



## Life on hold

This has been a very strange month. Frustrating too, from a biking point of view – fantastic spring weather but banned from taking advantage of it. Still, there are more important concerns at the moment. I hope you're all staying safe. If you're in work I hope it's going well. If you're at home I hope you're staying busy and maybe even keeping fit? MAG is carrying on working on our behalf of course, ready for when the world gets back on track.

## Anti-motorcycle bias in Oxfordshire

The Motorcycle Action Group has discovered 'jaw-droppingly inappropriate' accusations against bikers in Oxfordshire County Council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan. The document accuses motorcyclists of being a 'danger to themselves' and alludes to 'places showing drops in collisions once motorised two wheelers have been banned'

In an email communication dated 8th April, MAG formally requested that the Council urgently withdraw what it described as a "highly biased and inaccurate document". The document in question, entitled "Connectivity: Motorcycles" is one of 28 documents published on the Council's consultations website as part of what is described as an engagement activity. MAG has received many comments from members of the council and a response from a senior Oxford City Councillor who has expressed his shock at how the motorcycle section has been written.

MAG has now secured a promise that the Council would supply the evidence basis for the document and ensure that the document reflected the references "appropriately." The document has now been changed. MAG's Director of Campaigns & Political Engagement, Colin Brown, said: "MAG gives credit where credit is due. Oxfordshire County Council has accepted comments we made, plus those of many others who responded to the survey. The amended document ... no longer contains references to motorcyclists posing a danger to themselves; nor does it contain the incredible statement that motorbikes make a disproportionate contribution to noise pollution. We still disagree with elements of the document. However, the Council's rethink, based on our feedback, means we can have a productive conversation to create an informed and balanced policy".

Again we need MAG to make the case that motorcycles are legitimate and legal and for many a vital mode of transport.

## Rally dates

After the unavoidable decision to cancel Into The Valley 2020, the Farmyard Party has been postponed until 25th-27th September (24th for Thursday ticket holders). This gives the rally a far greater chance of happening. Very little else will change, it will be the same venue, same bands, traders, caterers, fires and no fires field, Carry Nowt Camping, Great British Glamping, etc. So, if we are allowed gatherings, make sure you buy your tickets and show your support for MAG. See you in September!

As it stands the Yorkshire Pudding Rally is still set to go ahead at the end of July.

## North West Motorcycle Alliance

**Meetings of the Alliance are obviously suspended at the moment in accordance with government guidelines. Likewise many of the events listed will be subject to cancellation.**

**Regular monthly events – in normal times!**

**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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 1pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7.30 at the Ellesmere Rd Rec Club, Bolton

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

**Road Slayers Brotherhood** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at the Veterans' Garage Barton  
**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 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 other Friday  
**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 – free food!  
**Throttle Twisters MCC** every Monday – North Chadderton Social& Bowling Club, open night every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
**Road Kill MCC** meet at the clubhouse, Unit 10, M44 5AZ, Irlam every Monday 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Known upcoming events – the further off they are, the more chance they'll happen.**

~~2<sup>nd</sup> May – Avernus Enchantment under the World Dance~~, Red Herring, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN  
 8<sup>th</sup> May – Veterans' Garage VE Day Party – all day  
~~20<sup>th</sup> May – Warrington Wheels 2020~~ – Chaigley School, Warrington WA4 2TE  
~~24<sup>th</sup> May – Pist'N'Nuts MCC Bike Show/ Family Fun Day~~, The Pear Tree, 431 Hadfield Rd, Hadfield SK13 1PY  
 7<sup>th</sup> June - Gawsworth Jesters MCC Charity rideout  
 15<sup>th</sup> June – National Ride to Work day – cos bikes ain't just toys.  
 19-21<sup>st</sup> June – Farmyard Party – Helmsley, N. Yorkshire -Postponed until 25-27<sup>th</sup> September  
 26th-28th June – Blackpool MAG Rally, Fleetwood Rugby Union Club, Melbourne Ave, Fleetwood FY7 8AY  
 5th July – NW MAG Stanley Park Motorcycle Show, Italian Gardens, Stanley Park, Blackpool. FY3 9HU  
 19<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> HAMC Liverpool Ride in Bike Show at the clubhouse Cotton St L3 7DY – prizes, food, bar, music  
 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> HAMC Manchester 666 Thunder Run – leaving from the clubhouse, Cadishead at 1pm  
 29<sup>th</sup> July - Gawsworth Jesters MCC Bike Night  
 31<sup>st</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Yorkshire Pudding Rally  
 7-9<sup>th</sup> August Big Barn Rally – (see FB)  
 8<sup>th</sup> August – Invictus Summerfest- details to follow  
 14-16<sup>th</sup> August – Avernus MCC Back to the Underworld Rally – Park House Barn, Milnthorpe LA7 7EB.  
 4-6<sup>th</sup> September – Stormin the Castle – Witton Castle, Bishop Auckland DL14 0DE  
 11th-13th September - Jesters MCC Rally, Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports & Social Club, Preston PR3 2JE  
 18-19<sup>th</sup> September – Lioness MCC Rally – Hope View Farm, Astley M29 7LH  
 24<sup>th</sup> October- RDMC Manchester 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party at the clubhouse Hindley Green  
 31<sup>st</sup> October – Accrington MCC Halloween Night - Poplar Club, Accrington  
 28<sup>th</sup> November - Avernus Rock Night, Red Herring, Mill Lane, Coppull PR7 5AN  
 5th December – Coyote MCC Xmas Party Old Cock Inn Oldham Rd Middleton M24 2EB  
 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





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