

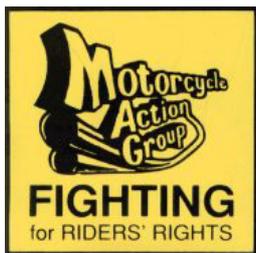
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MAG Awareness Day

On the first Saturday of October Claire organised a MAG Awareness day at Riders of Bristol.

Unfortunately this clashed with Ride To The Wall, so there were not too many bikers turning up, however it meant Claire and the team were able to spend longer talking to them and encouraging them to

join MAG.



Soup Run

A massive thank you to everyone that joined the ride-out to the Julian Trust night shelter. We're delighted that over 75 of you supported Bristol MAG's event and Richard Drake was delighted that we donated £337.50 cash and sev-

eral hundred pounds worth of food, new clothing and bedding. I think he was also a bit delighted that it gave him an excuse to play on his own motorbike.

In all seriousness this is an important event - the Julian Trust receives no government funding and relies on voluntary work and charitable donations to continue its vital work. In these days of inequality, food-banks and fat cat bonuses the night shelter is unable to meet demand with people queueing from mid afternoon until evening when the shelter opens. Every little counts and once again bikers have shown themselves to be generous, knowing that no matter how little some of us have, it is still much more than some.

Thanks again to Dan Cropley for organising the event and booking the lovely weather and light traffic along the route.





Extra special thanks go to those that helped marshal the ride, and to Debz from Weston MAG and Steve Litson of Reckless Ride outs for organising secondary meeting points to bring people along to the start of the main ride.

Tappy



Group AGMs

Its November and that means Local MAG Group AGM's.

If your group is having an AGM, get along there and have your say in how your local group is run!

MAG is a grass roots organisation and relies on you the members to keep fighting anti biking legislation both from our own Government and from Europe.

November 3rd is Not-Avon MAG's AGM, which is being held at The Lamb Iron Acton South Gloucestershire from 9pm.

November 11th see's Weston & North Somerset MAG hold their AGM at The Burring-ton Inn, Burrington Combe, North Somerset at 9pm.

November 19th is Bristol MAG's turn to hold their AGM at the Railway Tavern, Fish-ponds, Bristol at 9pm.

26th November is Mid-Wilts MAG AGM being held at the Fortune Inn, Chippenham, they will be meeting at 8 pm onwards, for a 9 pm start. They would like as many peo-ple to attend as possible, as they are planning to expand their activities next year, and want to discuss various ideas.



GWR Rally 2015

The GWR was on a new site at Hewish just outside of Weston-super-Mare, due to the old site not being availa-ble.

This years GWR had something of a minion theme, which saw the Coyote Girls dressing up as minions. MAG's very own Lembit Opik popped in on his way down to attend the Ilfracombe Bike Show, and he was

assisted in erecting his tent by the minions!

Sadly numbers were down this year but those who did come to our little rally en-joyed themselves, but unfortunately this was the last GWR Rally.

Hope you have all enjoyed our little Rally over the past 11 years.





Toby Bollards

Bristol City Council have installed these bollards as part of a cycle lane in Clarence Road, however it turns out that the bollards aren't very resilient either - after a few short months there were numerous bollards unseated from the carriage-

way, or with large chunks missing from them, leaving ex-

posed reinforcement bar and concrete debris scattered across the carriageway. It's not just motorcyclists that have raised concerns either. A BBC news article highlights that cyclists don't like them, describing them as "deadly for cyclists and motorists alike".

Fellow MAG member Mark Rosher has maintained a blog about this scheme and the most recent entry shows the result of a car being forced into the bollards. It hasn't glanced off or over-ridden as with a kerb, it has been lifted up and impaled on a bollard, dragging it into the cycle lane. One can only imagine the carnage had there been cyclists using the path at the time.

Trollitorial

Would groups please remember to send in a few paragraphs and some reasonably high resolution photos of any regional event's that you may organise or attend for inclusion in The WRAG, your regional newsletter. Thank You. The Troll, your long suffering Editor of The WRAG

Events

Nov 3. Group AGM: Not-Avon MAG: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/not-avon-mag.html>

Nov 11. Group AGM: Weston & North Somerset MAG: <http://north-somerset.mag-uk.org/>

Nov 14. Southern Region MAG AGM: <http://southern-region.mag-uk.org>

Nov 19. Bristol MAG AGM: Bristol MAG: <http://bristol.mag-uk.org/>

Nov 26. Group AGM: Mid-Wilts MAG: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/mid-wilts-mag.html>

Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2015 - Motorcycle Live 2015: <http://www.motorcyclelive.co.uk/>

Dec 5, 2015 - Taunton MAG Secret Santa Pet Food Run: <http://TauntonMAGfacebook>

Jan 29 -31. Mad Cow Rally: Bury St Edmunds MAG

Feb 7, 2016 - Fred Hill Run - South Wales: South Wales MAG: <https://www.facebook.com/events/874100792671450/>

Mar 25 – 27. Western Region's First MAG hatters Rally: Western Region: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/mag-hatters-rally.html>

The Motorcycle Action Group

<http://www.mag-uk.org/en/index/a6296>

Western Region MAG

<http://western-region.mag-uk.org/index3.html>

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