



North West Newsletter

June 2017

London's Electric Dreams? MAG brings them back to earth.

It's often said that what happens in America will happen here ten years later. But it's also true that what happens in London often sets a precedent for the rest of the country. It was therefore vital that, as London's mayor Sadiq Khan publishes his draft Transport Strategy, MAG makes sure that biker's interests are represented. The headline proposal in the strategy is for a "zero emission zone" where "traditionally powered vehicles (i.e. anything other than electric) will be charged £24 a day to enter. This would come into force by 2025, expanded to all of inner London by 2040 and throughout the whole capital by 2050. London is now moving towards a future free of fossil fuels – all new taxis



will have to be electric or hybrid by 2020, with the rest converting by 2033. In such a climate the chances of petrol motorcycles gaining exemption seem remote at most. More ominously, the strategy also outlines a "vision zero" approach to road safety in order to "eliminate all deaths and serious injuries from road collisions by 2041". This could potentially pose the most serious threat to biking, as it is impossible to produce a 100% safe bike (not one that you'd want to ride anyway). Luckily MAG's Leon Manning was there to have an input into the drafting of the strategy, and make sure that the benefits of powered two-wheelers were recognised. The strategy now states that "two-wheeled vehicles could, however, play a more significant role in low-impact freight and servicing trips, especially where these ... are made by ultra-low emission motorcycle". The strategy also outlines plans to make biking safer in the city:

"a) Improving the safety of street design by following the guidance set out in TfL's Urban Motorcycle Design Handbook.

b) Improving the quality of motorcycle safety training by delivering a 'London Standard' for motorcycle training that goes beyond the minimum required by law. The 'London Standard' of motorcycle training will involve:

- improving the standard of motorcycle training in London by encouraging training providers to become accredited through the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA)*
- improving rider skills (particularly those of young riders) by promoting a suite of voluntary training courses including BikeSafe-London, ScooterSafe-London, 121 Motorcycle Skills and through the introduction of a pre-Compulsory Basic Training theory app*
- raising the safety standards of motorcycle courier businesses through training and accreditation*

c) Calling on all boroughs to allow motorcycle access to their bus lanes, to end the inconsistency between highway authorities that causes unnecessary confusion and risk to motorcyclists.

d) Educating other road users on the shared responsibility for safer motorcycle journeys, through the promotion of driver and cyclist skills training and communications.

e) Supporting the police in targeting illegal and non-compliant behaviour that puts motorcyclists at risk, using data to focus on the streets with a higher risk of motorcyclist collisions"

This all seems to continue the trend away from petrol/diesel vehicles towards "renewables". It could have been a lot worse and without MAG being there you suspect it would have been. However, it still looks like the days of riding your petrol bike freely into Britain's cities are numbered.



Farmyard Heatwave Shock

There have been damp years and muddy years but rarely have there been so many hungover bikers out of their tents so early in the morning just to escape the heat. And with an excellent line-up of entertainment it certainly made for a classic Farmyard Party. This was the first year that cars were allowed, though only to those holding a full bike licence. Thankfully, some people's fears didn't materialise and the vast majority of those attending were still on bikes. The Helmsley rally is one of MAG's largest fund-raising event so all bikers have a vested interest in it being successful.

This Month – Blackpool MAG Rally 23rd-25th June



Blackpool MAG, long time stalwarts of MAG in the North West, reached another milestone this month with their 20th consecutive rally. Over the years the venue may have changed but not the same great atmosphere and determination to have a good time – even the “hurricane” of a few years back couldn't dampen spirits.

This year was no exception, the rally now seeming fairly settled in its home at Fleetwood Rugby club. If you're looking for a relaxed, friendly, chilled-out weekend then you can't go wrong here. For those who aren't into camping, the town has a great selection of hotels and B&B's. So, a massive thanks to Blackpool MAG not only for this weekend but also for 20 years of great rallies. Here's looking forward to next year!

Next Month – Blackpool Stanley Park Bike Show 2nd July

At the time of writing the weather forecast seems set to be fair for Stanley Park this Sunday. Over the past few years this has turned into something of a Blackpool tradition and a regular fixture on many people's biking calendar. As ever it'll be organised by the stalwarts of Blackpool MAG and the small entrance fee will all go straight into the MAG Fighting Fund. You can enter your bike for one of the several trophies on offer (someone's got to win so why not?) and there's bound to be some tasty looking machines to mooch around with your ice-cream from the beautiful art deco cafe. There'll even be live music! See you there between 11am and 4.30pm.



Brum Demo and Bike Security Event – 1st July

The annual Brum Demo takes place on 1st July day, setting off from **The Old Hare & Hounds, Lickey Road, Rednal, B45 8UU** at **1.00 pm** (meet from midday) with its finish point in Cannon Hill Park, to mark the start of a MAG organised Motorcycle Security Event. MAG's West Midlands region is hosting the event in a bid to help bikers protect their machines from the ever-present threat of bike theft, which is



reaching epidemic proportions in many of the country's major cities.

Colin Brown, MAG's Political Officer for the region, stated *"Bike theft continues to rise, not just locally, but nationally: it is widely recognised that bike theft has become a very big issue, with many bikes and scooters being stolen for use in other crimes. The problem is widespread, especially in our cities"*.

With police forces overstretched and battling limited resources, MAG is working hard to play its part in reducing the problem. Colin added *"we are working with Crime Prevention Officers and the Assistant PCC, as well as lobbying councils for improved secure parking facilities"*.

The Security event will take place at **Cannon Hill Park**, on **Saturday 1st July 2017**, starting at **2.00 pm** and finishing around 5.00 pm. Arrangements have been made for provision of discounts on marking kits, and alarm and tracker fitting, plus security-related raffle prizes and information stands such as Sold Secure.

Next Month – Dead End Rally 14th-16th July

Furness MAG (all round good guys) will be hosting the brilliant **Dead End Rally** at **Dalton United FC, Beckside Rd, Dalton in Furness, LA15 8DP**. Tickets are only £15 but strictly pre-book only. For info. call 07583001181 or 07951480486

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 26th July**. 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, open 7.30 'til late

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Allegiance MC Open Night first Saturday of month at the clubhouse Aintree

Salford MAG meeting – meet at Bird in Hand, Eccles, last Thursday of month - suspended for time being

Red Rose MAG - meet every 1st&3rd 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, donations to "Hounds for Heroes"

Gypsy Divas meet – 3rd Wednesday, Woolpack, Haslingden from 8.00pm.

Rigby's Guardians - meet every Sunday 6.30-9.00 at the Gardener's Arms, Hollin Lane, Middleton M24 5LE

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

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite – every Mon. (except last in month) 7-9pm Anchor, Liverpool Rd, Hutton PR4 5SL

Bury the Hatchett MCC - meet at the Two Tubs pub Bury at 7.30 last Thursday of month

Ronin MCC - meet every Thursday at the Grey Horse Hotel, Glazebury, Warrington.

Avernus MCC Open Night 2nd Saturday each month, at the clubhouse, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5BW

Hell's Belles WMC Open Night last Monday of month at clubhouse Radcliffe – Everyone welcome - The Cauldron, Globe Industrial Estate, Darbyshire St, Radcliffe, M26 2TA

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

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

Accrington MCC meet at Poplar Club, Wellington St. Accrington on Sunday 16th April then every other Sunday thereafter at 8pm.

Known upcoming events –

30th June Crisis Crew MC Rock Night at the Ship, Irlam.

2nd July - Stanley Park Bike Show Blackpool – all proceeds to the MAG fighting fund.

1st July – Allegiance MC Open Night – live band, free food – at the clubhouse, Long Lane, Aintree L9 7BG

1st-2nd July – Crisis Crew MC Bike Show at the Ship, Irlam.

8th July – Limefest

8th July – Avernus MCC BBQ Night with Open Mike at the clubhouse Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5BW

9th July – Ride for Violet-Grace (see below) – meet St. Helens Tesco Express on East Lancs for 11am ride in.

13-16th July Millennium 2000BC Caveman Bash Canberra Club Samlesbury BB2 7LF

21-23rd July Running on MT Rally – Copple Gate Farm, Heywood, OL10 2NL
4th-6th August Yorkshire Pudding Rally Escrick Nr York – pre-book only
18-20th August – HAMC Rock & Bike Fest, Rixton, Warrington WA3 6EA – custom show, camping and bands.
25th-28th August - Avernus Underworld Rally – Hamilton House Farm, Tarnacre Lane, St.Michaels PR3 0TB
25th – 27th August - Great North West Motorbike Festival, Winter Gardens, Blackpool
28th August MT Head's Bike Show – Rochdale Town Hall car park
2nd September Last Bastion MC Open Night at HA clubhouse, Cotton St. Liverpool
3rd September Millennium 2000BC Bike Show Baron's Rest Chorley PR1XA
23rd-24th September Ramsbottom Motorcycle Show
15-17th Jesters Rally Whittington & Goosenargh Social Club
28th October Accrington MCC Fright Night Poplar Club Wellington St, Accrington
28th October Millennium 2000BC Halloween Rock Night
25th November Cogheads Nightmare Before Christmas Poplar Club, Wellington St, 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



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**Blackpool Stanley Park
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Saints RLFC 9th JULY 10am - 4pm

Motorcycle Ride From 12:00 pm
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