the year. I'm sure that everybody in the NW region would like to thank Jimmy for his tireless work over the years. Jimmy has a keen eye to spot injustice and isn't scared to speak out where he sees it. He's worked hard to make sure that bikers get a fair deal in the city and he will be missed. As he says, *"I'm proud of MAG and I'll always be happy to assist as and when I can. However after six years as Manchester Rep and as of October sixty six years young, I'm hoping that a younger and more energetic individual will take up this (at times) challenging, but always rewarding, post"*.

I think that Jimmy is being harsh on himself – I know plenty of folk who are way over sixty six and are far more energetic than me. The motto of the MAG rep should be "steady away" – we know we will win out in the end. So if you would like to get involved just drop us a line before Xmas (email below). This is a time of big change in our cities and bikers need a voice. After all, it's no good complaining after the event.



## Electric Clog

The move towards electric cars could cause road congestion to more than double over the next thirty years, according to estimates by the Department for Transport. At present these show that around 7% of roads are "clogged" but this could rise to 16% by 2050. They base these predictions on two changes: firstly, the move to electric vehicles will bring about a sharp decline in vehicle running costs leading in turn to much greater usage. Secondly, the number of vehicles on the road could increase by over 50%.

This would be because of an increased population in the country as a whole but also the introduction of autonomous vehicles would allow older drivers to stay on the road for longer. It had previously been predicted that autonomous vehicles would reduce congestion by making more efficient use of road space. However, by keeping a greater number of elderly drivers mobile, and by robot drivers being programmed to move more cautiously than human drivers, they may actually increase congestion. This all seems to confirm what MAG has been saying for years: bikes are part of the solution to our future transport needs.



## 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 **Bury the Hatchett MCC** at the **Two Tubs, 19 The Wylde, Bury BL9 0LA** at **8pm on Wednesday 24th October**. 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**

**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 OBS  
**6<sup>th</sup> October – LBMC Party Night** – free entry & food at the clubhouse, Cotton St, Liverpool L3 7DY  
**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 – Blackpool MAG - Halloween Party**, The Talbot Club, Blackpool FY1 3LL. Live Music Rock DJ £5 OTD  
**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, Salmesbury  
**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



***Suddenly, Lance  
Armstrong doesn't  
seem so bad.***



# BLACKPOOL MAG HALLOWEEN PARTY



**THE TALBOT CLUB** 46 Milbourne St,  
Blackpool FY1 3LL

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 8pm till Late**

**Silly Games**

**Live Music  
Rock DJ**

**£5  
OTD**



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 FRIDAY 28th MAX 2019, (11.30am-2pm) Presentation at 1.30 Bring a gozbeo

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT BOB TOWLER  
C/O WOOLSTON BROOK SCHOOL, GREEN LANE, WARRINGTON, WA1 4JL  
01925 818549

Or E-mail [bobowler57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobowler57@hotmail.co.uk)

HAPPY BUILDING!



[www.bobsbikeclasses.co.uk](http://www.bobsbikeclasses.co.uk)