



# North West Newsletter

February 2019

## This Month – Fred Hill Run & NW AGM 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Our annual Fred Hill Run is always a bit of a gamble, weather-wise. Luckily this February has turned out to be one of the warmest on record, which was a bit of a bonus. We also received a really warm welcome from the cathedral staff – after 15 years in a row they've got to know us, thanks in no small part to Bishop Michael, who did the honours as usual. Many thanks to all who turned out for the run. The NW AGM was well attended, with special thanks to Dave Wigham who came all the way down from Geordieland to act as observer. As ever, there are big plans for events in the region this year - so watch this space!

## Next Month – Manchester Bike Show 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March



Almost time again for the Event City bike show and MAG will be there as usual (**Stand 139**). This is a decent show that always seems to have something interesting going on and stands that cater to all tastes. The MAG stand will be staffed exclusively by NW volunteers, all eager to help - so swing by for a natter as you're passing. For the exhibitor list check:

<http://www.manchesterbikeshow.com/exhibitor-list/>  
The price is £18 on the door (£15 off if you're over 65), and a fiver for kids. Discounted advance tickets are £3 less and available until 4.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Parking is free for cars or bikes.

## Plastic roads to tackle potholes?

“Plastic roads” will be introduced across Britain under plans to prevent potholes. The Department for Transport (DfT) said that almost £23 million was being put aside as part of research designed to reduce damage to roads. A trial in Cumbria involves recycling waste plastic and using it to form a tough new road surface that is much less likely to break up. In a trial 100 per cent recycled waste plastic is turned into small pellets which are added into an asphalt mix in place of bitumen. It is said to increase the lifespan of roads and



cut maintenance costs by giving the asphalt the flexibility to cope with expanding and contracting in our changing weather conditions.

Last year 3 per cent of A roads and 6 per cent of the B and C road network in England should have been considered for maintenance. Recent research by the RAC indicated that more than 674,000 potholes were reported in the past 12 months, a rise of 33 per cent in three years. However, Nicholas Lyes, the RAC's head of roads policy, said: "This project is no replacement for the government looking seriously at the funds that are made available to fix local roads and putting in place longer-term funding." Concerns have also been raised that as the roads wear away, particles will be washed away into drains adding to the tons of plastic waste already entering seas and waterways.

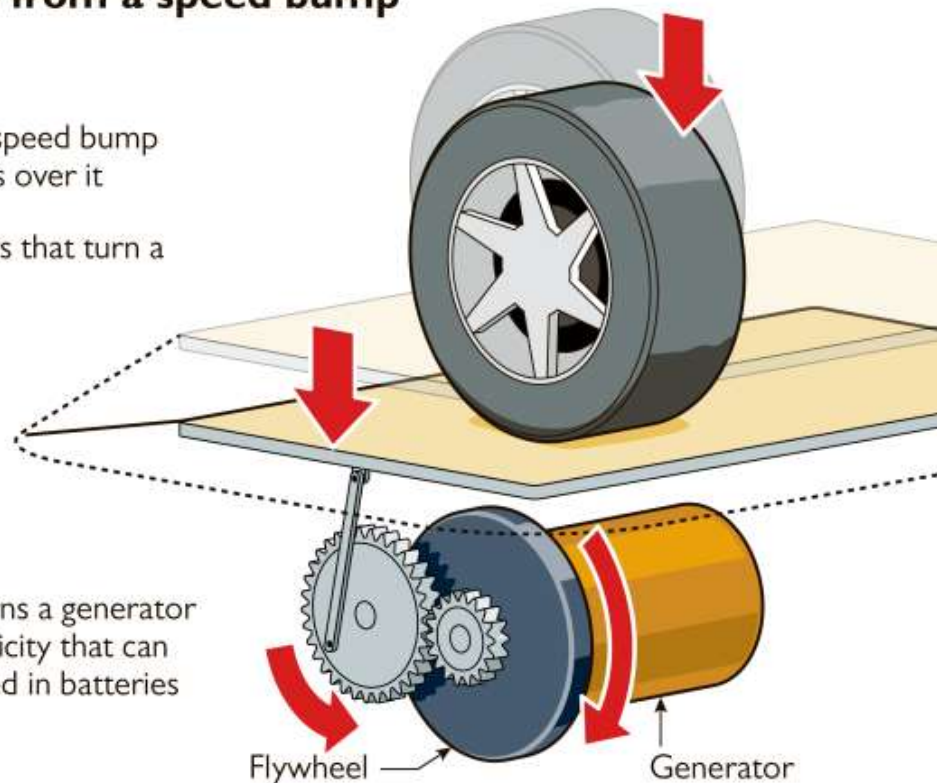
## "Free" street lighting?

The Government is also providing a £4.49 million grant for "Kinetic Energy Recovery Technology" to be trialled in Buckinghamshire. The idea of this is to gather energy from the road carriageway as vehicles go over mechanical speed bumps and then send it to roadside battery units. This can then be used to power the street lights. All of which, of course, will help save the planet (or something like that).

I must admit I'm sceptical about this. Unless they've also sussed out a way to beat the first law of thermodynamics (that energy can be transformed from one form to another, but can't be created or destroyed) then somebody is paying to run these lights and it looks like it's the poor bloody road-user again.

### Kinetic energy from a speed bump

- 1 Car pushes the speed bump down as it drives over it
- 2 Plate drives gears that turn a heavy flywheel
- 3 The flywheel turns a generator producing electricity that can be used or stored in batteries



## 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 **MT Heads MCC** at the **Flying Horse Hotel, 37 Packer St, Rochdale OL16 1NJ** at **8pm** on **Wednesday 27th March 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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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

**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 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 1<sup>st</sup>) at 8pm, Forts Arms, Clayton-le-Moors

**Road Slayers Brotherhood** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Rock House 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 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 Club

**Avernus MCC** – meet at the Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN every Sunday

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

**Life Behind Bars MCC** meet every other Sunday – Hare & Hounds, 170 Outwood Rd, Radcliffe

**Lioness MCC** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – Wednesdays at the Travellers Call, Bredbury. Bike Night starts in March.

**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 1st & 3rd Monday at Hope View farm, Astley M29 7LH

**Hell's Belles WMC** meet last Monday of the month at the Cauldron Radcliffe

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

**Coyote MCC** – meet every Tuesday Old Cock Inn Oldham Rd Middleton M24 2EB

**Pist'N'Nuts MCC** – meet every Friday 8pm @ Spring Gardens, Compstall Rd, SK6 5HE

#### Known upcoming events

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Red Devils MC Party Night** @ the clubhouse Hindley, all welcome.

**15<sup>th</sup> March – Road Reapers MCC St. Patrick's Rock Night** – Ellesmere Club Bolton

**29<sup>th</sup> March – MT Heads Rock Night** – Flying Horse, Rochdale OL11 1 NJ

**6<sup>th</sup> April - Avernus MCC Rock Night** – Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN

**13<sup>th</sup> April – Hell's Belles WMC Open Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe M26 2TA

**27<sup>th</sup> April - Highway to Hell Charity Run** leaving HAMC Manchester clubhouse at 1pm

**10-12<sup>th</sup> May – NABD Rally** - Cheshire Showground

**17-19<sup>th</sup> May Leyland Eagles MCC Rally**

**23rd-25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Manchester Rock & Bike Fest.**

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June – Farmyard Party**

**28 –30<sup>th</sup> June - Blackpool MAG Rally**

**20<sup>th</sup> July - Hell's Belles WMC Open Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe M26 2TA

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July – Running on MT Rally – the Last One!** Tickets on sale at Valloween.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August – Avernus MCC Underworld Rally** Rainford Junction pub, 102 News Lane St.Helens WA11 7JU

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Avernus MCC Rock Night** – Red Herring Mill Lane Coppull PR7 5AN

**26<sup>th</sup> October – Accrington MCC Rock Night** – Poplar Club, Accrington

**3<sup>rd</sup> November - Hell's Belles WMC Samhain Night** at the Cauldron Radcliffe 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



## 9th WARRINGTON WHEELS YOUTH MOTOR CYCLE COMPETITION 2019

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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  
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## Blackpool Stanley Park Bike Show 2019

Sunday 7th July 11am-4pm



Live Music Performed  
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£2 per Bike/Trike Parking  
which gains entry in the show

Further details at:  
<http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>





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# DEAD END RALLY

**12-14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**  
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