

## The WRAG April 2015



## Western Region MAG

### AGC



This year MAG's Annual Group Conference is being hosted by South West MAG, and is being held at Bridgwater Rugby Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

This is your chance to have a say in how MAG is run, so be sure to go along, but make sure you have your

membership card with you or you won't be able to vote!

In the evening there is a Post AGC Party being held at the same venue, entry being a meager £5.

## Bristol Bike Show



The annual Bristol Bike Show is being held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in the St Nicholas Markets area of Bristol.

As usual marshals will be required on the day so please let the organisers know if you can assist.

The show will be followed in the evening by the Bristol MAG After Show Party held at the Saracens Rugby Football Club on Cribs Causeway.

Tickets are £6 or £5 if you are a MAG member.

## GWR Rally 2015



This year the GWR Rally will be at a new venue, which is only 1½ miles from junction 21 of the M5.

Tickets will be going on sale soon, as soon as the Pay Pal system has been sorted out.

## General Election Hustings



On the evening of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March a General Election Hustings event was organised by Weston & North Somerset MAG at The Burrington Inn.

In attendance were Ernie Warrender UKIP, Tim Taylor Labour, Dr Richard Wilson Green Party, Marcus Kravis Lib Dems, and Cllr Pete Bryant Conservatives (representing John Penrose MP, who unfortunately was in Westminster on Whip duty). Around 40 people from the local motorcycle community made up the audience, and it was great to see many unfamiliar faces in attendance, in addition to support from several members of both Bristol and Taunton MAG.



The hustings was chaired very proficiently by our Regional Rep Deb Rose, and the debate was both lively and good natured. A wide range of questions were put to the

candidates including Road Tax on motorcycles, legal sentencing of drivers in relation to serious and fatal accidents involving bikers, pot holes, motorcycle parking, bus lane access, road calming and cyclist schemes which adversely affect PTWs, and the ridiculous motorcycle testing regime which motorcyclists must endure in order to obtain a full licence.

I think everyone who attended will agree that the event was a great success, and positively raised the candidate's awareness towards PTW users, raised the profile of MAG, and was very enjoyable to boot!! Many thanks to all who made the effort to attend, to Deb for ensuring it ran so smoothly, and to my W&NS 'minions' who helped behind the scenes to ensure the event was a success. Thanks also to Sarah of Taunton MAG who signed up 4 of the candidates and 1 Green Party member to MAG, result!!  
*Mark*

Thanks to Mark and John for your work on this & Deb Rose for chairing the Hustings. *The Editor*

#### **Events**

**April 4.** Taunton MAG Easter Egg Run:

<http://taunton.mag-uk.org>

**April 5 – 6.** EASTER BIKE SHOW: READING

MAG: <http://www.readingmag.org.uk>

**April 11.** Easter Eggtravaganza Party: Taunton

MAG: <http://Taunton.mag-uk.org>

**April 11.** MAG Annual General Conference

**April 19.** 14th Spring Surprise Bike Show:

Salisbury MAG: <http://salisbury.mag-uk.org/>

**April 25.** Winchester MAG Bike Show:

<http://winchester.mag-uk.org/events2015.html>

**May 1 – 3.** Into the Valley: Yorkshire MAG:

<http://www.farmyardparty.co.uk/into-the-valley>

**May 22 – 24.** Taunton MAG 3rd Tone Vale Tea

Rally: <http://taunton.mag-uk.org/tonevaletea.htm>

**June 7.** Southampton Bike show: Southampton MAG.

**June 12 – 14.** LION RALLY: READING

MAG: <http://www.lionrally.com>

**June 19 – 21.** The Farmyard Party: Yorkshire

MAG:

<http://www.farmyardparty.co.uk/farmyard-party>

**June 26 – 28.** Blackpool MAG Rally:

<http://www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org>

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