



North West Newsletter

November 2016

December is almost upon us and it's definitely thermals time again out there. The demo ride on 3rd December has been put on hold for the time being. This is partly because, after the pathetic antics of so-called "bikers" in Kirkstall Leeds and elsewhere at Halloween, we probably wouldn't receive much good publicity. Manny, the Leeds MAG rep, spent the best part of a week trying to distance real bikers from these hooligans and Lembit played a blinder on the BBC Radio 4 PM programme against an antagonistic Eddie Mair. Even so, our battle against the anti-biker injunctions in Harlow and elsewhere just got harder.

This Month – Blackpool MAG Hellfire Bonfire Party – 5th Nov



One thing almost guaranteed to put the dampers on Bonfire Night is rain. Luckily this year it was clear and dry, and Blackpool MAG made the most of it. MAG relies on fundraising events such as this for much of its finances, which is a great excuse for turning out and having a party. The evening had a fantastic turnout and, as ever, a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who attended and to Blackpool MAG for all their hard work.



This Month – MAG at the NEC Motorcycle Live – 19-27th Nov

An awful lot of people passed through the doors of the NEC over the nine days of the Motorcycle Live Show this year and MAG was there to get the word out. It's still surprising how many bikers know almost nothing about us – well, we tried our best to change that! It's very possible that without the efforts of MAG over the last forty odd years the show wouldn't be happening at all. At the very least the bikes on display would be pale imitations of what was actually there, a small selection of which is shown below. Meanwhile, Leon and Lembit circulated the Halls building links with manufacturers and other organisations, all aimed towards raising MAG's profile and credibility. It was great to see so many members coming over to say hello plus a few BMF members asking where their stand was (it wasn't). Overall, a successful event.





Hesketh was there, looking mean and moody



Aberystwyth MAG took over the stand on Wednesday



Mark Upham, owner of Brough Superior, recalled his time on MAG demos on the 80s!



The Norton V4s drew huge crowds



Two of the biggest crowd-pullers were the new Triumph Bobber and Royal Enfield Himalayan adventure bike. The Triumph looked sweet but was a bit on the small side for me. The Himalayan boasts a brand new 411cc engine which is returning 90mpg on the test bike. It'll be released around April next year and will go out at about four grand. If you're looking for a solid commuting bike it could be just the thing.

Diary date – NW Fred Hill Run Sunday 19th February

It'll be 33 years since Fred passed away in Pentonville prison next February and the North West MAG region will be holding its 13th consecutive commemorative run. Over the years we've been blessed with snow, ice, rain and, more often, sunshine. It's definitely one for the aforementioned thermals. Like last year, the ride will meet up at the Petre Arms, Whalley Rd, Langho, Nr Blackburn BB6 8AB from noon and we will leave at 1pm, returning to the pub after. Before the run the pub have kindly offered to put on a brew and a bacon butty in the back room for just £2. As I've said before, not only is the Petre a Samuel Smith's pub (i.e. cheap) but it's one of the best kept Sam Smith's pubs around. So, come on down and you'll get a warm welcome.



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 **Avernus MCC** at the **clubhouse, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5BW** at **8pm on Wednesday 25th January**. 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.

17th Dec – Brigantia Rebels MCC Rock Night – Wellfield Pub, Wigan, WN6 8NQ.

19th Feb – NW Fred Hill Run – meet at Petre Arms, Langho for 1pm start

25th Feb - Millennium MCC 17th Anniversary Rock Night – Canberra club, camping available

19th March – BQRS Auto Jumble, Anchor, Liverpool Rd, Hutton PR4 5SL

9th April Salford MAG Autojumble - Bird in Hand, Liverpool Road Eccles, M30 0RY 12-5pm

22nd April – Red Rose MAG St.George's Rock Knight – Goosenargh & Whittingham Club, camping available

May – Ibiza Run – dates/details to follow.

25-28th May – Big Barn Rally.

23rd-25th June – Blackpool Area MAG Rally

13-16th July Millennium MCC Caveman Bash

18-20th August – HAMC Bike Show, Rixton with camping and bands.

25th-27th August - Avernus Underworld Rally

25th – 27th August - Great North West Motorbike Festival, Winter Gardens, Blackpool

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



***I'll be alright
when the
heated grips
kick in!***




FURNESS MAG

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 8PM TILL LATE

LIVE BAND

"THE SUN KINGS"




THE KILL ONE CLUB DUKE ST BARROW IN FURNESS LA14 1XS

ADMISSION £5




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13th Annual Fred Hill Run

Sunday 19th February 2017

Meeting at
The Petre Arms, Whalley Rd, Blackburn BB6 8AB
leaving at 1 pm.

*Details of run dependant on the weather.
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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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 2017

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