

# The WRAG June 2015



## Prescott Bike Festival

On Sunday 12th April Gloucestershire MAG spent a very enjoyable day out at Prescott Bike Festival which takes place each year just outside Gotherington near Cheltenham. The festival is a charitable event raising funds for the National Association of Blood Bikes.

Boasting a particularly steep and challenging course there was no shortage of eager riders trying out their nerve and machines up the hill.

For the less daring there were plenty of distractions away from the burning rubber. The paddock area was open to the general public, and local bike dealerships had brought out their latest offerings to tempt anyone who thought summer was just around the corner.

The Western Region MAG Stand was on hand for the day and a bunch of the members from Gloucester set about spreading the good word of all things MAG related, inviting friends old and new

to join them on a Thursday night (at Englands Glory, London Road, Gloucester).



All in all a great day out and a good opportunity to raise the profile of MAG as well as supporting a very worthwhile charity. One for the diary next year. *Den*

## Western Region Hustings

Prior to the general election in May, two very successful hustings were organised by local MAG groups in Western Region. Well done and congratulations to the members that organised these events; Mark Hamlin and John Bennett in Weston & North Somerset MAG and Alec 'Taps' Groom in Bristol MAG.



The first event, hosted by Weston & North Somerset MAG was at the Burrington Inn, was extremely well supported and

was attended by candidates from the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Green and UKIP parties. The debate led by the Regional Rep was lively and informative for all involved. At the end of the night four of the candidates were persuaded to sign up as MAG members, along with a Green who came along to support his candidate.

Bristol's event followed and was almost as well supported.

Despite the hard work put in by Taps, only three parties were represented; Liberal Democrats, Green and UKIP, both the Conservative and Labour candidates dropped out at very short notice despite accepting the invitation to attend!



However Taps ably led another lively and interesting debate, which at the end of the night all three candidates were persuaded to sign up as MAG members. Overall an excellent result and eight new MAG members!! *Debz*

## Bristol Bike Show & Party

The annual Bristol Bike Show will be taking over the streets around St Nicholas Markets, just off the city centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

And as usual marshals will be needed to help on the day, so if you can spare an hour or more, please contact Claire and

let her know how you can help.



The show is followed in the evening by the popular After Show Party, being held at the Saracens RFC, BS10 7TT. Entry is by ticket at £6 or £5 for MAG members, and is available from Claire or on the day at the show or OTG.



### Dawns Open Garden Day

Every year Dawn opens her garden to the public to help raise funds for the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD).

By selling cream teas and selling plants Dawn raised £350 for NABD.

### Bristol MAG Awareness Day

On a bright but breezy Saturday in May Claire rallied the troops to help with a MAG Awareness Day at Fowlers of Bristol.

It was a good day with several new members signed up or renewed.

### GWR Rally

Tickets are now available, and after some technical issues can be ordered via the Pay Pal facility at: <http://north-somerset.mag-uk.org/gwr.html>

### Events:

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

**Jun 12 - 14.** LION RALLY: READING MAG: <http://www.lionrally.com>

**Jun 19 - 21.** The Farmyard Party: Yorkshire MAG: <http://www.farmyardparty.co.uk/farmyard-party>

**Jun 26 -28.** Blackpool MAG Rally: Blackpool MAG: <http://www.north-west-region.mag-uk.org>

**Jun 26 - 28.** Moon Rally 2015: Rusty Sprocket MCC: <http://www.rustysprocketmcc.co.uk>

**Jul 3 - 5.** Heart of England Rally: MAG West Midlands: <http://west-midlands-region.mag-uk.org/>

**Jul 4.** Brum Demo: MAG West Midlands: <http://west-midlands-region.mag-uk.org/>

**Jul 9 - 12.** Caveman Bash: Millennium2000BC: <http://www.facebook.com/millennium2000bc>

**Jul 10 -12.** The 4th Dead End Rally: Furness MAG:

<https://www.facebook.com/DeadEndRally2013>

**Jul 18 -19.** Aberystwyth and District MAG Rally

**Jul 31 - Aug 2.** The Yorkshire Pudding Rally: Yorkshire MAG:

<http://www.farmyardparty.co.uk/yorkshire-pudding>

**Jul 31 -Aug 1.** White Tigers MCC's 7th All Night Pussy Rally:

<http://www.whitetigersmccbristol.co.uk/>

**Jul 31 - Aug 2.** Burning Budgie Rally: West London Harley Riders: <http://www.westlondonharleyriders.co.uk>

**Aug 7 - 9.** End of the Road Rally: Cornwall MAG:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornwall-MAG/111280468942007?ref=hl>

**Aug 15.** The Bristol Bike Show 2015: Bristol Bike Show:

<http://www.thebristolbikeshow.co.uk>

**Aug 15.** Bristol MAG After Show Party: Bristol MAG: <http://bristol.mag-uk.org/>

**Aug 28 - 31.** 40th International V-Twin Rally: Moto Guzzi Club GB:

<http://www.motoguzziclub.co.uk>

**Sep 11 - 13.** GWR 2015: Weston & North Somerset MAG: <http://north-somerset.mag-uk.org/gwr.html>

**Sep 18 - 20.** Spat at the Tsunami: East Yorkshire MAG: <http://east-yorks.mag-uk.org/>

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