

# Network

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## EDITORIAL

By the time you read this edition of Network two major changes will have taken place. We'll have a new Government and all the challenges that brings and those lovely hard working people at MAG Central Office will have moved to another location with all the challenges that brought.

So, please understand if this doesn't reach you even close to the beginning of May because, though it will have left me on time, poor old Nich will be working his little bum off with the office move as well as the Election, RAV & a million other things in addition to adding what he wants to Network.

MAG AGC was productive I thought. Not as many attendees as there should have been - 90 people out of a membership of 10k+ is pretty poor. Thanks to Justine (outgoing National Finance Officer) and Fergus (outgoing National Clubs Officer) for their hard work over the years they've been in office. Good luck to the new Finance Officer, Pat. Fergus, we're all rooting for you in your fight back to full health, mate, x.

I was asked by a friend 'was I inspired by AGC'? Yes - mostly by two things. One, what a great duo Nich & Paddy make - between them they seem to have all bases covered and, two, Dorchester, one of the new Groups that Paddy is working so hard to get set up around the UK. The Group had only existed 5 weeks and found £1k - yeah, a grand - to donate to MAG.

This is what we need to enable MAG to sustain the impact we have on ensuring Riders have a voice and their Rights secured.

I mention Ferg resigning. In his time in office he has built up the clubs affiliated to MAG to the highest in our history. Please, there must be someone out there who will come forward to the NC with a view to co-opting them into the post of National Clubs Officer. Let's not let all Fergus' hard work be for nothing - both he and MAG UK deserve better. So, how about it? Gonna give Paul the Chair a bell & volunteer your services?

In this edition you will see reference to the RAC advocating :- 'that larger letters should be used on road signs to help elderly people who cannot see clearly'. I am wondering what on earth prompted a respected motoring organisation to publish such an inane statement. 'Anyone' who can't see clearly goes to the opticians for a prescription to bring their eyesight up to the required standard for driving. If that isn't possible - don't drive, end of.

We had a very successful RAV meeting at Fowlers in Bristol a spin-off of which is that there is tremendous interest in resurrecting the Bristol Bike Forum and John Stacey is taking this forward.

We also had a very successful Rally in our Region organised by Glos MAG & Friends over Easter. Yes, the weather was foul; mud was everywhere (and I mean everywhere - ask the FoD Rep, Robbie, who insisted on taking all his clothes off); it rained; it was cold; it sleeted BUT, it was Brilliant.

Don't forget - anything for Network send to [AnneGaleMAG@aol.com](mailto:AnneGaleMAG@aol.com) subject heading Network.  
Ride free, Ride safe, Ride - Anne

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‘Freedom lies in being bold’ Robert Frost

## General Election Result – what does it mean for biking?

The big news is of course the changes in government following the General Election. It is still not clear how the policies of the next government will be formulated.

The voting public have handed the politicians a very difficult situation by refusing to give any of them a mandate (ie; no single party has enough MPs to force through a vote on the issues it feels strongly about):

The combined votes of Conservatives and Liberal Democrats make a clear majority, but they disagree on a lot of policy areas and some back-benchers in each of the two camps simply do not want to support the other party on principle.

Even if the Lib Dem and Labour MPs all vote the same way, they would fall short of a majority - and, while these two parties may closer to each other, many of the same difficulties would beset a Lib/Lab Pact as a Lib/Con deal.

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All three parties went in to the election with little to say about the issues that affect biking. Labour were promising more of the same (see DfT response to Riders Are Voters on page 13), the Conservatives and Lib Dems say they want to encourage biking, see us in more bus lanes, etc. but have no plans to take effective action.

That leaves us to set their agenda for them. We made a good start during the election period by circulating all the candidates with the Riders Are Voters manifesto. This breaks down almost everything we have been asking for in recent years in to three simple themes that both riders and policy makers can relate to:

1. Providing a fair deal for motorcycle riders, industry and sport.
2. Making Motorcycles an integral part of the future transport mix.
3. Refocusing road safety action on tackling the real causes of accidents.

You can find a lot more detail about the things we are campaigning for in the longer version of the manifesto by going to [www.ridersarevoters.org/docs/RAV2010manifesto\\_full.pdf](http://www.ridersarevoters.org/docs/RAV2010manifesto_full.pdf).

If you visit [www.ridersarevoters.org](http://www.ridersarevoters.org) you'll also see that MAG groups and staff were doing an awful lot of practical campaigning with local candidates and national names in politics. None of this is wasted now that the election is over.

Apart from the fact that one-third of MPs are new to the House of Commons, I suspect that they will be far less willing to let the public see them acting like sheep, hiding behind party policy.

The received wisdom would tell us that where the governing party is too weak to guarantee success, voting along party-lines becomes a matter of survival. But we are in largely uncharted water. It is just as likely that the big issues will become a political battle-ground inside the parties, not just between the parties. This may present us with far more opportunities to persuade and educate than we have had before. Whether or not any individual MP can be persuaded about the benefits of biking, we must make sure that ALL of them are persuaded of our determination to preserve and extend our right to ride.

The key to this will be to have MAG members in each constituency willing to talk to their own MP about the issues that affect us all as riders so that they can represent our interests in Parliament.

There are 650 constituencies across the UK, each has an MP, each must have a local MAG group – or at least committed individual MAG members – capable of keeping in touch with their MP, keeping them informed, keeping them busy on our issues. Whether it's pot-holes that aren't being dealt with by the local council in their area, or the threat to the future of biking posed by bad policy on training and testing, if we can work effectively with our elected representatives we stand a better chance of winning more victories, more often.

Nich and Paddy at Central Office can help to co-ordinate, advise and – as far as two individuals possibly can – attend meetings in Westminster or in your own constituency.

Contact them by phone: 01926 8444064 or by email [paddy.tyson@mag-uk.org](mailto:paddy.tyson@mag-uk.org) if you want to meet your MP as an individual or group.

## Department for Transport:- response to Riders Are Voters...

Nich says: trawling the web – as you do – one day we found this totally unsolicited response to the Riders Are Voters manifesto on the DfT website. This came as a bit of a surprise as we had neither asked them to comment (civil servants should never be sullied with political campaign requests during an election), nor had they actually sent their response to us by any means...

The Department has worked for some years with MAG, BMF and MCI, initially through the Advisory Group On Motorcycling between 1999 and 2004 and since 2005 through the National Motorcycle Council (NMC), which brings together these and other motorcycle groups, national and local Government and other interested bodies like the police. In February 2005 we published the Government's Motorcycling Strategy, the first of its kind, which set out our aim of mainstreaming motorcycling in transport policy. In June 2008 we published a revised action plan, agreed with the NMC, setting out actions for improving motorcycle safety and other issues to improve conditions for motorcycling. The [2005 Strategy](#) and the [revised action plan](#) can be viewed online.

We are now working with motorcycling and other partners in the NMC to review the Strategy.

You raise a number of issues of particular concern. Firstly, the process of learning to ride a motorcycle. The stages a new rider has to go through in gaining a full motorcycle licence reflects the risks and hazards faced by new riders and fulfill the requirements of EC legislation. The test also supports our aim to help reduce the numbers of riders killed and seriously injured.

We are confident that the new test introduced in March 2009, including a range of off-road manoeuvres, supported by suitable training, means riders obtaining a full licence are more competent in key vehicle handling skills, and this will help rider safety.

As for incentives to take up motorcycling, the Government is neutral on whether or not people should take up motorcycling. We recognise it as a valid transport choice and our Strategy aims to create better conditions for those who make that choice. You have outlined a number of incentives that might encourage people to take up motorcycling. Local authorities can also take actions to support motorcycles such as dedicated parking facilities, access to bus lanes and exemption from congestion charges, which can also provide incentives for people to ride.

Local Government participates in the NMC and contributes to the implementation of the Government's Motorcycling Strategy. We have promoted the importance of the Strategy to all local authorities. However, it is a matter for each authority to decide its own priorities according to local circumstances and not all authorities are aware of or give priority to good practice to support motorcycling in their area. This is not specific to motorcycling. One of the most important areas of work for the NMC is to identify good practice for motorcycling by local authorities, make other authorities aware of that good practice and encourage them to implement it.

We are also supporting the implementation and dissemination of some specific projects led by local authorities, related for example to training, road engineering and good operational practice on highways, through the DfT road safety partnership grant scheme.

You also raise incentives to develop greener motorcycles. These issues are being discussed by the NMC and DfT as part of the review of the Strategy. Mopeds and motorcycles make up less than 1% of transport greenhouse gas emissions, and are not thought to contribute significantly to local air pollution. There is an incentive for motorcyclists to purchase greener bikes, in the form of VED, which is banded according to engine size. Further, electric motorcycles are exempt from VED and are likely to benefit from lower running costs.

Finally you raise penalties for motoring offences and the holding of motorcycle events. The Government is unable to comment on individual sentences given by the courts, as our courts are constitutionally independent. To support consistency in sentencing, the Government established the Sentencing Guidelines Council in the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

The Council is an independent body that sets sentencing guidelines for the range of offences (including road traffic offences) after consultation with the Government and the public. The new Sentencing Council, which will replace the Sentencing Guidelines Council in April, will have a strengthened remit: courts will be obliged to follow guidelines

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unless it is contrary to the interests of justice to do so.

The policing of events such as motorcycle rallies is an operational matter for chief officers of police. The granting of a licence to an event like this would be made by the local authority and such a licence could be refused if the local authority had concerns about public safety and crime and disorder issues.

We hope that these comments meet your concerns. We will continue to work with the motorcycling community to take account of the role of motorcycling in our transport policies.

## **European Industry Publishes Protective Equipment Guide (worrying, Ed)**

ACEM, the body that represents the motorcycle industry in Europe, has published a booklet in seven languages to encourage the wider use of protective clothing.

ACEM represents the interests of 12 powered two wheeler manufacturers and 15 national associations.

The booklet has been developed as part of eSUM (European Safer Urban Motorcycling), an EU-funded partnership project between ACEM and the four European motorcycling capitals (London, Paris, Barcelona and Rome) to promote the safer use of powered two-wheelers in inner-city traffic.

While most riders use helmets, moped riders and commuters tend to neglect the benefits of PPE. For example, in Mediterranean countries (due to the warm climate) PTW users are still largely unaware that good apparel can combine comfort and safety.

Jacques Compagne, ACEM secretary general, said: "The PTW industry wants to inform riders about the benefits of PPE and aims to encourage more of them to wear appropriate gear."

See [http://www.acem.eu/cms/det\\_pressreleases.php?det=1355](http://www.acem.eu/cms/det_pressreleases.php?det=1355) to read the full ACEM news release.

**Action:** Many MAG members feel concern over this sort of advice when it is funded by the authorities. Is it the thin end of a wedge that will be driven further in to our freedom of choice over what to wear. Or is it useful advice to help riders choose the best value, most useful riding gear? Take a look at the ACEM website and let us know what you think.

There is an interesting debate about groups like MAG 'fighting' road safety organisations over issues such as PPE - see <http://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/920.html>

To give you a 'taster' this is **the response of MAG UK's General Sec:-**

*"A good way to prevent a fight is not to try to force your view on someone who doesn't agree with you. At least then you can stay on good enough terms to continue to try to persuade each other. So perhaps the real shame is that some individuals and groups in the road safety sector are intent on imposing their views by using the full force of law on anyone who disagrees with them. The already high rate of helmet wearing was used as an argument to impose compulsion, which is why many riders are fearful of compulsory clothing requirements in the near future and of further restrictions after that. MAG remains true to its founding principle of opposing the state inflicting fines and imprisonment on any adult who chooses not to comply with personal safety diktats. But MAG also has the pursuit of rider safety and responsible road use enshrined in our constitution and campaign work. We believe in education but we oppose the removal of limits on state power over the choices people make about their own safety. There is no shame in that."* **Nich Brown, General Secretary MAG(UK)**

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## F E M A N E W S

### **Discussion About Mandatory ABS Continues**

A study of ADAC, Germany's highly influential automobile club, concludes that in Germany annually 160 lives of motorcyclists could have been saved by anti-lock braking systems. Is mandatory ABS the right way towards safer motorcycling?

Moreover, in its study ADAC claims that up to 6900 accidents with motorcyclists would not have happened if all bikes were equipped with ABS. ADAC intends to encourage manufacturers to equip more bikes with ABS, a request which is supported by FEMA as well.

Unfortunately, the ADAC figures are published at an unfavourable point in time. With regard to the pending Framework Regulation on simplified Type Approval for powered two wheelers, the supporters of mandatory ABS for motorcycles will interpret the findings as acknowledgement of their argumentation.

FEMA members oppose mandatory ABS for two main reasons: The development stage of ABS and high costs. Until today the additional costs for ABS lie between 600 and 1100 Euro, maintenance not included. Performance of current ABS is not satisfying

In its latest issue, the recognized motorcycle magazine MOTORRAD (8/2010) is publishing a superbike test where, among others, maximal deceleration (250km/h - 0) is measured. A Kawasaki ZX-10R without ABS beats BMW S 1000 RR and Honda Fireblade, both equipped with ABS, the latter by almost 30m of stopping distance.

The test reveals that manufacturers still have to invest in research to improve their braking technologies. Making ABS mandatory implies a common standard, and standards in general do not encourage manufacturers to go beyond a standard. Competition for innovation resulting in improved performance and decreasing costs would come to an end.

FEMA supports the progressive introduction of affordable advanced braking systems (anti-lock braking systems and/or combined braking systems) on all new motorcycles and scooters through voluntary commitment and respecting consumer choice. With or without ABS, statistics show that the majority of motorcycle accidents happen because the car driver simply overlooks the rider. This fact is also recognized by ADAC.

And

### **'SMIDSY', it seems, is International :- No Penalty for Running over a Motorcyclist**

A Norway court cleared a driver from responsibility for overlooking and seriously injuring a motorcyclist. The 16 year old rider rode his red coloured bike in the middle of his lane in a queue of cars at around 60 km/h when he got hit by a car. The driver stated in court that she did not see the motorcycle due to its narrow shape, and that its silhouette was obscured by a signpost in the intersection.

### **Riders to Fight Backdoor Road Worthiness Testing**

Roadworthiness testing has no proven safety benefit. Belgium, a country lacking roadworthiness testing for motorcycles, will take over EU-Presidency this summer. What can motorcyclists expect from that period? Roadworthiness testing of vehicles is commonly perceived as improving safety on European roads. At regular intervals a car has to be presented to a certified mechanic who checks it and decides whether it can still be used on public roads. This sounds familiar to most European citizens and the benefit of such testing regimes is hardly put into question.

Over time, the amount and the importance of electronic devices increased considerably. ABS, ESP, Airbags, etc. Since most of these devices have a direct impact on safety, it makes sense to include them into roadworthiness testing. Finally, the emissions of cars represent a threat to the environment. Shouldn't emissions be checked as well?

### Still no roadworthiness testing in some EU countries

To date, Belgian riders do not have to present their motorcycles to any roadworthiness testing. And they are not the only ones: also Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, and many more exempt motorcycles from regular technical inspections.

Since roadworthiness testing improves the safety of vehicles, motorcycles in the mentioned countries must be less safe. Less safety should lead to a higher number of accidents. Are the governments playing with the lives of motorcyclists? The answer is no. Comparing accident statistics with other countries, no link with roadworthiness testing can be made. Obviously, the positive effect of such a measure for motorcycles is doubtful.

### Will Belgium encourage the EU to exclude motorcycles from testing?

Missing a clear safety effect one should expect Belgian decision-makers to relief motorcyclists in other EU countries from this cost and time-consuming burden when taking over EU-Presidency. "This will not be the case" says Erwin Steegmans from FEMA member MAG Belgium. "There is evidence that many politicians dealing with transport issues are keen, not only on the introduction of roadworthiness testing for motorcycles in Belgium, but also to standardize and to tighten testing regulations all over Europe".

"Belgian politicians know that including powered-two wheelers into testing regimes won't be popular. But when things are handled quietly on EU-level, they can put the blame on Europe later on" adds Theo Beeldens, President of MAG Belgium. Apparently, the main driving force behind including motorcycles into roadworthiness testing is not safety, but control. Or as Theo Beeldens puts it: "Testing creates the image that everything is under control: noise, tampering, emissions. In fact, riders are able to re-modify their bikes just before the test, making the latter a useless additional cost burden".

FEMA's position on the issue is clear: "There are no data that clearly demonstrate that motorcycle accidents are significantly less likely in Member States that have included PTWs in RWT regimes. Therefore, FEMA sees no justification for including PTWs in RWT" (see [FEMA Position Statement](#)).

### Testing of motorcycles emissions

Emissions represent another important issue repeatedly raised when road worthiness testing is discussed. In some countries, e.g. Germany, motorcycles must be presented periodically for an emissions test. Doubts about the effectiveness and the benefits of these tests already persuaded Switzerland to refrain from continuing emissions testing.

The members of FEMA unanimously recognize that climate change is a serious issue and agree that newly built bikes should be low in emissions. But making sure that emissions remain low while the powered two-wheeler is in use is not the responsibility of the motorcyclist, but of the industry. Motorcyclists will not accept to carry the burden of emissions testing.

### DfT Announces Details of Road Safety Partnership Grant Awards for 2010-2011

Nich says... *The Road Safety Partnership Grant scheme is intended to provide extra investment to support road safety projects. More than £300,000 is being allocated to help fund rider training in just two parts of England and to produce yet another website where riders can find routes to ride – I ask you...*

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/rspg/awards2010-2011/>

### Home Office Consultation - Code of Practice on the Management of Police Pursuits

In 2009, the Home Secretary commissioned the NPIA to produce a Code of Practice on the Management of Police Pursuits. This followed a recommendation made by the IPCC in its 2007 report, **Police Road Traffic Incidents, A Study of Cases Involving Serious and Fatal Injuries**, which recommended that a code of practice on the management of police pursuits would improve consistency and practice across police forces. <http://www.npia.police.uk/en/15586.htm>

The consultation period on the draft code will run until 20 June 2010 and feedback should be submitted to [feedback.pursuits@npia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:feedback.pursuits@npia.pnn.police.uk)

## Filling you in on the latest about Potholes...

### **DfT - New Rules to Help Reduce Road Works**

New guidance to make sure that companies who dig up the road replace it properly, reducing the risk of potholes forming, published by DfT. <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/network/local/streetworks/cop/sroh/>  
The revised Code of Practice sets out new methods to provide better quality road surfaces, reducing the chances of potholes developing as well as cutting down the risk that the road will have to be replaced a second time.

But

### **The Daily Mail says... hastily/cheaply repaired POTHOLEs are making them even more dangerous.**

Apparently, in the haste to repair holes are being over-filled which creates a mound and more danger. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/search.html?s=y&authnamef=Liz++Hull> [*Strangely enough, they don't seem to be in a hurry to do anything about in South Glos ! Ed*]

Perhaps not surprising then...

### **Poll puts Potholes as Politicians' Top Priority - RAC Foundation**

The poor state of the roads and the cost of motoring are the transport issues the public regard as the most important for an incoming government to tackle.

After the bad winter and with petrol prices having reached an all-time high of 120p a litre for unleaded, concern amongst voters is now squarely on road transport. Plans for high speed rail come way down the list of priorities.

These are the results of an Ipsos MORI survey carried out across Great Britain for the RAC Foundation. The poll found 77% of people regard potholes as a big problem in their area and, at 52%, dissatisfaction with the road network is at its highest for a decade.

When it comes to the transport priorities for the next government, 58% say it should be dealing with the condition of roads and pavements, with 46% looking for a new administration to curb the cost of motoring.

*At the end of the last Parliament there were some interesting Q&A's as well as further moves on motorcycle related 'Early Day Motions'. Expect these to be revived in the new Parliament...*

## **PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

**Anne Milton:** To ask the Minister of State, Department for Transport how much his Department spent on (a) road building and (b) road maintenance in the latest year for which figures are available?

**Mr. Khan:** In 2008-09 the Department for Transport allocated £246 million to local authorities for local major road schemes. The Highways Agency (an agency of this Department) spent £725 million on road building. In 2008-09 the Highways Agency spent £914 million on maintenance of the strategic road network. The Department does not directly maintain local authority roads. However, it provides capital maintenance funding to local authorities (outside London) as part of the Local Transport Plan settlement; and funding as part of the private finance initiative. Information about the amounts allocated can be found at: [www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/localauthorities/funding/fundingstreams/capital/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/localauthorities/funding/fundingstreams/capital/)

**Mrs. Gillan:** To ask the Minister of State, Department for Transport what progress has been made on the adoption of the 1998 European Convention on Driving Disqualifications; and what steps he has taken to promote mutual recognition of driving disqualifications in EU member states.

**Paul Clark:** On 28 January 2010 mutual recognition of driving disqualifications between the UK and Ireland entered into force. We wish to gain practical experience with our arrangements with Ireland before considering mutual recognition with other member states.

## Update on Early Day Motion's

**EDM 1002 - MOTORCYCLE TESTING** - tabled by Anne Main, MP for St Albans, on 3 March and signed by 116 MP's before Parliament was dissolved

Anne Main said:- "It is clear from the support I have received from both MPs and motorcycle activists that there is a great will for revisiting the changes to the motorcycle test and for ensuring that centres are easily available to learner bikers. I think this is important to get this right and I pledge to continue to push for these vital changes if I am re-elected as MP for St Albans on 6th May.

Riders across the country are urging their Members of Parliament to sign up to this campaign, and the Transport Select Committee report supports the genuine concerns of motorcyclists across the country about the new test.

When I asked the Prime Minister to look into this matter, he was obviously totally unaware of the safety issues and difficulties facing thousands of motorcyclists. The new 'stop and swerve' manoeuvre has led to dozens of accidents and learner riders in St Albans now have to travel a long way to get to a 'super test centre'. I fail to see why this has to be the case when no other country in Europe has found it necessary to build these centres.

We must, as a matter of road safety urgency, review this failed project. The Transport Committee has concluded that the Government was slow and dogmatic in its approach to test centres, failing to listen adequately to the motorcycle industry. The Government must 'Think Bike', and take on board the legitimate concerns that riders have about these tests. We cannot let riders down by asking them to engage in a testing procedure that obviously has major problems."

Nich says: *Anne Main pledged to continue her campaign for urgent adjustments to the motorcycle test if re-elected as MP for St Albans. She was successful in being re-elected so me and Paddy will be in touch with her shortly.*

**EDM 1246 – DEATHS OF MOTORCYCLISTS** – Barry Sheerman, MP for Huddersfield

"That this House is saddened and distressed by the 53,697 deaths of motorcyclists since 1950 on British roads; notes that since a high point of 1,743 deaths in 1960 a level was reached in 2008 of 493 deaths; further commends all those, including motorcyclists and motorcyclists' organisations, that have contributed to this reduction; further notes that all too often motorcycle accidents are caused as a direct result of the abysmal road behaviour of car drivers; and further calls for co-ordinated efforts to significantly reduce this avoidable cause of death and serious injury."

Nich says...*this was a major turn-around from Barry Sheerman's earlier pronouncements in the House of Commons where he labelled us 'widow makers' and 'orphan makers'. I suspect that the reaction from ordinary riders, especially local MAG members and MCN readers had something to do with it.*

*Despite enjoying a HUGE majority of the vote in Huddersfield (big enough to guarantee he would be re-elected), Barry Sheerman agreed to meet local riders as part of the Riders Are Voters campaign just before the election. I chaired that meeting; the local riders did a good job holding him to account, possibly changed some of his views, and extracted a number of undertakings about what he would do to work with us rather than against us in the new Parliament.*

*I'll be following-up on these points as soon as he takes his seat in Westminster.*

***Whilst I commend Barry Sheerman's EDM, the previous statements he made referring to riders as 'orphan & widow makers' was despicable. Trusting in the integrity of Politicians as I do, I'm sure Mr Sheerman is sincere in his tabling of the following EDM only 5 days before the dissolution of Parliament (12<sup>th</sup> April) when all EDMs fell. That his tabling this can be nothing to do with the fall-out from his previous offensive statements linked to the approach of an election when 3000 people on Facebook signed up to a 'not vote labour' campaign as a result and have every faith that he will re-table it if he is re-elected!! Ed***

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### **3DLD Consultation Response Report (and yes, we have only just implemented the 2<sup>nd</sup>!)**

MCI and MCITA (representing the motorcycle industry and trainers) commented on the DSA/DfT "very quietly" releasing a report showing the results from the 3DLD Consultation...

"In total there were 489 responses to the consultation. Although this is not broken down any further, we would estimate that a high percentage of these responded with a motorcycle interest. For the motorcycle related questions there were around 460 comments made. For the remaining questions, only around 160 made any comments.

The report does not give detail on the more general points which were at the end of the Consultation. However, it does state that "...many considered that the consultation did not meet the Consultation Criteria."

To highlight the main points of the report:

Testing will be the only route through progressive access at this time.

There will be special provisions for moped and motorcycle riders with a physical disability.

A new AM category will include light quadricycles and tricycles.

There will be **no** unaccompanied provisional riding for A2 and A categories.

Although the testing route has been chosen, there is an acceptance from Ministers that many stakeholders would have preferred a training option from a road safety point of view. As the MCI and MCITA responses showed, many felt that costs suggested by the DSA were too high for this to be a viable alternative. Whilst we agree that the training option should not be implemented in time for the new arrangements in 2013, we had hoped that the DSA would agree to write both training and testing into legislation now. This is what was requested in our responses, to allow the possibility of the training option to be implemented at some time in the future, should the issues around the quality control and cost of the training option be resolved. This omission means that changing regulations to include training upgrades in the future would be more difficult and very time consuming.

The report further quotes the MCI and MCITA position statement in full."

You can view a copy of the report at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/closed/thirddirective/>

*Nich says...MAG members from Milton Keynes so impressed their local candidates during a Riders re Voters photocall, that the Labour party arranged for them to meet the Secretary of State for Transport, Lord Adonis. The result was a pledge to review the 3DLD arrangements if Labour hold on to office.*

## Road Safety GB

### Road Safety Knowledge Centre to launch during summer 2010

The project to develop a Road Safety Knowledge Centre (Knowledge Centre) is underway and on schedule to be launched during summer 2010.

The Knowledge Centre, which is being developed by Road Safety GB with funding provided by the DfT, will replace Road Safety Time Bank.

A design model has been developed and is now out for stakeholder consultation with a number of organisations with an interest in road safety. The two stage consultation process runs until mid-May and the Knowledge Centre is scheduled to launch in early August 2010.

For more information about the Road Safety Knowledge Centre project contact Nick Rawlings, project manager, on 01379 650112.

And

### Students Design Fashionable Protective Clothing

Students from Leeds College of Art & Design have taken part in a competition to design clothing for young scooter riders which would be both fashionable and protective in the event of a crash.

The students involved in the competition have done a huge amount of work and results are impressive.

Contact [Dave Glanville](#) on 0113 2475804 for more information.

## Further Training on offer in many parts of UK....

### Want to Ride with the Professionals? Visit the National BikeSafe Motorcycle show June 12th & 13th

The 2010 National BikeSafe Motorcycle Show sponsored by the motorcycle industry's campaign 'Get On' gets underway at Sheffield Arena on Saturday 12 June 2010.

The free event will bring together the best of the motorcycle industry as the National BikeSafe Motorcycle Show comes to the north of England for the first time.

The National BikeSafe Motorcycle Show offers something for all everyone and is a fun day families, friends, couples and anyone who is interested in bikes, even if they don't have a licence. Attractions already confirmed include stunt rider Dave Coates, the Extreme Globe riders, international trials champion Steve Colley and Ady Smith's KTM off-road experience.

There will also be the opportunity for every rider to take a free 45-minute ride-out with an advanced police motorcyclist. All riders need to do is come along prepared to ride and bring with them all parts of their motorcycle licence and insurance documents.

There is also the chance for people to take a ride-out on a manufacturer's bike. Manufacturers already confirmed include Honda, Yamaha, BMW, Kawasaki and Triumph.

Riders will need a credit card in order to cover any refundable deposit requested by the manufacturer.

As main sponsors of the show the Get On team will be providing the opportunity for visitors who have never ridden before or who are coming back to riding to have a go in a safe and secure area in the presence of fully qualified instructors.

For more information visit [www.bikesafeshow.co.uk](http://www.bikesafeshow.co.uk) For the Get On experience go to [www.geton.co.uk](http://www.geton.co.uk)

For more info: Matthew Newby Direct Tel: 0114 2202934 [matthew.newby@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.newby@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

## RideSafe BackSafe repeats IAM Rider Assessment Days in North West

RideSafe BackSafe has once again teamed up with the Institute of Advanced Motoring (IAM) to provide a series of inexpensive rider assessment days for motorcyclists in north west England.

The timetable will include classroom-style theory sessions, advice and on-road assessments by IAM assessors to help improve riding skills, hazard awareness, temperament and decision-making.

The days will be held at Lancashire Police Headquarters in Hutton, Lancashire on 17 April, 16 May, 12 June, 17 July, 14 August, 11 September and 9 October.

The 2009 price (£20) has been held and includes refreshments. Last year the courses were fully booked.

Contact [Shelby Williams](#) for more information on (01772) 412 375.

Footnote: the RideSafe BackSafe Initiative is run by bikers for bikers and includes the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety, Drivesafe (Greater Manchester Casualty Reduction Partnership), Merseyside Road Safety Partnership, IAM, BMF, MAG, KillSpills and support from the Highways Agency.

### Casualty Statistics Identify Need for Young Rider Training in Warwickshire

Warwickshire's road safety unit has published casualty statistics that it says 'identify a clear need for rider training' among young and inexperienced moped and motorcycle riders.

The statistics show that more than a third of all mopeds and motorcycles involved in injury collisions were ridden by under 21 year olds. And one in every five collisions where moped and motorcycle riders were considered most blameworthy, were attributed to learner, inexperienced or nervous riders.

For more information go to: [www.takecontroltraining.co.uk](http://www.takecontroltraining.co.uk).

### Norfolk bikers offered key survival skills

Innovative courses aimed at motor cycle enthusiasts who don't feel in need of standard training are being launched in Norfolk in time for the spring migration of motorcyclists on to the open road.

The course, which is held on an airfield, includes understanding the physics of motorcycling as a way of helping regular riders to hone their skills, increasing their confidence in recovery techniques and improving their chances of avoiding or recovering from a 'hairy moment'. A demonstration day involving local motorcycle dealers was very positively received, and they are helping to promote the course to customers.

"After 18 years on a Police bike I learned new things and gained a lot from the course. I'd recommend it to anyone," said Andy Micklethwaite, Norfolk County Council's road safety officer for motorcyclists, who has brought the course to Norfolk from York after trying it for himself.

The course, which is run by the i2i Academy, based in York, consists of several exercises including machine stability, advanced braking, counter steering and hazard avoidance.

There are two different one day courses being brought to the county but riders need to complete the first before moving on to the second. Spaces on the courses are strictly limited and cost £75 for the first course and £90 for the second. There are available dates in mid April and late August. Riders should contact Andy on [andy.micklethwaite@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:andy.micklethwaite@norfolk.gov.uk) for further information. Andy also handles bookings for the Police Safe Rider course which starts again in April. Cost is just £30 and is booking now.

For further information:- Andy Micklethwaite, road safety officer, on 01603 638115; Iain Temperton, team manager, casualty reduction education & development, on 01603 223348; Sally Plail, driver & rider development manager, on 01603 638121

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## Bath & North East Somerset Council - Bike Safe Training Courses on Offer

Bath & North East Somerset Council is working with its partners to improve road safety for motorcyclists.

The next Council Bike Safe event will be held on May 9, based at Radstock Police Station. It involves a full day of training with Avon & Somerset Police motorcyclists. The course aims to help lower the number of motorcycle rider casualties, whilst also helping motorcyclists increase their ability and confidence. It costs £10 and places can be booked by contacting 01454 863749.

A new website, called Magic Zero, has also been set up. It can be accessed via [www.bathnes.gov.uk](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk), where you can find information about all the services available by searching for 'Motorcyclists' under the 'A – Z'. Magic Zero provides road safety information, with the opportunity to sign up for a monthly e-newsletter with details of all upcoming training and events in the area. Each month a quiz is sent to registered users with a chance to win monthly prizes too; with all monthly entries going forward to a big prize draw for a BMW S1000RR.

Three Rider Performance Days are also planned in Bath and North East Somerset later this year. Involving skills training and theory they are aimed at reducing the numbers of motorcyclists involved in collisions. An expert team of instructors are used for this training, and places are limited to 60 per day, and cost £99.

The courses will run on May 29, June 28 and September 15. You can find out more and book a place by contacting Garrad Bailey on 01454 863 749.

### **US Journalist wins Pulitzer Prize for Distracted Driving Series and highlights the use of mobile phones whilst driving.**

The Pulitzer Prizes were announced earlier this week and one of the awards went to an American journalist who has written a series of articles on distracted drivers.

Matt Richtel, a journalist with the New York Times, won the National Reporting prize for the series 'Driven to Distraction', which documents the dangers of using mobile devices while behind the wheel.

The full article can be found at:- <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/13/business/media/13pulitzer.html>

### **Ace Cafe London - Margate Meltdown is a Go!**

The Margate Meltdown is the most recently established of Ace Cafe London's, free to attend, major annual ride-outs. The ride-out from the cafe to this popular seaside resort in Kent is held each year on occasion of the annual Spring Bank Holiday, this year being Monday 31st May.

Details are as follows:

Monday 31st May 2010. Depart Cafe: 10.30am

Route: A406 - A13 - M25 - A2 - M2 - A299 to Margate Seafront

Linda Wilsmore said "Working closely with our chosen charity for the event, the Royal British Legion Riders Branch, the town and Thanet District Council, Margate not only has everything that a great ride-out requires, it has a great beach and plenty of heritage to include a legacy from the 1960s that is of world renown relating to motorbikes, scooters and the Mods & Rockers that rode them."

[www.acecafeevents.com](http://www.acecafeevents.com)

## EVENTS

### Friday May 14, 2010 - Sunday, May 16, 2010 - The Number One

**Organiser:** MAD MAG

*Great family friendly rally, now in 27th Year. Great Bands including Audiofyre, Soul Rebels, Dark Messiah and Special Needz. Chqs payable to 'Middlesbrough MAG' to 45 Oxford Road, Thornaby, TS17 6LW. Include Stamped, self-addressed envelope.*

**Location:** Tunstall Lane, Near Stokesley.

**Enquiries:** Any enquiries see website or call Tony on 07834380278.

**Web:** <http://www.thenumberone.org/>

### Sunday, May 16, 2010 - Medway MAG AGM

**Organiser:** Dave Roots - Medway MAG

*For the election of officers and any other business.*

**Location:** Beacon Tavern, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent.

### Tuesday, May 18, 2010 - West Berkshire MAG Annual General Meeting

**Organiser:** We.Be.MAG

**Location:** The Blue Ball 25 Greenham Road Newbury RG14 7HY

**Web:** <http://www.webemag.co.uk>

### Saturday, May 22, 2010 - Tyne Tunnel Protest

**Organiser:** South East Northumberland MAG

*Demonstration against tunnel tolls being charged to Motorcyclists. Speed up the tunnel - don't charge Bikes!*

**Location:** Meet at : THE WASHINGTON WETLAND CENTRE WASHINGTON, TYNE & WEAR, NE38 8LE - 11AM sharp!

**Web:** <http://www.senmag.org/>

**Email:** [tynetunnelprotest@southeastnorthumberlandmag.co.uk](mailto:tynetunnelprotest@southeastnorthumberlandmag.co.uk)

### Saturday, May 22, 2010 - From The Red Lion to The Dragon

**Organiser:** Leeds MAG

*Motorcycle Ride Out and Bike show*

**Location:** • Meeting at The Red Lion, York Road A64 at 12pm, ride leaves at 1pm, ride through Leeds City Centre to The Dragon, Whitehall Road A58 • The Good, The Bad and The Ugly Bike Show to be held at The Dragon after the ride out, usual motorcycle categories. Entry fee for bike show to raise funds for MAG UK

### Saturday, May 22, 2010 - Tees Valley Bridge Run

**Organiser:** Estonians MCC

*Starts Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge at noon and crosses all the bridges over the River Tees. Finishes Eggleston. Maps provided. £5.00 per person, includes burger and hot drink at Eggleston. Live Band on the evening. Over night camping available.*

**Location:** Middlesbrough -Eggleston in the Tees valley

**Web:** <http://www.estoniansmcc.com/>

### Monday, May 31, 2010 - ACE CAFE LONDON - MARGATE MELTDOWN

**Organiser:** Ace Cafe (MAG Corporate Member)

*Depart : 10.30am from Ace Cafe, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London NW10 7UD Route: Ace Cafe -A406 - A13 - M25 - A2 - M2 - A299 to Margate Seafront. Margate has everything a great ride-out requires; a great beach and plenty of heritage, a legacy from the 1960s of world renown relating to motorbikes, scooters, Mods & Rockers that rode them.*

**Location:** Ace Cafe, Ace Corner, North Circular Road, Stonebridge, London NW10 7UD.

**Enquiries:** LINDA WILSMORE, Tel: 0208 961 1000

**Web:** <http://www.acecafeevents.com>

### Friday, June 4, 2010 - Sunday, June 6, 2010 - Magpie Rally

**Organiser:** Colchester MAG

*Family styled rally at an excellent site with great facilities. Chalets and fully erected tents available for hire. Friday night live music, DJ's late bar. Saturday during day Bike Show, activities for the kids and Outward Bound activities for those daring adults are run by the site staff. Poker Run, swimming pool, silly games, trade and food stalls. Saturday evening - Comedy stage. Saturday night live music, DJ'S late bar.*

**Location:** Mersea Youth Camp Mersea Island Nr Colchester

**Web:** <http://www.magpierally.co.uk>

### Friday, June 4, 2010 - Sunday, June 6, 2010 - 19th Ag OI Anns an Achaidh Rally

**Organiser:** Edinburgh & District MAG

*Live bands, Rock Disco, cheap MAG bar, Excellent Food, Stalls, Prize raffle, Bonfire, Free Rally Badges for Pre-Booked/first 250. £6 Beer Voucher MAG full members. No Dogs or Fires, Cars and Vans by Pre-arrangement only*

**Location:** West Torphin Farm, Harburn, West Calder, EH55 8RT

**Web:** <http://edinburgh.mag-uk.org/>

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**Friday, June 4, 2010 - Sunday, June 6, 2010 - Bike, Trike & Custom Show****Organiser:** Unwanted Mcc*14 categories to enter in the show, Rock Disco both nights, live bands, 2bars open till late, Trophies for all classes in show. Food & stalls, 24hr loos, Disabled access. MAG, NABD & BMF affiliated club.***Location:** The Rockbar, Shobnall Sports & Social Club, Burton on Trent, Staffs. DE14 2BB**Web:** <http://www.unwantedmcc.co.uk>**Friday, June 11, 2010 - Sunday, June 13, 2010 - Lion Rally****Organiser:** Reading MAG*The longest running MAG rally in the south - says it all really. There will be a custom bike show, trade stalls, attractions and distractions. Real ale and cider bar, brilliant bands both nights, Free camping and its only £20 in advance - and get a £10 beer voucher FREE if you are a MAG member (has to be a valid membership of course).***Ticket:** OTG £20, your first drink is on us. (max value £3.50p)**Location:** Grazeley, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 1PL**Enquiries:** 0118 988 3226**Web:** <http://www.readingmag.org.uk/>**Motorcycle Action Group Yorkshire proudly presents**

(A fundraising event for MAG UK)

**24th Farmyard Party**

June 18-20 2010 – Duncombe Parke, Helmsley, North Yorkshire

THE BIGGEST AND BEST MOTORCYCLE-ONLY RALLY IN EUROPE!

The Back Street Heroes sponsored 'BIG TOP' is back for all main attractions. BIG Blues Tent, a Dance Tent and BIGGER 100% Biker tent. Huge Food Court marquee (with around 17 different food stalls), so you can eat and drink at tables under cover. Traditional fires field with 120 tonnes of wood supplied. Online booking & event info @ [www.farmyardparty.com](http://www.farmyardparty.com)

Or freephone: 0800 988 3199 (closes 11/6/10). Cheques (with SAE) to: The Farmyard Party, PO Box 5047, Rugby, CV21 9HL.

Disabled Car Drivers: strictly pre-book. Tickets: Pre-book £25.00. Tickets OTG: £35.00

Full MAG Members get £10 in product/beer vouchers. Affiliates £1.00 Joint members £10.00 &amp; £5.00

(All on production of valid MAG Card)

**Saturday, June 19, 2010 - Full Lap of the M25 - Mass Protest against Westminster Parking Tax****Organiser:** NoToBikeParkingTax**Location:** Full details of the ride out will shortly appear on the NoTo... website**Web:** <http://www.notobikeparkingtax.com>**Friday, June 25, 2010 - Sunday, June 27, 2010 - The Sixth Sinful Fun n Frolics on the Fylde****Organiser:** Blackpool Area MAG*Superb camping field with great clubhouse. Live music Fri/Sat nights plus Rock DJ Incredible Raffle Prizes, Hot Food & Stalls. Legendary Silly Games and Real Toilets!! Plus the MASSIVE Ride out on Blackpool's World Famous Promenade***Location:** [Blackpool Rugby Club, Fleetwood Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY51RN](http://www.blackpoolmag.co.uk)**Web:** <http://www.blackpoolmag.co.uk>**Sunday, June 27, 2010 - North East Annual General Meeting****Organiser:** North East MAG*Starts 2pm. The AGM is intended to be an interesting and enjoyable get together. As well as elections it is an opportunity to find out more about what the group has been doing and make plans for the coming year. There will also be time to discuss any issues that concern you. The National MAG Chairman Paul Turner will be our guest speaker. He plans to discuss current campaigns. Have your say. Only Full MAG Members may vote, so please don't forget your current MAG Membership Card.***Location:** The Eagle, Albion Way, Cowpen Farm Estate, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5BJ.**Enquiries:** Kitson Warrener**Web:** <http://northeastmag.freeforums.org/index.php?sid=6404e616508b6c2f7a8f3fa5cdd28535>**Email:** [rep@senmag.org](mailto:rep@senmag.org)**Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - RADMAG 1st Bikes & Burgers BBQ****Organiser:** Rushden and District MAG*RADMAG's first BBQ to celebrate the summer! Huge beer garden, ample parking at the rear of the pub, (access Midland Rd), great selection of lagers, real ales and soft drinks and a great town centre location. Free entry, raffle for MAG funds and a healthy donation from the pub. Come along and have a great, relaxed evening in Northants. Starts at 7.30pm.***Ticket:** free**Location:** [The Green Dragon, College Street, Higham Ferrers Northants NN10 8DZ](http://www.rushden-rep@mag-uk.org)**Enquiries:** Neil 07860212446**Email:** [rushden-rep@mag-uk.org](mailto:rushden-rep@mag-uk.org)

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### **Friday, July 2, 2010 - Sunday, July 4, 2010 - Heart of England Rally**

**Organiser:** West Midlands MAG

*New venue for The Heart of England rally incorporating The Brum Demo. Demo starts Longbridge, ride-in Centenary Square, Birmingham. Live bands, disco, stalls and camping. Prices held yet again- £10 pre-book, £12 o/tg. Day tickets available for £6.*

**Location:** Kings Norton RFC, Ash Lane, Hopwood, Nr Alvechurch B48 7BB. Brum Demo to start

**Web:** <http://www.westmidlandsmag.org.uk/>

### **Friday, July 2, 2010 - Sunday, July 4, 2010 - Chinnor Bike Dayz XIV**

**Organiser:** Wycombe MAG

*Chinnor Bike Dayz XIV - Wycombe MAG's annual rally. at Little Horsenden Farm, B4009, Princes Risborough, Bucks In aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance and MAG UK Beer tent, Hot & Cold food, Trade stalls, Silly games, Great bands! Gates open 12 noon Friday 2nd July 2010. Ride in from Thame Services, Saturday 11am Weekend tickets only: £10. Strict 500 limit. Free camping. Full details: [www.wycombemag.co.uk/chinnor](http://www.wycombemag.co.uk/chinnor) Tickets: [chinnorbikedayz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chinnorbikedayz@hotmail.co.uk) Stalls: 07528 216686*

**Location:** Little Horsenden Farm, B4009, Princes Risborough, Bucks

**Web:** <http://www.wycombemag.co.uk/chinnor>

### **Friday, July 2, 2010 - Sunday, July 4, 2010 - Estonians MCC 2nd Barnstormer Rally**

**Organiser:** Estonians MCC

*Seamer Grange Farm, Nr Stokesley, North Yorks. Live Bands, Disco, Late Bar both nights; Games; Bike Show.*

**Location:** Seamer Grange Farm, Nr Stokesley, North Yorks

**Web:** <http://www.estoniansmcc.com/>

### **Saturday, July 3, 2010 - BRUM DEMO PARTY**

**Organiser:** South Birmingham Motorcycle Action Group

*Camping is free and next to the large car park, and is available from 5pm on the Friday night. The Inn will be providing both normal menu meals, snacks & burgers, vegetarian food as well as breakfast on the Sunday morning. \* We will be meeting at 11.30am in the car park for a run up to Longbridge for the start of the Brum Demo to Centenary Square \**

**Ticket:** Pay on the Door: £5.00 for MAG Members and £6.00 for non Members

**Location:** The Moat House Inn on the A435 Kings Coughton - Near Studley Warwickshire.

**Enquiries:** South Brum Rep Rocky on 07786 621597

**Email:** [magsouthbirmingham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:magsouthbirmingham@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Saturday, July 3, 2010 - 1st Midsummer Mayhem Party Night**

**Organiser:** Wakefield MAG

*All the usual MAG party night attractions including live music from local band (and MAG members) Twist of Fate, Silly Games, Raffle, Hot Snacks, Fancy Dress (optional, but prize for the best outfit) and lots more. Demand is high and entry by Pre-Book ticket only so be sure to get yours quick before they sell out. All proceeds to the MAG Fighting Fund.*

**Location:** Horse & Groom Inn, 3 Horse Race End, Heath, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 5SG.

**Web:** <http://wakefield.mag-uk.org>

### **Sunday, July 11, 2010 - Wakefield MAG 6th Annual Treasure Hunt**

**Organiser:** Wakefield MAG

*Numerous questions, numerous clues, numerous destinations and numerous answers. The Ultimate Thinking Riders Rideout.*

**Location:** Meet 9:30am (to get clues/instructions) at Stork Lodge Tea Rooms, Thornes Park, off Thornes Road, Wakefield.

*(Treasure Hunt will leave at 10:00am prompt)*

**Web:** <http://wakefield.mag-uk.org>

### **Saturday, July 17, 2010 - Sunday, July 18, 2010 - OI Tups Tiffin**

**Organiser:** Forest of Dean MAG

*Party Night*

**Location:** Littledean House Hotel Littledean Nr Cinderford Gloucestershire GL14 3JT

### **Friday, July 23, 2010 - Sunday, July 25, 2010 - Leathered In Lincoln IV, Pickled In Branston II**

**Organiser:** Halfway Heroes MCC

*Our 5th Rally Friday Night Rock Disco and Another Band T.B.C., Saturday Night there is a rock Disco & the band's are The Slimline papas & The Snoggs. ( Both not to be missed ). Come & be rocked & rolled.*

**Location:** Branston community college Lincoln LN6 1LF

**Web:** <http://www.halfway-heroes.co.uk>

### **Saturday, July 31, 2010 - Sunday, August 1, 2010 - Aberystwyth & District MAG Inaugural Party**

**Organiser:** Aberystwyth & District MAG

*One day rally (with camping) to celebrate the resurgence of MAG in mid and west Wales. Bands, camping, bar, trade stands etc. This Event is pre-book only with a limit of 250.*

**Ticket:** Call Alan Sutton on: 07973 470281

**Location:** Aberystwyth Rugby Club ground.

**Email:** [alanbikesforme@fsmail.net](mailto:alanbikesforme@fsmail.net)

## Yorkshire Pudding Rally 2010

**Organiser:** Yorkshire MAG on the 6th - 8th August 2010.

A strictly pre-book only rally and the last in Yorkshire MAG's summer events. This rally is for bikers only and will have a marquee with bands and disco playing throughout the weekend, lush camping with showers, and The Bonfire In a Skip! Food and quality beer, trade stalls, plus the Saturday Ride-out Ride-in custom show on Saturday afternoon sponsored and run by 100% Biker. Send cheques (with S.A.E) to: Yorkshire Pudding Rally, PO Box 5047, Rugby, CV21 9HL.

**Ticket:** £15 per person (Strictly Pre-book Only) Tel: 0800 988 3199

**Location:** Hesley Wood Scout Camp, Chapeltown, Nr Sheffield, South Yorkshire

**Enquiries:** Tel: 0800 988 3199. **Web:** <http://www.yorkshirepuddingrally.co.uk>

### Friday, August 6, 2010 - Sunday, August 8, 2010 - Burning Budgie Rally

**Organiser:** West London Harley Riders

*Motorcycle Rally & Custom & Classic Bike Show, Ride-Out, Yard of Ale contest, Food, Showers, Large camping area, Bands on Friday, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night*

**Location:** Chiltern Sports & Social Club, Maple Lodge Close, Maple Cross, Hertfordshire, WD3 2SQ

**Web:** <http://www.wlhr.org>

### Friday, August 20, 2010 - Sunday, August 22, 2010 - Ganton Gathering

**Organiser:** Scarborough MAG - in aid of the MAG foundation

*Rally 2 bands Friday, 2 bands Saturday, bonfire usual food and bar facilities. 800 limit, pre book only. £15.00 per ticket.*

**Ticket:** Cheques payable to 'Ganton Gathering' SAE to Stuart Gething, 26 Linden Road, Scarborough YO12 5SN

**Location:** Ganton Wold Farm, Ganton YO12 4PG

**Enquiries:** 07919 370608

**Email:** [michelle.bumby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:michelle.bumby@tiscali.co.uk)

## Stormin the Castle

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010

(A fundraiser for the Motorcycle Action Group)

**Witton Castle Country Park, Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 0DE**

Tickets 0870 2258352 [www.storminthecastle.co.uk](http://www.storminthecastle.co.uk)

### Friday, September 10, 2010 - Sunday, September 12, 2010 - GWR Rally 2010

**Organiser:** Weston & North Somerset MAG

*Traditional green field Bike Rally*

**Location:** Kingstone Seymour Somerset

**Web:** <http://north-somerset.mag-uk.org/gwr.html>

### Friday, October 8, 2010 - Sunday, October 10, 2010 - 14th Kamikaze Cave Run

**Organiser:** mobile chaos mcc

*all the usual stuff, late bar 4 bands booked + Disco, prizes, food stalls*

**Location:** gibraltar farm, silverdale, lancs. LA5 0UA

**Web:** <http://www.mobilechaosmcc.co.uk>

### Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - South East Northumberland MAG AGM

**Organiser:** South East Northumberland MAG

*South East Northumberland MAG AGM 8pm. Please bring current membership card, NO CARD NO VOTE.*

**Location:** **\*\*UPDATE\*\* NEW VENUE :** The Eagle, Albion Way, Blythe, Northumberland, NE24 5BJ.

**Web:** <http://www.senmag.org>

### Wednesday, November 24, 2010 - Wakefield MAG 7th Annual Bikers Quiz Nite

**Organiser:** Wakefield MAG

*A pub quiz for bikers. 30 bike/biking related questions & 30 general knowledge (but with a bike link, however tenuous). Enter as a team (max 5) or an individual. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, and a booby prize for the least number of correct answers.*

**Location:** The Grey Horse Hotel, 221 Kirkgate, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 1JG

**Web:** <http://wakefield.mag-uk.org>

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