



# North West Newsletter

May 2018

## Police powers to chase thieves reinforced

MAG has been working tirelessly recently to get some action on the spate of motorcycle thefts in our major cities and it seems to be reaping results. One of the major concerns is the apparent inability of the police to pursue the offenders without risking a charge of dangerous driving themselves. Now the government is proposing to reform the law amid concerns that the current policy is seriously hampering police attempts to catch these criminals. The Policing Minister, Nick Hurd, has stated *“Criminals must not think that they can get away with a crime by riding or driving in a certain way or in a certain type of vehicle. Our proposed changes will make sure that skilled police drivers who follow their rigorous training are protected”*



Emergency services such as the police are allowed to break speed limits, go through red lights and ignore other road signs as long as they are undertaking a 999 response. Officials also want to make clear that a thief is responsible for their own decision to drive dangerously and that blame for injuries cannot be put onto a pursuing officer. They hope that this will dispel the idea that the police can't chase a bike thief if they're not wearing a helmet. Let's hope the lowlifes get the message.

## Not so smart after all!



Highways England has admitted that lower variable speed limits on so-called “smart motorways” are not always correctly set following a tenfold increase in speeding fines. Smart motorways are envisioned as a way to make more efficient use of the road network, potentially boosting capacity by a third, through use of variable

speed limits and the opening of the hard shoulder as another traffic lane. The “smart” bit is where the traffic level is predicted automatically before it builds up and the speed limit reduced before then to maintain the flow. This can lead to frustration however when the expected build-up doesn't appear and motorists are forced to travel at low speeds along a clear road. In these circumstances many are tempted to break the limit, hence the increase in the number of fines. Highways England has said that it has improved training for operators so they will manually remove such inappropriate speed limits. A spokesperson said *“We have to set the speed limit before the congestion appears ..(or).. there is no point... Nobody has a perfect product and there is some room for improvement”*



## Last month – St. George's Rock Knight 28<sup>th</sup> April



Many thanks to everyone who came out to support Red Rose MAG's fundraiser Rock Knight last month. We had great weather, a great venue, a great band and, obviously, a great time. The band, DNL, played a blinder (if you'll pardon the pun), putting on three sets and taking loads of requests. Most importantly, the evening raised a goodly amount for the MAG fighting fund.

## This Month – Warrington Wheels Youth Motorcycle Competition – 25<sup>th</sup> May



There was a good turnout, despite the drizzle, for this year's competition final and the standard of entry was well up there. The kids had worked really hard on their custom machines and NW MAG presented a trophy.



## This Month – You've Been Nabbed 27 - 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May

As ever this was a cracking good rally with (apart from a wee monsoon on the Friday night) fantastic weather. The NABD are big supporters of MAG (and vice-versa) so it's always good to be at their events. The MAG stall as ever was well visited and staffed by local volunteers – thanks to all who bobbed in to say Hi. If you're feeling sad because you missed it then don't despair, just look below! Blackpool MAG's 21<sup>st</sup> Rally is coming soon.



## Next Month – Blackpool Area MAG Rally 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July

Remember when you were a kid and got all excited at the prospect of a holiday in Blackpool? Well next month why not relive that thrill at the 21<sup>st</sup> Blackpool MAG rally? They know how to put on a party so a good time is guaranteed. There will, as ever, be some great music, excellent cask ales, decent toilets and hot showers. And sunny Blackpool and Fleetwood are but a short tram ride away. The venue is again **Fleetwood Rugby Club on Melrose Ave.** So why not come along and support MAG while having a great time— tickets are available on the gate. All profits go straight into the MAG fighting fund.



## 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 Reapers MCC at Ellesmere Club, 24 Ellesmere Rd, Bolton BL3 3NE at 8pm on Wednesday 27th June.** 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, open 7.30 'til late

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

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

**Black Diamonds 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

**Ecclestone Delph Bike Meet** every Tuesday until end of season, café open till 9pm

**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 Ellsmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

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

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

**Ronin MCC** - meet every Thursday at the Greyhound pub, 44 Leigh Rd, Worsley M2 1LR - open night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**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 Hotel pub, Peel Green Rd, Barton M30 7AY (except next one - 15<sup>th</sup> June)

**Accrington MCC** meet at Poplar Club, Wellington St. Accrington every other Sunday at 8pm.

**Chorley Wildhartz MCC** – meet first Thursday of month at Seaview Inn, Preston Rd, Chorley

**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 & Farrington Club

**Avernus MCC** – meet at the Red Herring, Coppull, please check [www.avernus-mcc.co.uk](http://www.avernus-mcc.co.uk) for dates

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

**Life Behind Bars MCC** meet Thursdays at the Two Tubs, Bury

**Lioness MCC** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ Cart & Horses Astley

**Throttle Twisters MCC** every Monday – venue TBA

**Veterans Garage** open at Barton Aerodrome every Monday 6pm onwards

**Rising Moon Bike Night** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at the Travellers Call, Bredbury

**Road Reapers Bike Night** every Wednesday at the Ellsmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

### Known upcoming events

9<sup>th</sup> June – DDMC Bolton Anniversary Open Night

23<sup>rd</sup> June – B.A.G. Bikers' Charity Rocknight (with Accrington MCC, B.A.D. MCC & Globe MCC) Childrens' Cancer Fundraiser

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Blackpool MAG 21<sup>st</sup> Seaside Rally, Fleetwood Rugby Club FY7 8AY

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July - HAMC Manchester Rally – good weather guaranteed!

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Avernus MCC BBQ 7pm onwards, at the Red Herring, Coppull

7<sup>th</sup> July Spartans MCC Rock Night at Railway Linnet pub Middleton, M24 1GQ

14<sup>th</sup> July - Hells Belles WMC Open Night at the Cauldron, Globe Industrial Estate, Darbyshire St, Radcliffe, M26 2TA



27-29<sup>th</sup> July – MT Heads Runnin' on MT Rally – Panto 9 – Collop Gate Farm, Heywood

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August – Brigantia Rebels Rally, Wigan

24-27<sup>th</sup> August - Avernus Underworld Rally – Hamilton House Farm PR3 OTB, tickets £20 on sale 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

26<sup>th</sup> August - Norsemen MCC Bike Show & Rock Night at the Grapes, Peel Green

29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Lioness MCC Bike Show (with camping)

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October - Rising Moon Rally – £10.00 per ticket, bands, food, raffle etc.

27<sup>th</sup> October – Accrington MCC – Halloween Rock Night @ Poplar Club

4<sup>th</sup> November - Hells Belles WMC Samhain Party at the Cauldron, 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.

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NW Political Rep

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Kommissar



# THE MODDEY DHOO MCG TT MOTORCYCLE SHOW

## 2018

Live Band on  
the Green

Good Grub



Motorbike  
Owners Clubs

Manx Drag  
Bikes

THE ISLANDS BIGGEST, BEST AND ONLY  
MOTORCYCLE CUSTOM SHOW

Just park up, relax, look at bikes, grab  
some food and listen to some great music

### PEEL PROMENADE

### 7th JUNE 2018

### 11am – 5pm

Free Entry from 11  
Judging Starts @ 2pm  
Prizes @ 4.30pm



#### TT Calendar 2018 including Pre/Post Racing at the Southern 100 Circuit:

25th, 26th & 27th May 2018: Pre TT Classic Races, sponsored by Blackford Financial Services, hosted by Southern 100 M.C.R.C. Castletown IM9 1LT. Tel: 01624 823541

26th to 1st June: 6.20 – 8.50 PM Practice Sessions

Saturday 2nd June: 12:00 PM RST Superbike TT 6 Laps  
3:00 PM Sidecar TT Race 1 3 Laps

Sunday 3rd June: Ramsey Sprint Mooragh Promenade  
Ramsey IMS 3AP, hosted by Straightliners. Tel: 07971 172210

Monday 4th June: 10.45 AM Monster Energy Supersport TT Race 1 4 Laps  
2.15 PM Royal London 360 Quantum Superstock TT 4 Laps

Tuesday 5th June: Ramsey Sprint Mooragh Promenade  
Ramsey IMS 3AP, hosted by Straightliners. Tel: 07971 172210

Wednesday 6th June: 10.45 AM Monster Energy Supersport TT Race 2 4 Laps  
1:45 PM Bennetts Lightweight TT 4 Laps  
4:25 PM SES TT Zero 1 Lap

Thursday 7th June: 11am – 4:30pm TT Motorcycle Show Marine Parade, Peel, IM5 1PA

Friday 8th June: 10:30 AM Sidecar TT Race 2 3 Laps  
12:45 PM Pokerstars Senior TT 6 Laps

Saturday 9th June: Post TT Races, sponsored by Radcliffes Butchers, hosted by Southern 100 M.C.R.C. Castletown IM9 1LT. Tel: 01624 823541

## BLACKPOOL MAG



# 21<sup>ST</sup>

## RALLY

### 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE-1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018

£15 PRE-BOOK

PayPal via <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>  
Cheque & SAE to 29, Lincoln Avenue, Cleveleys. FY5 2DT

£20 OTG

Fleetwood Rugby Club, Melbourne Avenue, Lances. FY7 8AY

All profits to The Motorcycle Action Group Ltd  
Protecting our "Right to Ride"

## BLACKPOOL STANLEY PARK BIKE SHOW 2018

### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 11AM-4PM



LIVE MUSIC PERFORMED  
IN THE BANDSTAND

£2 PER BIKE/TRIKE PARKING  
WHICH GAINS ENTRY IN THE SHOW

FURTHER DETAILS AT:

[HTTP://NORTH-WEST-REGION.MAG-UK.ORG](http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org)





# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DEAD END RALLY



13-15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

DALTON UNITED F.C  
BECKSIDE ROAD  
DALTON IN FURNESS  
LA15 8DP

200 LIMIT  
PRE-BOOK ONLY  
NO CARS

LIVE MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS

BLUE BADGE PARKING  
BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT  
NO FIRES OR BBQ'S PLEASE

EMAIL:- deadend.rally@gmail.com



TICKETS £15.  
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MOBILE **CHAOS** MCC

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KAMIKAZE CAVE RUN

RALLY SILVERDALE  
28TH-30TH SEPT 2018

CHEAP BAR, BANDS,  
STALLS, TROPHIES,

PRE BOOK £18, OTG £22.  
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS  
[www.mobilechaosmcc.co.uk](http://www.mobilechaosmcc.co.uk)

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DRIBBLE IN'T  
RIBBLE 19  
14<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER  
2018

DETAILS OR BOOK ONLINE:  
[WWW.JESTERSMCC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.JESTERSMCC.ORG.UK)

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FRIDAY



SATURDAY



CHEQUES TO:

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EXPECT

LIVE BANDS  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

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OLD WHITTINGHAM HOSPITAL

GROUNDS  
WHITTINGHAM  
PRESTON  
PR3 2JE

£12.00

PREBOOK

OR

£15.00 OTG

JESTERS MCC, 109 COLLEGE COURT PRESTON PR1 7RU

LIMIT OF 350 TICKETS THIS YEAR

NO CARS OR VANS: PARKING AVAILABLE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS