

The WRAG November 2011



Western Region MAG

AGM's

Below are when various groups, and the Region hold their respective AGM's, please remember to have your current (and valid) membership card with you when you attend an AGM otherwise you will be unable to vote.

Weston & North Somerset MAG holds their AGM at 8:30pm in The Railway Inn, Sandford on the 16th November.

Bristol MAG holds their AGM at 8:30pm in The Railway Tavern, Fishponds, and Bristol on the 17th November.

Western Region MAG holds their AGM on January 29th, 2012.

Bristol MAG are hosting the AGM which is to be held at the Royal

British Legion Club, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5PE

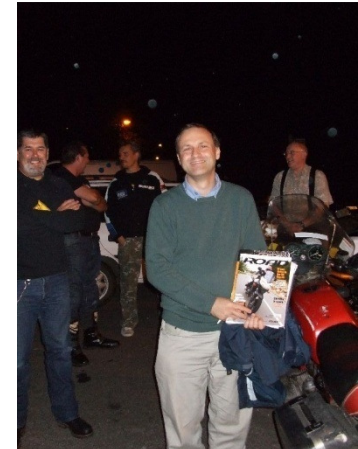
Not Avon MAG meet their MP



On Tuesday 4th October, Steve Webb MP attended the Not Avon MAG meeting at the Lamb Inn in Iron Acton. Steve is Liberal Democrat MP for Thornbury and Yate constituency (formerly known as Northavon, from which the group derived its name), and is Pensions Minister in the present coalition government.

The meeting was well attended by Not Avon members, as well as guests from neighbouring groups. All those present had a chance to speak, and Steve took an interest in what was said. Obviously at the moment, the current crop of European proposals is at the forefront of a lot of people's minds, and although he cannot

influence these directly, he did promise to speak to his European Parliamentary colleagues on our behalf. Other subjects raised included the Motorcycle Test debacle, speed limits and the condition of the roads. Unfortunately the meeting had to end, although there was more that could have been discussed.



All in all it was a good evening, and an opportunity for members to meet their MP face to face. Hopefully Steve Webb left with a better understanding of MAG and its members, and the personal contact will give greater weight to the letters we write when lobbying on motorcycling issues.

Hoggin the Bridge



The Western Region MAG stand was at the 2011 Hoggin the Bridge event this year for the second year running.

The usual crew manned the stand and was kept busy talking to interested folk, even signing up five new members.

We barely had time to watch the bikes ride through!

Are You A MAG Activist?

MAG represents over 45,000 motorcyclists through individual membership and 220 affiliated clubs.

MAG is the premier European motorcycle riders group and represents Britain's million motorcyclists on a wide range of issues that affect all aspects of motorcycling.

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Events

Nov 16. AGM - Weston & North Somerset MAG

Nov 17. Bristol MAG AGM

Dec 3. Santa's on a Bike run

Jan 14. Salisbury MAG AGM

Jan 29. Western Region MAG AGM

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