



Happy New Year from NW MAG!

A glance through the Road magazine will show that MAG has made real progress this year. We're still the grass-roots campaigning group that we've always been but now we've also developed into a professional lobbying organisation. Doors are open to us that were previously closed and we can make a reasoned case for motorcycling to those who make the decisions. Effectively, MAG are the only ones standing up for bikers today. Thanks for supporting MAG through 2018 and hopefully through the new year. We hope you had a great Christmas and wish you all the best for 2019!

Fred Hill Run & NW AGM 10th February 2019



A date for your diary here – we'll be holding our annual Fred Hill run and NW AGM on Sunday 10th February. Again the venue will be the Petre Arms in Langho, near Whalley. The run will leave at 1pm and the AGM start at 2.30pm – you're welcome to join us for either one or both. As a MAG member it's your right to find out what's been happening in the region and to vote on what we do in 2019.

The pub will put on a bacon/sausage butty plus a brew for £3 from noon and there will be pie, chips, peas and gravy for £7 (or their usual menu) during the AGM. Plus, being a Sam Smith's pub, the drinks won't break the bank either.

It's faster by bike

New stats from the Department for Transport show that the average speed of cars and vans in built-up areas is now just 18mph, down 0.5mph on a year ago. It's even worse in the City of London, at just 7.6mph. Even cyclists managed an average 15.9mph. The AA have suggested that this may be down to chaotic new rail timetables may have pushed more commuters onto the road.

The benefits of powered two-wheelers (PTWs) as a quick and inexpensive way to get around have never been more obvious. It's up to us in MAG to make sure that fact is widely appreciated.



The road to 2040



The government's target to get us all to go zero emission by 2040 has stalled this year, electric vehicles accounting for just 0.6% of sales. Sales of hybrids rose by 37% last year compared with a rise of just 7% for pure electric. Reasons cited include the lack of affordable models, poor battery range and lack of charging points. The best-selling electric car, the Nissan Leaf, costs £26,500 whilst the range of Zero motorcycles start at just over £9000. Meanwhile the government last month reduced its subsidy for pure electric vehicles by £1000, and did away with the subsidy for hybrids totally. So, this begs the question of how they will achieve this target. Having reduced the "carrot" perhaps they'll need to increase the "stick" of taxes on petrol/diesel vehicles?

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 **Road Slayers Brotherhood** at the **Rock House, Eccles** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 23rd January 2019**. 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 3rd Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month - free entry, great bands, food available, open 7.30 'til late (not December)

Red Devils MC Open Night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

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

MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday

Road Reapers MCC - meet 1st Sunday 1pm & 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 at the Ellesmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

Bury the Hatchett MCC - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 every Thursday

Ronin MCC – change of venue

Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday (except 1st) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton-le-Moors

Road Slayers Brotherhood every 2nd Friday at Rock Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY

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 1st Saturday at 7pm & 3rd Sunday at 3pm

Leyland Eagles MCC meet 3rd Mondays at Leyland RAFA Club

Avernus MCC – meet at the Red Herring, Coppull, please check www.avernus-mcc.co.uk for dates

RBLR meet 2nd Mondays at St.Chad's Club, Whittle-le-Woods

Life Behind Bars MCC meet Thursdays – change of venue

Lioness MCC 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

Throttle Twisters MCC every Monday – The Rifle Range pub, Burnley lane, Chadderton

Veterans Garage open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

Rising Moon Bike Night – 2nd Wednesday of month at the Travellers Call, Bredbury

Norsemen MCC – last Wednesday of every month

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

Accrington MCC meet every other Sunday at the Poplar Club, Accrington

Boggarts MCC meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

Hell's Belles WMC meet last Monday of the month at the Cauldron Radcliffe (not Dec)

Phoenix Rising MCC meet 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm Toll Bar Inn, Bolton, BL6 7QH

Known upcoming events

8th Dec – Avernus MCC Anti-Christmas Party – bad taste fancy dress @ the Red Herring, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN
£3 OTD

15th Dec - Brigantia Rebels Jingle Jam 3 Xmas Party – @ Old Springs. Spring Road, Kitt Green Wigan WN5 0JJ (£2 entry half going to cancer research)

2nd Feb – Phoenix Rising MCC Rock Night - Toll Bar Inn, Bolton, BL6 7QH 8 till late

16th Feb – British Bulldogs MCC Valentines Bash, Balcarres Arms, Aspull, WN2 1PA, free entry, free food, live tunes from “The Hunter” – 8.00pm till finish – everyone welcome

16th Feb – MT Heads Valloween Rock Night – Rochdale Ukrainian Club, OL11 1HJ free entry and food, music, cheap bar

2nd March – Red Devils MC Party Night @ the clubhouse Hindley, all welcome.

15th March – Road Reapers MCC Rock Night – Ellesmere Club Bolton

29th March – MT Heads Rock Night – Flying Horse, Rochdale OL11 1 NJ

23rd -25th May 2019 – Manchester Rock & Bike Fest – NOTE DATE CHANGE.

26th – 28th July – Running on MT Rally – the Last One! Tickets on sale at Valloween.

23rd – 6th August – Avernus MCC Underworld Rally

20-21st Sept 2019 – Lioness MCC in conjunction with Boggarts MCC Rally, Hopeview Farm, Astley, M29 7LH.

26th October – Accrington MCC Rock Night – Poplar Club, 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



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year





15th Annual Fred Hill Run

Sunday 10th February 2019

Meeting at

The Petre Arms, Whalley Rd, Blackburn BB6 8AB

leaving at 1 pm

All riders welcome

Fred Hill died in prison, still fighting for his beliefs that bikers should have the freedom to ride. Each year we remember him and continue the struggle.

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance!"

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Annual General Meeting Sunday 10th February 2019

The North West Region AGM
Will be held at the Petre Arms, The Petre
Arms, Whalley Rd, Blackburn **BB6 8AB**
starting at approximately 2:30pm,
dependant on the return time of the
Fred Hill Run. Please remember to bring
your membership to vote. If you are
interested in standing as North West
Representative or one of the supporting
roles, please e-mail
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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 20th 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), HELD IN LINCOLNSHIRE JUNE 2019

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