



Yorkshire MAG newsletter Q1 2024

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first Yorkshire MAG newsletter of 2024. I hope everyone had a great Christmas (and got lots of biking related pressies), and wish everyone a Happy New Year, where we will be blessed with 10,000 acres of clear blue sky every time we want to take the bike out (well, we can live in hope ;-)

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Lot's has been happening in the region and nationally since the last newsletter in the Autumn of 2023. Read on

Whitby Railway Station Motorcycle Parking Ban



Hopefully you didn't miss the news that Northern Trains introduced a blatant discrimination against motorcyclists by banning motorcycle parking at Whitby railway station in early December. The Whistlestop cafe who are based in the railway station host a very popular bike night so this would have severely impacted their business, and which attracts tourists to the town who specifically come to look at all the bikes.

York MAG Rep & Political Officer, Richard Suddaby was quickly on the case, complaining to Northern Trains and getting coverage in the Scarborough press, in addition to flooding

social media with requests for fellow bikers to also complain. We provided a bit of info to assist people with complaining about this discriminatory move by Northern Trains:

'The car park is owned by Northern Trains, trading as Northern, who are a publicly owned train operating company in England. It is owned by DfT OLR Holdings for the Department for Transport (DfT). Given it's publically owned, we should contact the local MP (Sir Robert Goodwill is the Conservative MP for Scarborough and Whitby). With an election looming they cannot afford to be seen miffing off the biking community. It's possible there may have been small minded local influence at a community level involved in this decision. Given Northern are a publicly owned company they are subject to the Freedom of Information act. We can ask them to provide details of any complaints they have received about bikes in the station car park. Some deft FOI requests may give them a wake up call and at the least make life uncomfortable for them dealing with these. Northern have a strong social media presence as well as several email addresses that Complaints can be directed to (list of email addresses and social media platforms Northern have, together with telephone numbers and names of the Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director were provided to aid the complaint process). The angle we went for was discrimination. We asked people to keep any complaints polite. At the end of the day, it's a privately owned car park and they can set the rules. However, it's blatant discrimination against a section of society, plus it will have a detrimental effect on businesses in Whitby'.

MAG issued a [Press Release](#) following a note to Northern from the MAG Chair, in addition to producing a Pod Cast: [Whitby Station Motorcycle Parking Ban Pod Cast](#).

After receiving scores of complaints, Northern Trains quickly reversed the ban and motorcycles are again allowed to park in the railway station car park (two to a car parking space). A charge will apply but this will be decided upon at a later date. This is a fantastic result - Well done Richard 'Spud' Suddaby and everyone who took up the call to arms and contacted Northern. This is a fantastic example of how effective lobbying can be !!!!!

We even got coverage in [Motorcycle News](#) following the U turn. Next step overturning the ICE ban it can happen if we all pull together like we did with the Whitby Railway Station Motorcycle Parking Ban !!!!

Operation Earthquake Phase II - Call to Action in 2024

Three significant things are going to happen in 2024:

- There will be a UK General Election, likely to be in Q4
- UK electoral constituency boundaries are changing, to ensure that every constituency has largely the same number of constituents (circa > 70,000 - < 77,000)
- Everyone is going to get significantly poorer (see ZEV Mandate Fines below) :-)

The new Yorkshire constituencies will be:

Constituency	Electorate
Barnsley North CC	76,794 constituents
Barnsley South CC	75,896 constituents
Beverley and Holderness CC	71,102 constituents
Bradford East BC	72,726 constituents
Bradford South BC	70,314 constituents
Bradford West BC	71,258 constituents
Bridlington and The Wolds CC	72,613 constituents
Brigg and Immingham CC	71,628 constituents
Calder Valley CC	75,987 constituents
Colne Valley CC	71,518 constituents
Dewsbury and Batley BC	70,226 constituents
Doncaster Central CC	75,007 constituents
Doncaster East and Axholme CC	70,113 constituents
Doncaster North CC	71,739 constituents
Goole and Pocklington CC	76,225 constituents
Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes BC	77,050 constituents
Halifax CC	74,563 constituents
Harrogate and Knaresborough BC	75,800 constituents
Headingley BC	75,396 constituents
Huddersfield BC	76,044 constituents
Keighley and Ilkley CC	72,954 constituents
Kingston upon Hull East BC	72,622 constituents
Kingston upon Hull North BC	76,039 constituents
Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle CC	74,321 constituents
Leeds Central BC	74,726 constituents
Leeds East CC	75,330 constituents
Leeds North East CC	70,976 constituents
Leeds North West CC	71,607 constituents
Morley BC	71,376 constituents
Normanton and Hemsworth CC	75,388 constituents
Penistone and Stocksbridge CC	71,377 constituents
Pontefract and Castleford CC	72,751 constituents

Constituency	Electorate
Pudsey BC	70,270 constituents
Rawmarsh and Conisbrough CC	70,272 constituents
Richmond and Northallerton CC	72,744 constituents
Rother Valley CC	70,814 constituents
Rotherham BC	75,345 constituents
Scarborough and Whitby CC	73,862 constituents
Scunthorpe CC	74,278 constituents
Selby CC	74,761 constituents
Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough BC	71,154 constituents
Sheffield Central BC	70,453 constituents
Sheffield Hallam CC	76,637 constituents
Sheffield Heeley BC	74,614 constituents
Sheffield South East BC	76,223 constituents
Shipley CC	74,095 constituents
Skipton and Ripon CC	76,758 constituents
Spennithorne CC	72,169 constituents
Thirsk and Malton CC	76,623 constituents
Wakefield BC	73,968 constituents
Wakefield West and Denby Dale CC	71,595 constituents
Weatherby and Easingwold CC	71,455 constituents
York Central BC	74,854 constituents
York Outer CC	72,720 constituents

With the new constituency boundary changes, we do know a large number of MP's will be retiring, and hence, there will be a lot of new prospective MP's standing for the UK General Election.

Operation Earthquake Phase II will be announced shortly, which will be making the ICE ban an election issue. Opposition to Net Zero (of which the ICE ban is a significant part) is gathering mainstream momentum and more and more people are seriously questioning the colossal costs for negligible environmental benefits. Two newly published peer-reviewed [papers](#) show net-zero/1.5°C:

- Global Benefit: \$4.5 trillion/year
- Global Cost: \$26.8 trillion/year
- Total loss is \$1,800 trillion over the century

The cost is roughly 6 times the benefit. The CEBR report commissioned in 2022 by MAG et al came to a figure for banning ICE of cost 5 times the benefit, so all these numbers are pointing to the same ball park. These reports are based on the Paris agreement so are global cost/benefit, not UK alone, but I think it is fair to assume the proportion of costs and benefits for the UK is not going to be significantly different to the rest of the world.

The political argument that if we lead in this area (relentless pursuit of Net Zero in an unfeasibly short timeframe), others will follow, is pure and utter folly. More likely, other high polluting countries (China, India, Russia et al) will simply take full advantage of our self-inflicted economic self harm, whilst we as a country, and you individually, all get significantly poorer.

Irrespective of your own personal beliefs on the extent of man made climate change, the facts speak for themselves - All road transport (cars, vans, lorries, buses and other road vehicles) accounts for around 30% of global carbon emissions. Now that sounds a lot, but remember, the UK contributes a mere 1% of this 30% of global carbon emissions, so a total ban of ICE vehicles in the UK will reduce global carbon emissions by a whopping 0.003%. Motorcycles and scooters represent a mere 1% of UK traffic so a ban of those will reduce global carbon emissions by a colossal 0.00003%. Even if the UK became fully carbon-neutral tomorrow, it wouldn't make a blind bit of difference to the earth's climate (which changes quite naturally anyway, always has done, and will continue to do so for millions of years to come). The cost benefit ratio of 6:1 for Net Zero in the UK simply doesn't add up.

Meanwhile, more than 70,000 delegates attended the recent COP28 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, many of whom will have racked up significant air miles in private jets to get there, to then sit in a nicely air conditioned huge conference centre in the middle of a desert, to tell **YOU** to give up your motorbike(s) and petrol/diesel car(s), replace your gas boiler with a far less efficient and more expensive ground source heat pump, don't take foreign holidays and become significantly poorer, in order to save the planet !!!!

Now is very much the time to make this self harm environmental vanity project a serious election issue. As a nation, we simply cannot afford a 6:1 cost benefit vanity project - UK general government gross debt was £2,537.0 billion (that's **over 2.5 trillion British pounds**) at the end of Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2023, equivalent to 100.5% of gross domestic product (GDP). General government gross debt was 85.4% of GDP in 2019. The generally accepted ideal debt to GDP ratio is around 60%. Britain's public finances are on an unsustainable path and rapidly deteriorating according to the Treasury Watchdog.

Early this year, MAG members will be asked to support Operation Earthquake Phase II to overturn the ICE ban. This will involve:

- Identifying all the viable candidates in every new constituency (see above)
- Obtaining contact details for all viable candidates
- Contacting candidates in the new constituencies (new template letters will be available)

Out of all the political parties, only Reform UK have announced a policy to scrap the hugely economically damaging Net Zero targets. Whether they will become a viable opposition party remains to be seen. However, if that policy proves popular with the voting public, it

will make the mainstream parties take action (just look how UKIP, a fringe party, effectively forced the Brexit referendum in 2016, against the wishes of all the mainstream parties !!!). The Conservatives made a bold statement last year to extend the ICE ban from 2030 to 2035 – sounds great until you realise they have just passed the Zero Emissions Mandate into law (see below) which means this bold statement is literally all smoke and mirrors, and a big fat lie. Labour have announced they intend to reverse the ICE ban back to 2030, as have the Lib Dems. We need to influence political policy in this area before the UK wastes vast amounts of money (we simply cannot afford) to literally achieve nothing other than make us all significantly poorer.

Please continue to support Operation Earthquake, the future of biking as we know it depends on it.

What this space for more specific details as and when they are published !!!

ZEV Mandate Fines

As of **3rd January 2024**, the UK government's zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate was passed into law:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pathway-for-zero-emission-vehicle-transition-by-2035-becomes-law>

The mandate details the government's goal to ban 100% of new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle sales by 2035. The mandate introduces a progressively stricter sales target to enforce battery electric vehicle (BEV) sales in the run up to 2035.

The quotas for cars and vans are as follows:

Table 1: annual targets for ZEV sales shares from 2024 to 2035 for cars

Year	Target
2024	22%
2025	28%
2026	33%
2027	38%
2028	52%
2029	66%
2030	80%
2031	84% (*)
2032	88% (*)
2033	92% (*)
2034	96% (*)
2035	100% (*)

Table 2: annual targets for ZEV sales shares from 2024 to 2035 for vans

Year	Target
2024	10%
2025	16%
2026	24%
2027	34%
2028	46%
2029	58%
2030	70%
2031	76% (*)
2032	82% (*)
2033	88% (*)
2034	94% (*)
2035	100% (*)

(*) Target will be set out in future legislation later in the decade.

This applies to cars and vans from 2024, but not yet motorcycles. We still don't know what the policy is for motorcycles (this was promised by the Govt by Autumn 2023 but is yet to be announced) – however, it is deemed highly unlikely that motorcycles will be exempt from the ICE ban. Manufacturers will face hefty fines if they fail to meet the sales quotas, effectively enforcing electric vehicles on us.

Should a manufacturer fail to comply with the ZEV sales quotas, they will receive a fine of **£15,000 for every non-compliant car** and £9,000 for every non-compliant van, which rises to £18,000 in 2025. Sell 1,000 non-compliant passenger cars into the market this year and a car maker could be looking at a fine of £1.5 million !!!

This could push some smaller manufacturers out of business or cause them to simply withdraw from the UK market. That's bad enough. However, never forget we live in Rip Off Britain The most likely scenario is that manufacturers will simply add the fines to the sale price of ICE vehicles to create drag in the ICE market. Overall, the cost of motoring will go up significantly. The incentive for electric vehicle price reductions will disappear. Manufacturers will maintain their margins and the poorest will simply be priced out of motoring, period.

If this same model is applied to motorcycles (and it's highly expected it will), the cost of new ICE bikes will rocket in price as the proportion of electric motorcycle sales is far lower than for cars. And don't be fooled into thinking that if you only ever buy second hand bikes so this won't affect you, it most definitely will - new sales feed the second hand market. Restrict the supply into a market with the same or increasing demand (not many of us can afford BEV given they are at least twice the price of ICE (and not as practical), so ICE will continue to be the chosen choice for UK motorcyclists) = higher prices, it's basic GCSE economics. Great if you are selling a bike (and not replacing it), pretty bad if you are buying one.

Also, the ZEV mandate effectively stifles the development and use of alternative fuels. The EU have recently compromised on their 2035 ban by allowing internal combustion engines as long as they burn carbon-neutral petrol 'e-fuel' alternatives. This is a significant development and means existing vehicles and re-fuelling infrastructure can be utilised, which will obviously **save billions of Euros in the transition to greener transport**. An eminently sensible compromise. The UK must follow the lead set by the EU.

Remember the last time Government policy was used to influence free market economics in the personal transport sector – we were all encouraged to buy diesel cars for the good of the environment what a lie that turned out to be cue all the Diesel Gate compensation claims expect the same for electric vehicles in a few years (or less) !!!

Interestingly, PM Rishi Sunak suffered a large rebellion against the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate, with 38 MPs voting against the legislation bringing in the Government's Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate, and was the biggest Tory revolt of Rishi Sunak's premiership. The rebellion came after the Net Zero Scrutiny Group wrote to the Prime Minister in early December 2023: "If the cost of buying and running an EV will become cheaper than petrol and diesel cars, mandating them with this law is unnecessary. This law is anti-consumer, anti-choice and anti-motorist, and will only leave the public poorer. Car-ownership will once again be restricted to the privileged few". The size of the rebellion is significant because it was enough to overturn the Tories' Commons majority, and was only passed because Labour supported it.

Craig Mackinlay MP, chairman of the Net Zero Scrutiny Group, said: "We all heard the Prime Minister pledge a more proportionate and pragmatic approach to Net Zero, but this pledge has not been met with action. I am disappointed that this legislation has been forced through using a statutory instrument – avoiding the kind of scrutiny that Rishi himself called for. Nevertheless, I am pleased that so many of my colleagues chose to rebel on this important issue. We will not stop our campaign against draconian Net Zero legislation and will continue to promote a better way that protects people's freedoms and does not leave them poorer."

It's also worth pointing out that this policy is impossible to implement by 2030 (even 2035). Not only do we have far too little national EV charging infrastructure: even if by a miracle they did manage to construct it in time, there would still be the insurmountable problem of a shortage of electricity. We simply do not have the electricity production and distribution infrastructure to generate the massive extra number of gigawatts required to supply an EV powered road fleet, and it will take decades to implement/upgrade. The net result is we'll end up with electricity blackouts or rationing - power cuts in a First World country are catastrophic for popular support, and any Government responsible for these self-inflicted failures will become unelectable. Power cuts kill people, economies and election chances.

It cannot be stressed enough, MAG is not anti-BEV, but it is **anti-compulsion**. Let the rider decide, MAG's central ethos for the past 50 years !!!

As mentioned above, Phase II of Operation Earthquake will be announced shortly and will focus on party pledges and policy for the forthcoming UK General Election. MAG, together with our lobbying partners, will make ICE an election issue. Enforced electrification of personal transport will hit everyone very very hard in the pocket, whilst doing nothing to benefit the environment. Time to blow the fairy dust off this vanity project. Whatever the outcome of the General Election, MAG is fighting to maintain your freedom of choice for the power train of new motorcycles, from 2030 onwards.

Yorkshire MAG Region Meeting

The next MAG Yorkshire Region meeting will be held on Sunday 14th January 11:00 - 12:30 at Brighton Ferry, Brighton, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 6DH. Every Yorkshire MAG member is very welcome to attend, where you can witness MAG democracy in action and have a say in how your region is run. Hope to see you there.

Magic Action Promotions (MAP) Meeting

Following the Yorkshire Region meeting at Brighton Ferry, the first Magic Action Promotions (MAP) meeting of 2024 starts at 13:00, to commence the Yorkshire MAG rallies planning process. MAP, is the events arm of Yorkshire MAG, which hosts the ITV, FYP & YPR bike rallies, which contribute so enormously to the MAG fighting fund (over £1 Million raised to date). Every MAG member is more than welcome to attend the meeting and see how the MAP events are run, it's more the merrier and MAP welcome you taking more of an interest or active role.

MAG WhatsApp

A promotional graphic for MAG WhatsApp. The background is orange. On the left, the text 'MAG' is in large white letters, and 'WHATSAPP' is in large blue letters. Below this, it says 'Get notifications via WhatsApp of all new press releases and YouTube videos straight to your phone'. A white arrow points from this text to a hand holding a black smartphone on the right. The phone screen shows the MAG logo (Motorcycle Action Group) and a green WhatsApp icon. A black speech bubble contains the text: 'Simply message your name and membership number, stating you would like to receive MAG notifications to the WhatsApp channel: 07498 562826'. At the bottom right, a white box says 'Reply with 'STOP' at any time to unsubscribe'.

Link to The Network MAG activists newsletter

https://wiki.mag-uk.org/index.php/Editions_of_Network

The MAG activists newsletter, Network is published at the start of each month and can be accessed with the above link.

MAG Podcasts

The MAG podcasts are being produced on a monthly basis and feature MAG's Colin Brown, Director of Campaigns and Political Engagement, recapping and discussing the most recent news and events with a variety of guests.

You can find the Podcasts on the MAG Youtube channel:

www.youtube.com/@MotorcycleActionGroupMAG.

Please like and subscribe.

One of the latest Podcasts features York MAG's very own Richard Suddaby talking to Colin Brown about the Whitby Railway Station Motorcycle Parking Ban (which MAG got overturned – see above): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIVFsS2d1ko>

Yorkshire MAG Rallies

Confirmed dates, venues and ticket prices for the 2024 Yorkshire MAG rallies have been announced and are:

- Into the Valley: 3 - 5 May 2024, Driffield Showground, Driffield. Pre-Book Only £30 (Saturday ticket £20)
- Farmyard Party: 21 - 23 June 2024, Duncombe Park, Helmsley. £50 Pre-book; £60 OTG (Saturday ticket £35)
- Yorkshire Pudding Rally: 2 - 4 August 2024, Escrick Park, Nr York. Pre-Book Only £35 (Saturday ticket £25)

TICKET PRICES HELD FOR ALL 2024 EVENTS

On Sale now (Online and Telephone) and from your local MAG branch early in the new year (Remember, if you buy your tickets directly from your local MAG branch, you save on the on-line booking fee (which are per ticket not per transaction !!!) and postage more money in your pocket = more beer money what more of an incentive could you possibly want !!!).

There are also a couple of discount schemes that have just been announced for the Yorkshire MAG rallies, which you may want to take advantage of if you qualify:

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Local Branch Updates

Garry Williams - East Yorkshire Rep

On the 21st October, East Yorkshire MAG hosted one of the MAG national Theft Awareness meetings in Hull. The event was chaired by Colin Brown from Central Office and reasonably well supported with 44 people attending. The panel included the Humberside Police and Crimes Commissioner and the Chief Inspector of Humberside Police responsible for overseeing motorcycle theft through Operation Yellowfin. The majority of the two hour meeting was given over to a question and answer session, and a positive outcome was that the police agreed to set up a motorcycle theft focus group. The group is made up of volunteer riders and interested parties from the area and police officers, and is to share

information and thoughts with the aim of identifying ways to reduce bike theft. If you've not already seen it, there is a video report of the afternoon on the MAG YouTube channel.

The first focus group meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams on 22nd December. The chief inspector who promised so much at the meeting in October had moved on, and none of the officers at this meeting were present in October. As a result, the majority of the time was spent covering old ground again, but we have got a commitment from the police to provide statistics on a monthly basis, and have agreed to hold the focus group meets every two months.

Our Annual General Meeting in October resulted in a full committee being voted in, with Mike Vary taking on the role of dealer liaison officer and Shane Robson picking up social activities along with Tony Allen. All other officers volunteered to remain in post.

Over recent months, our meetings at the Foresters haven't been as well attended as they have been in the past, and the venue has started to get quite noisy. We have therefore taken the decision to look at alternative venues to try and bolster attendance, and to trail holding the second meeting of each month in Hull. These will be at the Alexandra Pub on Hessle Road until further notice, with the first meeting continuing in Beverley.

On the social front, the EY MAG Annual Post Christmas Drinkathon held on 28th December was a roaring success, with Robbo's pub crawl attracting a large number of revellers from across Yorkshire MAG and MAP. The day was rounded off with entertainment from singer Kelly Ann Bolland, again sorted by Robbo, at the last pub of the night, the Nelson.

Our annual Fred Hill Memorial Run returns on Saturday 10th February. Robbo is still finalising the details which will follow in due course, and is promising a new route, so please keep the date free.

Andy Foody - Huddersfield MAG rep

Since I took over the reins at Huddersfield MAG at the beginning of October, we have continued to hold weekly meetings with a Business meeting at the start of each month. We had a Christmas meal at the Field Head in late December with 28 folk attending. There was LOTS of food and from the feedback no-one went home hungry (or thirsty). Whilst not a fund raising event, we had a raffle and came away with £65.00.

Nothing planned as yet for 2024 but will hopefully address that in the coming weeks.

Keith Maven (interim contact) - Leeds and Bradford MAG

Hosted the Leeds leg of the National 'Fight Motorcycle Theft' roadshow on Saturday the 11th of November, at The Royal in Pudsey.

Provided the first (and last team) for the Wakefield MAG Biker Quiz Nite at the back end of November.

Held a Leeds Bradford MAG Toy Run to Lineham Farm on 9th December. We went on 3 bikes and 4 cars due to the high moisture content. All the pressies went to well deserving kids,

Thanks to everyone who came along, donated / collected toys and organised the day itself. £58 raised for MAG on the raffle, Easter Egg run next.

Stuart Hatfield - South Yorkshire rep

Bike nights are currently being well attended and the sale of burgers are a nice little earner to the point we will be in the position to make a nice contribution to fighting fund.

Provided two teams for the Wakefield MAG Biker Quiz Nite at the back end of November.

We can confirm the 2024 SY MAG Bike Day and Top Box Sale will be held at the Market, 2 Wentworth Rd, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8EP on Saturday 20th July. We have secured some vendors already as well as a band, Face the Strange, which are a Pudding and Market favourite. Looking to host the MAG 50th anniversary bike show this year as the planned bike show in 2023 was ruined by the weather.

Steve Travis - Wakefield MAG rep

We held our eagerly anticipated 19th Wakefield MAG Biker Quiz Nite on Tuesday 28th November, in our HQ, the Thatched House, Stanley, Wakefield. We were very pleased to welcome along 20 quiz contestants, who formed multiple teams representing Leeds & Bradford MAG, South Yorkshire MAG and Wakefield MAG. Leeds MAG won as usual - Leeds MAG have a bit of a history with this quiz, having won it outright fifteen times previously (2004-2007; 2012-2019 & 2021-2022) & coming second twice (2008 & 2009). You'll be able to read all about it in the next edition of the Open Road magazine.

We held a Christmas Do in early December at the Thatched House and a Christmas Toy Collection for Kidzaware in mid-December 2022 (a local Wakefield based charity that the Branch has been proud to support for a number of years).

Coming up we have our 22nd Wakefield & District Motorcycle Action Group Branch AGM which will be held in the Thatched House, on Tuesday 16th January 2024, starting at 8:00pm (prompt).

And at the end of January, we'll be hosting our 19th Post Christmas Auction which will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2024. Our Post Christmas Auction's are the stuff of legends. The idea is you donate all your unwanted Christmas presents, together with other stuff you no longer want, or have the room for, to the Branch and we auction them off to the highest bidder with the proceeds split 2/3 to MAG and 1/3 to charitable causes.

Be there early, with viewing from 07:00 onwards, and the auction starting at 08:00 prompt (and don't forget to bring your unwanted Christmas pressies and other stuff you no longer want, or have the room for !!!).

Hope to see you there.



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Wakefield MAG

19th Post Christmas Auction

Got lots of unwanted Christmas presents this year ?
Got items that are of use/value but you don't have the space
for them anymore ?
Prepared to donate them for a good cause ?

Bring them along to the Wakefield MAG 'Post Christmas
Auction' where they will be auctioned off to the highest
bidder, with all proceeds being donated to MAG and other
worthy causes

Tuesday 30th January 2024
(20:00 viewing from 19:00)

**Thatched House, 434 Aberford Road, Stanley,
Wakefield, WF3 4AA**

Richard Suddaby - York MAG rep

We started the last quarter with a camping trip to Stonethwaite in September, relocated our branch to Victoria Vaults in October and threw our end of year party in November. December was eventful with Northern Rail choosing to ban motorcycles from Whitby car park, which we quickly got overturned. However, just because the Whitby motorcycle parking ban got overturned doesn't mean that we've dropped the situation.

We are still fighting for fair treatment for bikers. We have requested they reinstate the original or a designated space for bikes as the two bikes to a single bay is a bit daft and they halve the parking fee if they expect two bikes in a bay. The most recent response received from Northern Trains states:

'Motorcycles are now allowed to use the car park again at Whitby providing they pay for parking. At the present time there's no dedicated motorcycle parking and they would be expected to park in a marked bay and pay for parking the same as a car vehicle as stated within the car park with payment made via RingGo either by phone, online or the App. The whole operations of Whitby car park is being reviewed and part of this will be to look at how best to accommodate motorcycle parking including tariffs but until this is concluded the car park will continue under its current arrangements with all users expected to pay.'

Local group meetings

Your local groups are the lifeblood of MAG and the best way for you to get the most from your MAG membership. MAG, since its inception 50 years ago, has always been an active grass roots organisation. However, a few of the regions groups are suffering from apathy, reduced numbers and poorly attended events. This isn't unique to MAG by any stretch of the imagination, voluntary organisations across all spectrums seem to be suffering from apathy, which seems to have crept in since the Covid lockdowns. However, this is a trend we must reverse.

Please support your local MAG group as without active members they will wither and die use them or lose them !!!!

We do not want Yorkshire to be like some other regions where there are no active MAG groups, or, groups which operate on-line only. So, come along to your local MAG group meeting and say hello. You'll be glad you did.

East Yorkshire MAG ##### New Meeting Venue #####

- **Beverley** meetings - The second Thursday of the month's meetings are held at the Foresters Arms, Becksde, Beverley, HU17 0PR at 8pm.
- **Hull** Meetings - The fourth Thursday of the month's meetings will be held at the Alexandra Hotel, 69 Hessle Rd, Hull, HU3 2AB at 8pm (secure bike parking in the back courtyard).

Huddersfield MAG meet every Wednesday from 8.30pm at The Fieldhead, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4FB. Business meetings are the first Wednesday in every month, other Wednesdays are socials.

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

South Yorkshire MAG meet every Thursday at The Market, 2 Wentworth Rd, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8EP from 7pm.

Wakefield MAG meet every Tuesday from 8pm at The Thatched House, 434 Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4AA.

York MAG ##### New Meeting Venue #####

meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm at the Victoria Vaults, Nunnery Lane, York, YO23 1AB.

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