

Welcome to the latest Yorkshire MAG newsletter

A couple of weeks ago was the National Committee meeting in Warwick. Unfortunately I was working and Deputy Rep, Andy Foody, was busy so Huddersfield Rep, Linz, stepped into the breach. Thank you Linz. Below is her report back.

Charley Davies appointed sub-editor of The Road (contact details to follow)

National Clubs Rep is needed

Colin Brown's (CB) report (Lembit (LO) not present): **Manchester Show** was good; been working on **Bus Lanes in Portsmouth** (not giving any access in short term - not seen as an issue/problem); **Attended young rider safety conference** in Brum;

Bikesure survey = 141% increase in PTWs in London ahead of ULEZ with many opting for low emission models; **ULEZ** implemented 8.4.19 - pursuing complaint about biased reporting. No evidence that older bikes are more polluting, but need a certificate of compliance with ULEZ standard and there is only one testing station which charges £175 per test (and no refund of ULEZ charges if bike is subsequently found to be 'clean'). Next steps: help as many bikers as possible to avoid ULEZ charge; encourage use of TfL complaints procedure; escalate complaints to Local Government Ombudsman where appropriate; prevent monopoly profits by testing stations; remorselessly pressurise TfL with data demands (they have refused to tell us some stuff so far); track effects on emissions (TfL said down 45% in 2 years, which we don't believe - Germany had 7% decrease in emissions and don't charge motorcycles); demand answers from Khan at all public events possible; highlight that this policy increased climate change gas emissions; make ULEZ a mayoral election issue - election in 2020 - Tory candidate said they will reverse zone extension decision). CB on the case of Dr Gary Fuller whose report re motorcycle pollution is being used by TfL to make their case ... but report bases on motorcycle usage in Vietnam where there are no Euro compliance standards and fuel is generally dirtier. All asked to raise awareness with CB and LO if CAZ or LEZ comes in our council areas. Speed Limiters for cars not bikes; EU rules agreed in Strasbourg demand "an alcohol interlock installation facilitation" on all new cars from 2020.

Micromobility vehicles - L-category (ie electric scooters) - DfT describe Micromobility vehicles as 'small, lightweight vehicles for one or 2 people' and say they are the future ... sound familiar? FEMA are campaigning against these being lumped in with motorcycles due to high accident rates.

Crime: what have we learned? Next steps are to FoI police forces and create league tables; template letters are being produced. Can present at next NC. MAG's latest FoIs have received 30% response rate. Send PR stories to LO and CB: need the story, the ask, a quote and a photo

Events: Durham Show coming up, Brum demo at end of June, Tone Vale Tea Rally at Spring Bank, ITV at May Day, Dirty Donkey, Easter Rally, Lion Rally, Chinnor. 16th May - Portsmouth Bikes on the Boardwalk. 19th May Southampton MAG Bike Show at Fox & Hounds.

Membership renewals are up; retention is good.

Foundation - new flyers being done; trying to push at shows (got £70 in donations at Manc Bike show). Foundation made donations to fund 2 vans for motorcycle recovery; if any suggestions for where to spend Foundation money let Tony Cox (TC) know. Give as you Live is now live on Amazon; TC looking at setting up Foundation on donation button on FB page. Foundation is sponsoring wristbands at MAP rallies and Stormin; getting pop-ups and donation buckets done.

Here is the link to the current "Network" which will keep you informed with MAG happenings around the country.

[https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/f/f8/Network - Campaigns April 2019.pdf](https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/f/f8/Network_-_Campaigns_April_2019.pdf)

Membership remains steady throughout the region as is generally the case at this time of year. When you come to renew, please think of doing it by direct debit as this way, it's all done automatically and you continue being a MAG member.

We're still wanting to restart Scarborough MAG and York MAG or get a completely new group going in North Yorkshire. If anyone is willing to become a rep (it's great fun and very rewarding) or even host a meeting, just to get a likeminded group of folk keeping in touch and pushing the MAG message, please give me a call (07867918722) or message me via email, text, Facebook etc. North Yorkshire is a big area and it's a real shame we don't have a North Yorkshire group or two, especially considering it's a biking Nirvana.

The groups have been busying up nicely now the better weather is here.

Wakefield MAG hosted their Post Christmas auction at The Grey Horse and as well as a fun evening with both Chaz and Martin doing the auctioneer roles with great gusto, money was raised for MAG as well as a couple of deserving local charities.

Leeds MAG had a successful Easter Egg Run to Lineham Farm children's centre just outside Leeds. We had around 25 bikes, a couple of cars and over 80 Eggs for the local kids.

On 20th April East YorkshireMAG had their Easter MAGness party at The Forresters in Beverley. A great time was had by all who attended and as well as plenty of Easter eggs being donated for local kids, a few quid was raised for MAG.

On Easter Sunday, both Leeds and South Yorkshire MAG visited The Craven Collection at Stockton on the Forest, just outside York. It's one mans lifetime obsession with motorcycles and was recently featured on Henry Cole's Shed and Buried program. It's a fascinating place for us bikers and well worth a visit but check online for his opening times as it's not open very regularly.

Our first rally of the season is nearly upon us with Into The Valley at Sledmere. There are still a few tickets left but you'll have to be quick as it's sold out for the last few years. Here is the link for tickets online and also local sales outlets.

https://www.mapevents.co.uk/tickets_where.html

At Into The Valley, as well as all the wonderful things that are happening throughout the weekend, Yorkshire MAG has some new merchandise.

We have a revised Yorkshire MAG T-shirt



FRONT



BACK

We have some new embroidered beanie hats



And we also have both Yorkshire MAG stickers and screen/window stickers



All will be available from KevKev at the Into The Valley merchandise store.

Marshal registration is now closed for Into The Valley, but it's now open for The Farmyard Party. We're always on the look out for new marshals, because without our marshals we can't put the rallies on. We're almost like a family within a family and I can say from personal experience that marshalling at our rallies gives a whole new appreciation of them and is fantastic fun. Anyone marshalling is given a good package for stepping forward which makes it a win/win situation. Email mag.marshals@live.com for more details.

We've got a few events coming up in the next few months that you may want to add to your diaries.

Sunday 28th April - Wakefield MAG go Clay Pigeon Shooting. **10:00 - 13:00** at Yorkshire Field Sports, Newland Park, Birkwood Road, altofts, Wakefield, WF6 2JE. £24.50 (25 clays). www.yorkshirefieldsportsltd.com.

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May - Into The Valley Rally @ Sledmere House. Weekend ticket £25 prebook. <https://www.mapevents.co.uk>

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May. Wakefield MAG Bike Show at the Wakefield Gala. There will be multiple Show Categories / Awards, catering for all types of Bike, Scooter, Combination & Trike. Clarence Park, Wakefield. Show to be judged **at 14:30**, Entry into show **from 09:30** onwards (Gala officially opens **at 10:00**).

Wednesday 8th May - Huddersfield MAG AGM @ The Field Head, Quarmby, HD3 4FB from 8pm. All MAG members welcome. Don't forget your membership card if you want to vote.

Sunday 12th May. Wakefield MAG Rideout (Destination: TBC). Meet 8:30am (leaving at 09:00am) at Redbeck Cafe, 339 Doncaster Road, Crofton, Wakefield, WF4 1RT

Finally if you want to get more involved at a local level (and to really get the most out of your MAG membership, I strongly recommend that you do) here are the meeting details of the five Yorkshire MAG groups - though we are looking to expand with more groups so if you haven't got one close by and fancy getting together with like minded bikers, get in touch with me at manny@mag-uk.org

We're very lucky in having some very strong groups in Yorkshire, but we need the members to join in, so pop along to your local meeting and help to make a difference

East Yorkshire MAG meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 8pm at The Forresters Arms HU17 0PR

Huddersfield MAG meet every Wednesday from 8.30pm at The Fieldhead HD3 4FB

Leeds MAG meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 8pm at The Royal Hotel LS28 8PR

South Yorkshire MAG meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 7pm at The Ball,1 Hesley Bar, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2PW

Wakefield MAG meet every Wednesday from 8.30 at The Grey Horse WF1 1JG

Ride safe

Manny (Yorkshire MAG rep)