



Yorkshire MAG Newsletter – June / July 2014

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Welcome to the June / July edition of the Yorkshire MAG Newsletter, emailed to all Yorkshire MAG members for whom we have a valid email address. The Yorkshire newsletter will contain snippets of Yorkshire (and National) MAG news, together with all the upcoming events for the nine Yorkshire MAG branches. Keep an eye out for these newsletters and let us know if your email address has recently changed, so we can keep our records up to date. Happy Reading !!

1) Huddersfield MAG Celebrates Their 21st Birthday

Huddersfield MAG celebrated their 21st Birthday on Saturday 7th June, with a parade through the centre of Huddersfield. The Huddersfield Examiner newspaper provided a reporter / photographer and gave them a great write-up in the paper: <http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/huddersfield-motorcycle-action-group-group-7233659>

Huddersfield MAG extend a huge thank you to all their friends from around the region for joining in with the ride and the evening party. They raised £207 overall which they are splitting between MAG and Kirkwood Hospice in the name of David Beaumont, a long-standing MAG member who passed away earlier this year.

2) It Means So Much to MAG

MAG's fund raising song 'It Means So Much' by Stranger, hasn't quite made enough sales to hit the Top 40 of the Official Charts. Well, we've had a bit of a break and now we're back to finish what we started. We do still have the opportunity to make a lot of money for MAG through the deal with the

record company and we're going to have a damn good go at doing it!

It isn't the profit of the sales of the single that will make us the money, but the proceeds from the gigs that we'll receive if the single charts.

The only way to achieve this is for us to get as many people as possible to download the single between Monday 23rd and Saturday 28th June. We've already made it into the top 100 of the official chart, made number 21 in the Indie Charts and number 3 in the Amazon chart so this really is achievable if we can give it one more big push!

Thank you for your support so far and yes, we are going to ask you to download the single again between those dates. But much more importantly we are going to ask you to share this message far and wide. Share the page on the Yorkshire MAG Facebook Page itself and any posts on it, the more people we'll reach the more copies we'll sell. Simple!

MAG is your organisation and this will help us to achieve so much more.

You can buy the single on Amazon (from 59p), Apple iTunes and other music download sites.

3) Leeds MAG Bikers Question Time

Leeds MAG are hosting a Bikers Question Time With Leeds MP Greg Mulholland on 26th June at 19:30 at The Yew Tree Pub, Newall Carr Road, LS21 2AU Otley.

The Question time Session will be hosted by Lembit Öpik (MAG's Director of Communications & Public Affairs) & Leeds MAG invite you to hear some answers to the questions we are asking about national issues affecting us in Yorkshire - and ask some of your own. All welcome!

4) Barnsley & Doncaster MAG Launch

The inaugural meeting of the newly combined Barnsley and Doncaster MAG (BADMAG) was held on Thursday 12th June. Supporting BADMAG were members from Wakefield, Sheffield, Leeds, Huddersfield and East Yorks MAG branches, which was great to see. There were also a good number of the old Barnsley and Doncaster Group members in attendance, in addition to visitors from other parts of God's own County.

Stuart Hatfield (ex. Barnsley MAG Rep) opened up the BADMAG AGM with a report of the branches activities etc, with Richard Vivian covering the campaigning / local political officer slot. The new branch elections were held and Stuart was elected (re-elected) as the new BADMAG Rep, Richard the Political Officer, Lee taking the Finance role and a Social Secretary was elected. Talks were also given by Wayne Rooney, the Yorkshire Regional rep, and a representative from the White Knights 'Blood Bikes' Charity, which has recently been launched in South Yorkshire.

So, BADMAG has been formally launched, representing Doncaster & Barnsley, which together

with Sheffield & Rotherham MAG, means South Yorkshire is very well covered by MAG Groups.
Hurrah !!!!

5) Tony Berry Memorial Trophy

It was voted unanimously at the last Yorkshire Region Meeting (held on Sunday 15th June) to have an Annual Tony Berry Memorial Award within Yorkshire MAG. Tony was a Leeds MAG rep and MAP Director who unfortunately lost his life on Saturday 26 July 2003 whilst riding his bike to Helmsley to attend the presentation of a cheque to the people of the town towards their swimming pool fund as a thank you from the Farmyard Party organisers.

It is a very fitting tribute to have an Annual Yorkshire MAG award in his honour. The award will be for the 'Outstanding Contribution to Yorkshire MAG', and can be won by individual MAG members or MAG Groups. Nominations are invited from the Yorkshire MAG membership, the final decision will be made by the Yorkshire Region rep, and the award will be presented at the Yorkshire Region AGM, held in October.

A huge thanks to Leeds MAG for donating a huge trophy, so send in those nominations !!!!

6) Bike For Sale

2002 Honda Hornet 600 For Sale. Yellow. MoT'd until September and Taxed until February 2015. 6000 miles - all dry by previous owner, and a few wet ones by Tony the current owner (if only to prove it doesn't dissolve in the rain).

VGC, New Tyres, Coolant, Battery, and recent Oil Change. Hugger fitted to protect the back shock.

Bargain at only £2,400.

Call Tony on Wakefield (01924) 210953 or 07757 891398 (Please call Fri-Sun Only Please)

N.B. Tony made a very generous donation to the MAG fighting fund to place this ad. If any readers have a bike (or other items for that matter) for sale and similarly donate to the MAG Fighting Fund, we will be happy to advertise them to the 1,200 plus Yorkshire MAG members.

7) Forthcoming Yorkshire MAG Events

There are some cracking Yorkshire MAG events coming up over the next month or two

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd June - The Farmyard Party

Organiser: Yorkshire MAG

Europe's Biggest and Best Motorcycle Only Rally.

Location: Duncombe Park, Helmsley, North Yorkshire

Web: <http://www.farmyardparty.com>

Thursday 26th June - Bikers Question Time

See 3) Above

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th July - WEAR THE FOX HAT RALLY

Organiser: SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM MAG

LIVE BANDS FRI/SAT NIGHT, £12 PRE-BOOKED £15 OTG/UNDER 16'S FREE. 300 LIMIT.

INFO AND BOOKING :01226755019 OR 07704912399

E-MAIL:KINMANBELL@HOTMAIL.COM

NO CARS NO VANS NO EXCUSES

NO COLOURS TO BE WORN ON SITE PLEASE.

Location: MEXBOROUGH MINERS WELFARE CLUB S64 0JL.

Sunday 27th July - VJMC Japanese Bike Show

Organiser: West Yorkshire Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club (MAG Affiliated)

The West Yorkshire Branch of the VJMC are again hosting their very popular all Japanese Motorcycle Show at Lotherton Hall. The show also features an auto jumble and Wakefield MAG will be hosting the Yorkshire MAG Stand at the show. If you attend, do pop over and say hello – you cant miss us, we'll be the bright yellow stand with Yorkshire MAG on the roof ;-)

Organiser: VJMC

Location: Lotherton Hall

Web: <http://www.vjmc.com>

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd August - Yorkshire Pudding Rally 2014

Organiser: Yorkshire MAG

The starter was the Valley, main course the Farmyard and then, for “one wafer thin mint” to finish off the season, we have the YPR, for Pudding! Traditionally, this pre-book only event sells out every year well ahead of the event (once the FYP is over, tickets start running out for the YPR, therefore, it is well advisable to buy your YPR tickets in June - Don't leave it to the last minute and risk disappointment !!!). Your local MAG Branch will still have tickets for sale, and these are also still available on-line: <http://www.farmyardparty.com/tickets> (but don't leave it too late)

Location: Escrick Estate off the A19 just above Selby

Web: <http://www.yorkshirepuddingrally.co.uk>

Saturday 23rd August – Charity Rock & Blues Night

Organiser: Barnsley and Doncaster MAG

Live Bands (Olds Cool, Outfit Blues Band & Top Heavy). Proceeds split between White Knights

Blood Bikes Charity & BADMAG. £4 per ticket (avail. on the door). From 18:00 till late

Location: Skellow Grange Social Club, 223 Skellow Road, Doncaster, DN6 8JL

8) Local Group Meetings

Check out the Yorkshire MAG website and/or Facebook Page, for details of all your local Group meetings in Yorkshire: www.yorkshire-mag.co.uk / <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkshire-Motorcycle-Action-Group-The-New-Group/245906558823903>

Local groups:

- Barnsley & Doncaster
- East Yorkshire
- Huddersfield
- Leeds
- Scarborough
- Sheffield & Rotherham
- Wakefield
- York
- Dales MAG (*coming soon – watch this space !!!*)

Want to get involved but don't have a group local to you? Why not start one? Contact: yorkshire-region-rep@mag-uk.org and all the support you'll need will be given !!

Lots of news on the Yorkshire Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Yorkshire-Motorcycle-Action-Group-The-New-Group/245906558823903>) and all the above groups have a Facebook page - check them out!!

For campaigning news, subscribe to the MAG activists list, via <http://www.mag-uk.org/en/news> (right hand side of page).

That's all for this newsletter
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