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Dear Member,

Wakefield MAG wishes all our members a Very Happy Christmas and a Biking Packed New Year !!!

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 17th January 2023 - Wakefield MAG AGM

Our branch AGM will be held in the Thatched House, on Tuesday 17th January 2023, starting at 8:00pm (prompt). The AGM is where we will look back at what we have achieved over the year, what we plan to do in the forthcoming year, hold elections for our 2023 branch committee and have our branch heroes awards. In short, it's a celebration of everything we are so very proud of, in Wakefield MAG. An agenda for the meeting is enclosed. Minutes from the last AGM are posted on the Branch web site and can be sent to you on request. Copies will also be available at the AGM itself. Hope to see you there.

N.B. Motions for the AGM should be submitted no later than the week before the AGM (Tuesday 10th January 2023).

Tuesday 31st January 2023 - Wakefield MAG 18th Post Christmas Auction

Our 18th Post Christmas Auction will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2023, at 8:00pm, at the Thatched House, and if previous years events are anything to go by, an event not to be missed. The idea is that you bring along all your unwanted Christmas presents, together with other stuff you no longer want, or have the room for, donate them to the branch, and we auction them off to the highest bidder. The auctions are always hugely entertaining and there are always some real quality items donated, and hence, some real bargains to be had. Proceeds from the auction will again be split (2/3 to the MAG Fighting Fund, 1/3 to a charitable cause(s)). I hope to see you there. A flyer for this event is enclosed. Be there early, with viewing from 7:00pm onwards, and the auction starting at 8:00pm prompt (and don't forget to bring your unwanted Christmas pressies !!!).

Operation Earthquake

The British Government wants to ban your right to buy new, internal combustion engine (ICE) powered motorcycles from as early as 2030 (small-capacity petrol bikes and scooters from 2030, and all other, larger capacity bikes and scooters by 2035). The start of that ban is a mere **SEVEN** years away !!!!

Hopefully you are aware of the Operation Earthquake MAG Campaign to hopefully ditch the ban, or at least kick it into the long grass to allow sufficient time for environmental and affordable alternatives to fossil fuels to become economically viable. The ICE ban and enforced

Wakefield MAG meet at the Thatched House, 434 Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4AA, every Tuesday at 8:00pm

electrification of vehicles will come at a colossal cost to achieve, for what is a minuscule environmental benefit. MAG is asking all bikers to contact their MP and ask that they support opposing this ban. To make this as easy as possible, MAG has put together an Operation Earthquake Campaign Pack, which contains a couple of template letters together with lots of other useful information.

Link to Campaign Pack: operation-earthquake.mag-uk.org/take-part-operation-earthquake-campaign-pack-makes-it-easy

Please support this MAG campaign, your chosen lifestyle very much depends on it !!!

Membership

Please accept my thanks for maintaining your Membership of MAG throughout this year. If your Membership renewal is due shortly, or has recently lapsed, please don't forget to rejoin. MAG's vital campaigning, which ensures you maintain the freedom to ride your motorcycle without unnecessary rules, restrictions and bureaucracy, is only possible with a strong membership base. You can join MAG at any of our weekly meetings, by phone (0800 988 3193 during office hours), on the Internet (www.mag-uk.org/motorcycle-action-group-membership/), or by post (MAG UK, Unit C13, Holly Farm Business Park, Honiley, CV8 1NP). Join (or renew) by Direct Debit, then your renewal will be automatic every year, so no risk of a membership lapse. Don't forget also that MAG memberships also make excellent Christmas Presents !!

Wakefield MAG On-line (our Website & Facebook Group)

Keep an eye on our web site (wakefield.mag-uk.org) for details of all the forthcoming 2023 Branch activities (in addition to the above), including Bingo Nights, Quiz Night, social nights, numerous monthly ride-outs and rallies we will be attending throughout the year, together with lots of other social activities. Updates are regularly made to the site so keep checking to keep up to date with what we are up to. If you miss an event you can always read all about it on the Events Report page. Make our web site your browsers home page !!! If you are a Facebook user, join our Facebook Group too: www.facebook.com/groups/wakefieldmag

Wakefield MAG Monthly Newsletter

If you can't attend our Tuesday meetings regularly, our monthly newsletter is the next best thing to keep you up to date with what we are up to. The monthly newsletters are uploaded to the branch website on, or around, the month end (wakefield.mag-uk.org > Newsletters), with a reminder posted on our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/groups/wakefieldmag). If you are not on-line, we can post a paper copy of the newsletter to you instead (on request, with a contribution to the postage - Let me know if you would like these posted).

2023 Rally Dates

As some of you will need to book holiday, or whatever it is you need to do to make time for the best bike only rallies in the UK, here are the dates of the main Yorkshire MAG rallies for 2023:

INTO THE VALLEY: 28th - 30th April 2023

FARMYARD PARTY: 16th - 18th June 2023

YORKSHIRE PUDDING: 4th - 6th August 2023

Tickets should be available at our branch meetings around February / March time. N.B. You will save on the booking fee (which is per ticket, not transaction) and postage by getting your tickets direct from us !!!

Weekly Meetings

New (and Old) faces are always very welcome at our weekly meetings at 8:00pm at the Thatched House on Aberford Road, Stanley. Everyone is guaranteed a warm welcome, healthy debate, friendly banter and cheap drinks. What more could you ask for !?!

N.B. There will be no branch meetings over the Christmas and New Year period i.e. Tuesday 27th December and Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Ride Safe & Hope to see you soon.

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