

The WRAG December 2012



Western Region MAG

Trollitorial

Well here we are again with another year drawing to a close, it hardly seems like yesterday that we were all up at the Slippit Inn Rally, and now it's nearly Christmas!

It would seem that generally the attendances at all events this year were down, but that is hardly surprising with the present economic climate.



The biggest thing that MAG has been involved with this year was the Type Approval legislation worming its way through the EU Bureaucracy!

And despite all our letters, e-mails and an enjoyable day holding a Demo run on the

M5, our MEPs have chosen to ignore our concerns and vote the way the EU has told them to!

But at least the French have dropped (for now) their Hi-Viz legislation
The Fight goes on! Thank you to everyone who got involved one way or another.

Yuletide Felicitations



Have a very Merry Yuletide and hopefully a great 2013.

Here's an idea for a Christmas present, why not give a MAG membership?

Mid-Wilts MAG

Mid Wilts Christmas party is on the 15th of December at the Sir Audley Arms, Chippenham, SN14 0DY

Live music is by A Fryad Knot, and entry is a meager £3 on the door

Please can people donate raffle prizes, Thanks Taff.

Regional AGM

The Western Region MAG AGM is being held on the 3rd February 2013.

Weston & North Somerset MAG are hosting the AGM at Hewish Village Hall, Mays Green Lane, Hewish, North Somerset, BS24 6RW.

MAG WESTERN REGION ANNUAL GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 3RD February 2013.

11.30 registration for 12.00 start.
Hewish & Ruxton Village Hall
Mays Green Lane, Hewish,
Weston-super-Mare, BS24 6RW.



Light refreshments will be served for lunch.
After the business of the AGM questions will be taken from the floor in a Q&A session.

The Guest speakers are:
The Chair and vice-Chair of MAG

Please bring along your current MAG Membership Card to vote.

Registration starts at 11:30am and the AGM will start at 12 noon.

Light refreshments will be served for lunch, and after the business of the AGM, Questions will be taken from the floor in a Q&A session.

Please bring your current membership card or you won't be able to vote!

If anyone fancies standing for election to the Regional Committee, please contact the committee.

Calne Motorcycle Meet

There seems to be some confusion over where the 2013 Calne Bike Show will or will not take place?

Due to the sheer size of the event and for safety reasons there are those who wish to move the event to Bowood House, but

there is a lot of folk who feel it should remain in the town of Calne.



If you are a regular visitor to this event you may wish to keep an eye on their Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/CalneMotorcycleMeet2013?ref=stream>

If it goes ahead at Bowood House, they are looking at more trade stands and an autojumble as well as motorcycle clubs, live bands, a beer tent, cafe, helmet store, funfair, food stands and much more to be confirmed.

There would also be an arena where there will be cavalcades from vintage, classic, veteran and special interest bikes.

The event is scheduled for the 27th July 2013.

Winter Motoring Advice

The DfT has issued the following advice for winter motoring:

Check that your vehicle is ready for winter using the POWDERY checklist as a good reminder:

PETROL (or diesel). Have you got enough? Do you know where to fill up?

OIL - check levels once a month

WATER - check radiator and screenwash regularly

DAMAGE - check wipers, lights etc for signs of wear and tear or damage, and make sure windscreens, windows and lights are clear of ice and snow.

ELECTRICS - check lights, indicators and controls are working properly

RUBBER TYRES - are they well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?

YOU - are you fit to drive? Have you slept well? Are you taking any medication(s) that could make it unsafe for you to drive?

If you are planning to travel with pets, ensure that animals are safe and secure, and will not be a distraction to the driver or people travelling in your vehicle — seek appropriate advice before you travel. Gather together the following items and pack in your vehicle at the start of the winter season, you never know when you might need them!

Ice scraper and de-icer; Warm clothes and blankets — for you and all passengers; Torch and spare batteries - or a wind-up

torch; Boots; First aid kit; Jump leads; A shovel; Road atlas; Sunglasses (the glare off snow can be dazzling).

In addition, when setting out on journeys during the winter season remember to take with you:

Food and a thermos with a hot drink

Any medication you, or other people travelling with you, need to take regularly.

Please take care out there on the roads, and try to avoid all those pot holes!

Events:

Dec 8. Taunton MAG 2nd Annual St. Giles Secret Santa Run **and** Annual Toy Run

Dec 10. An Evening with Paddy Tyson - MAG's Campaigns Manager

Dec 15. Taunton MAG Christmas Party

Dec 15. Mid Wilts MAG Christmas Party

Jan 3. Western Region Annual Group Meeting

Feb 3. Fred Hill Run – **Taunton MAG**

Feb 9. Warwickshire MAG 2nd Fred Hill Run

Feb 10. Fred Hill Memorial Ride **MAG Cornwall**

Feb 10. South Wales Fred Hill Rides

Feb 10. Devon MAG - Fred Hill Run

Mar 23. Easter Egg Run **West Midlands MAG**

April 20. National Bike Safe event

April 27. The Dirty Donkey **Wycombe MAG**

April 28. Fred's Run **Weston& North Somerset MAG**

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