



Although we do seem to have Covid in retreat (for the time being at least) it has claimed one more victim in the form of the Farmyard Party. June was always going to be a touch-and-go month this year, so it wasn't too much of surprise. However, there are plenty of other MAG events going ahead this summer (see below) so please make sure you give them some support – it'll be appreciated.

Join the club

Are you in a bike club? Do you have MAG Club Affiliation? Clubs can affiliate to MAG for as little as £30 a year; a small price to pay for the benefits received, including exposure on our social media feed. Affiliated club benefits include:

- Receiving a 'to share' copy of our bi-monthly magazine, The ROAD.
- Discounted public liability insurance (PLI) via our insurer.
- Reciprocal link to your website and social media.
- Listing of your events in our magazine, and on our social media and website.
- Club members upgrading to a full individual MAG membership receive a £5 discount on their first year.

Your club affiliation can start on a date to suit you. Many clubs choose to renew in alignment with their AGM. Selina Lavender, MAG's National Chair, says: *"Club affiliation is an important aspect of MAG membership. Riders may think of MAG as an organisation for individuals; however, we also offer club affiliation. Not all clubs need a 'one size fits all' package so our affiliation scheme offers add-ons such as PLI. MAG benefits through engagement with the wider riding community, and the numbers it can genuinely claim to represent. When speaking to politicians and decision makers, numbers really count. No matter the size of your club, this is important to us as it makes a real difference."*

A spokesperson for one affiliated club said: *"Riders' issues are very important to us and we know that we need to be part of something bigger to get the message across. We also know that protecting freedom isn't free. Through affiliation we help to fund MAG, which ensures that the rider's voice will be heard."*

Whether you are a motorcycle, scooter, sidecar or trike club, find out more about our club affiliation scheme by visiting our website <https://www.mag-uk.org/affiliated-clubs/> contacting MAG's Central Office at central-office@mag-uk.org, or telephone 01926 844064 during office hours.

Cyclist improves bicycle

What do you get when Yorkshire frugality meets British ingenuity? A hefty fine, it seems.

Lee Middleton, from Brotton, North Yorkshire, grew tired of slogging up the hills around his village on his bicycle but couldn't afford one of the flashy electric models you see about these days. So instead he fitted a small petrol engine from a remote-controlled car to drive his back wheel. He was stopped by the police when they heard the racket it was making and charged with having no licence, no insurance and no helmet as well as having his bike confiscated. Teesside magistrates subsequently



fined him £239 with costs and gave him 8 penalty points. Lee later said *"it's all right for those who can afford electric bikes to go whizzing all over the place, but I had to improvise and I've been persecuted because of it"*.

He didn't seem to realise that what he'd built was an actual motorcycle. Only in Yorkshire.

Signs of hope for Harley



Anecdotal it seems to be a sellers' market for bikes at the moment. Although there are many people who've had a lean time of it this past year, there are also many others who are sitting on substantial lockdown savings (it builds up when you can't go on holiday or even down the pub). So, after six years of decline, Harley sales in the USA have risen by around a third in the first quarter of this year, sending the share price up by almost 10%.

So far this increase in sales hasn't been repeated in Europe but the signs are hopeful.

MAG needs you

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MAG and MAG Media are looking for new volunteer Directors. MAG has two vacancies, one being a specific role of Finance Director, for which you'll need relevant experience.

MAG Media has up to three vacancies (non-elected), where experience in publishing, marketing or design is desirable.

If you have a few hours a month to spare and have appropriate skills for the roles, please email exec@mag-uk.org or write to Julie Sperling, MAG, Unit C13 Holly Farm Business Park, Honiley CV8 1NP to express your interest, detailing relevant experience and including a professional CV where relevant.

Closing date: 31st May. Suitable applicants will be invited to meet the Board on 11th/12th June.

*** NB: These are VOLUNTEER roles ***

North West Motorcycle Alliance

**Meetings will resume on Wednesday 30th June, to be hosted by
Shieldmaidenz MCC.**

The 28th July meeting will be hosted by Lioness MCC.

Please check the NW Alliance FB page for any last minute changes

Regular monthly events in normal times!

HAMC Liverpool Open night 3rd Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month – **Not running at the moment**

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

Red Rose MAG – meetings suspended until new venue found

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

Ronin MCC – every Saturday night @ the Plough, Hazel Grove

Road Slayers Brotherhood every 2nd Friday at the Veterans' Garage Barton – **restarts 2nd week in September**

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 George, Southport 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, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN every other Friday

RBLR meetings to be arranged (St.Chad's Club is out of action)

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

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

Throttle Twisters MCC every Monday – North Chadderton Social& Bowling Club, open night every 3rd Monday

Veterans Garage open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

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

Phoenix Rising MCC meet 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm Tempest Arms, Chorley Old Rd, Bolton

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

Pist'N'Nuts MCC – meet every Thursday 8pm @ The Pear Tree, 431 Hadfield Rd, Hadfield SK13 1PY

The Sisterhood – meet first Tuesday of month @ 7pm at The Cart & Horses, Astley M29 7SD

Millennium 2000BC meet at Broadfield Arms, Leyland, every other Monday

Shieldmaidenz MCC meet at the clubhouse, 198 Liverpool Rd, M44 5DB 1st Friday of the month

Road Kill MCC meet at the clubhouse, Unit 10, M44 5AZ, Irlam every Tuesday evening about 6pm.

Rally Rebels RC meet at the Cock & Rabbit, Manchester Rd, Southport every other Sunday 3-5pm

Antagonist MCC meet every Wednesday at the Church Inn, Chadderton OL1 2RR

Union Riders MCC meets at the Malaga Drift, Eccles M30 0DY every 1st Friday from 8pm

Gawsworth Jesters MCC meet at the Harrington Arms, Church Lane. Gawsworth SK11 9RJ, Weds evenings from 7.00pm.

Heathens MCC – meet at the Top House, Oldham OL4 5TB first Wed of month @ 8pm

Wiccan Wolves MCC meet @ Radcliffe Cricket Club M26 3RF every other Friday

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.

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NW Political Rep



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