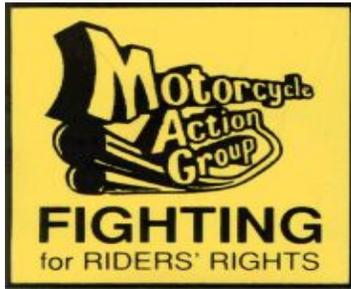


## The WRAG February 2012



### Western Region MAG

#### Manholes



At somewhat short notice Weston & North Somerset MAG received a request for an interview with an ITV reporter with regard to Inspection Covers.

After a somewhat panicky phoning around Debz, Nige and the Troll sped over to Nailsea in rather inclement weather to meet the Interviewer and his cameraman.

After filming both Debz and Nige riding over the newly installed Anti-skid inspection cover Debz was interviewed about MAG's and Bikers thoughts on manhole covers.



On a rather better day towards the end of January Weston MAG were asked by the BBC to also participate in a piece they were doing on the theft of Inspection Covers.



So once again Debz, Nige, the Troll and this time joined by Bill Harding we found ourselves being filmed riding over the manhole cover.



#### Slippit Inn Rally

Is it nearly a year already! Well it must be, because it's time to pre-book those tickets for Gloucester MAGs Slippit Inn Rally.

Look out for the flyers or go to Glos MAGs website where you'll find all the details, and you can even book using the PayPal facility. See you there;)



#### Letter Campaign

MAG is currently encouraging all its members to write to their respective MEPs on the proposals currently going through EU for legislation.

Details can be found in Network, MAG's campaign newsletter for Activists, so sign up to get Network by going to: <http://www.network.mag-uk.org/index2.html>

This is a very important campaign so please make the effort to participate; else before too long we will no longer be able to rider motorcycles, if the EU has their way.

## Regional AGM

The dedicated few (26) turned out for the annual Regional AGM, which was a poor turnout considering there are over 500 MAG members within the region.

Or did you all get lost due to the road works on the approach to the venue?

Anyway thanks to Patchway RBL for allowing Bristol MAG to hold the AGM at their club.

The usual suspects were re-elected: Trace as NC Liaison, Andrew Meredith as Chairman, Steve Peake as Webmaster and Membership Secretary, The Troll as Political officer and Newsletter editor, Steve Bradford as Events coordinator, Anne Gale as Administrator, Andy Kerr as Clubs Liaison and Taff as an Officer without Portfolio.

After 10 years Kath Aldom stood down as Treasurer, Thanks for your work Kath, and Keith Hillier was elected as Regional Treasurer. Eddie Garnier has taken on the role of Products Officer.

It was suggested that MAG should reaffirm the Mulhouse Declaration, for those of you who are unfamiliar with it, here it is;

### The Mulhouse Declaration

We the undersigned utterly oppose the compulsory fitment to privately

owned vehicles of any device designed to arbitrarily remove control from the driver to remote operation.

We note with extreme concern the tendency of governments to impose ever more intrusive and restrictive regulations upon the citizen.

We caution governments to remember that they are permitted to govern only by the consent of the people and that such consent when given through an election does not grant unlimited licence to interfere in the daily life of the citizen.

We further caution all governments that to impose unduly on popular freedom is to imperil the respect in which government and the rule of law is held.

The remaining business was dealt with fairly quickly and the AGM was closed in a little over 2 hours.

The 2013 AGM will be hosted by Weston MAG on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2013

### Events

**Feb 11.** Fred Hill Run 2012 Warwickshire MAG

**Feb 11.** The Fred Hill Run After Party 2012 Studley MAG

**Feb 12.** Fred Hill Run West Midlands MAG

**Feb 12.** Fred Hill Day 2012 Cardiff Mag

**Feb 17- 19.** 1st Frozen Pancake rally Burton on Trent MAG

**Mar 17.** Bike Awareness Day Reading MAG

**Mar 31.** 2012 - Easter Egg Run + Disco West Midlands MAG

**April 1.** 11th Spring Bike Show Salisbury MAG

**April 6- 8.** The Slippit Inn Rally Glos MAG

**April 7- 8.** Thames Valley Easter Bike Show Reading MAG

**April 13- 15.** The Dirty Donkey Wycombe MAG

**April 14.** MAG UK Annual General Conference

**May 4- 6.** Into the Valley MAGic Action Promotions

**May 11- 13.** The Northern Rockers Rumble Mug Town Rockers

**May 11- 13.** Bailwood Bike Rally Hull and District Motorcycle Club

**May 25- 27.** Tees Valley Bridge Run Estonians MCC

**May 25- 27.** Love Your Nuts II Towcester MAG

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What would the EU say!