

Wakefield & District MAG

Minutes of the 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 8:00pm on Wednesday 16th January 2019, at the Grey Horse, Kirkgate, Wakefield

1) Welcome by chair and introduction of Yorkshire Region / National Observer

Steve Travis, Branch Chairman & Rep opened the meeting at 20:15 hrs. Richard Manton, Yorkshire Regional Rep in attendance as Region observer.

All members in the branch area had previously been notified via the December 2018 mailshot (emailed or posted), of the date, time, venue and agenda for the 2018 AGM. The details of the AGM were also publicised in The Road magazine, on the branch website (wakefield.mag-uk.org) and the MAG website (www.mag-uk.org)

2) Apologies

Apologies received from Chas Milner – Deputy Rep, Ashley West & Bob Kendall for non-attendance at the AGM.

3) Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the previous AGM (for the 2018 year), held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 were circulated. These minutes had also been published on the branch website following the 2018 AGM. The minutes were Proposed (Justine Travis) and Seconded (Steve West) and voted on by all meeting attendees as being a true and accurate account of that meetings proceedings.

One Matter Arising – Slight typo in the minutes with two references to 2016 instead of 2017. Will be corrected in the published minutes on the website.

4) Committee Reports

[Reps Report](#)

FINANCIAL

Covered in Finance Officers Report

RUNS, RALLIES & OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

- Hosted our 14th Post Christmas Auction in March raising £630, with the proceeds split (2/3 to MAG & 1/3 to Charity) as follows:
 - Daft Way Up sponsorship - £200 (MAG - £100 / MacMillan Cancer Support (Registered Charity: 261017) - £100)
 - MAG Fighting Fund donation (via Yorkshire Region) - £320
 - Yorkshire Air Ambulance (Registered Charity: 1084305) - £55
 - Marie Curie (Registered Charity: 207994) - £55
- 3 Bingo nights held
- Held monthly rideouts (April to October, incl. One evening rideout to Sheffield Speedway)
- 5 members participated in the Daft Way Up MAG and Macmillan fundraiser in April
- Celebrated our 16th Birthday with a night at the dog racing in April (we can now legally ride a moped on the road !!!).
- Annual Bike Show at the Wakefield Gala on May Day Bank Holiday - Lots of coming and goings throughout the day and at one point we counted 57 bikes in attendance. Yorkshire MAG stand hosted at the Gala too - The MAG stand did very well and we gave out huge amounts of literature and back copies of the Road magazine, fielded countless queries, sold a good few Wakefield MAG products (12 patches, 2 stickers and a bandana raising £44.90) and sold 5 Yorkshire Pudding Rally tickets and 4 Farmyard Party tickets. The tombola was particularly successful pulling in £142.25, all of which goes towards the MAG fighting fund.
- Attended a Mods and Rockers themed Romeo & Juliet outdoor play in Doncaster
- Held our 4th Weekend in a Lake District Camping Barn event in September. Wasn't that well attended this year so we'll be looking for another venue in 2019
- Continued our regular monthly social nights (replacing one business meeting a month with an organised social event instead) – held numerous quizzes, Darts Competition and a takeaway night.
- Attended and marshalled at all 3 MAP rallies (ITV, FYP, YPR)
- Supported other Yorkshire MAG Branch Events: Fred Hill Memorial Run, plus attendance at social events wherever we can
- Helped our local charity (Wakefield Hospice) with their annual 10K Race (Wakefield MAG providing Mobile Race Marshals) - something we have done for a good many years now
- Attended the City of Wakefield Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service, and the Royal British Legion Riders on a parade and service at Mirfield
- Hosted the now legendary Biker Quiz Nite (Leeds MAG won again ... and came second)
- Held a well attended Christmas Do at the Smokehouse BBQ, then a pub crawl

round Wakefield and ended with the Wakefield Pie Shop

- Held our 3rd Christmas Toy Collection for Kidzaware, a local Wakefield based charity

POLITICAL

- Attended all the Region Meetings (Rep and/or delegate), plus attended the MAG AGC in Borth, Wales.
- Attended the Motorcycle Theft Awareness Ride in Hull
- Members attended the Yorkshire MAG AGM
- Supported National Campaigns by contacting MP's / signing petitions etc
- Very active in West Yorkshire politically with Ian our political officer (one of the three amigos), along with Leeds & Huddersfield branches attending various meetings, reviewing proposals etc, with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport forum – we now have bike access to bus lanes in Wakefield (the first of the five WY Councils to implement this !!!!)
- Organised a pot hole campaign to help Wakefield Council spend it's allocation of the funding from the 2018 budget.
- Covered in detail in the Political Officers Report

MEMBERSHIP

- **2018 Membership (as @ December 2018) was 78 current members** (8% fall from previous year / 33% lower than highest ever membership in 2008)
- Previous stats:
 - 85 members in 2017
 - 85 members in 2016
 - 88 members in 2015
 - 82 members in 2014
 - 93 members in 2013
 - 83 members in 2012
 - 99 members in 2011
 - 105 members in 2010
 - 113 members in 2009
 - 116 in 2008 (highest ever membership)
 - Average membership over past 11 years: **93**

- **Membership retention figures no longer available**
- Meeting attendance has maintained steady throughout the years (10 - 15), despite underlying membership stats
- 11 Monthly newsletters produced (but one a bumper one covering 2 months) covering local, regional and national news & updates (published on the website, emailed to members and plugged on Facebook too (website stats show these are widely read)
- Annual mailshot letter sent in December to advertise AGM and plug membership renewal

OTHER ACTIVITY

- Website regularly maintained with current content & events reports for all of the events and activities we get involved with. Site is regularly looked at (36,271 hits over the last 10.5 years). Site gets a lot of praise at the NC and is held up as a model MAG Branch web site
- Facebook site maintained with current content & currently 435 members of the Wakefield MAG Facebook Group (unfortunately, they are not all MAG members)

ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST 2018 PLAN

- Continue with our active involvement politically in West Yorkshire, by working alongside Leeds & Huddersfield MAG with the WY Combined Authority **[ACHIEVED]**
- Specific Campaign in Wakefield for the provision of free secure bike parking by working with Councillors to ensure the WYCA award provision is spent 'wisely' and in alignment with MAG's aims and objectives **[ACHIEVED]**
- Continue to support Wakefield Hospice events:
 - Marshal Wakefield Hospice 10K road race **[ACHIEVED]**
- Increase MAG membership within WF postcode area (Target: An increase in overall membership from the 2017 membership base (>85 members) **[NOT ACHIEVED :-[]**
- Forge stronger ties with Wakefield based Bike & Scooter clubs **[NOT ACHIEVED – but, relatively few clubs in the Wakefield District]**
- Maximise Fund raising for MAG fighting fund – Target: £1,600 (to match 2017 donation) **[ACHIEVED, and with a surplus still in the bank account]**
- Continue to support other local MAG groups with their activities **[ACHIEVED]**
- Continue to host our annual events:
 - Post Christmas Auction **[ACHIEVED]**

- Pet Food Collection (to replace the previous runs, which have fallen off in popularity) **[NOT ACHIEVED – Replaced by Kidzaware Toy collection as the annual charity donation event]**
- Birthday Bash at the Dogs **[ACHIEVED]**
- Bike Show (at Wakefield Gala) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Lakes Camping Weekend **[ACHIEVED]**
- Bingo Night (x2) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Remembrance Day Services / Parades **[ACHIEVED]**
- Biker Quiz Nite **[ACHIEVED]**
- Kidzaware Easter Egg Collection **[ACHIEVED]**
- Kidzaware Christmas Toy Collection **[ACHIEVED]**
- Christmas Do (Christmas Meal & Pub Crawl) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Continue to support the major Yorkshire MAG rallies (ITV, FYP, YPR) – at least one marshalling shift p.p. for every Wakefield MAG member attending **[PARTIALLY ACHIEVED - vast majority of attending members marshalled, but not quite everyone]**
- Hold formal organised rideouts:
 - monthly Sunday ride-outs (March-October) - (including a memorial run for our dearly departed members) **[ACHIEVED]**
 - Summer weekday evening ride-outs (Speedway et al) **[ACHIEVED]**
- Get regular coverage in Wakefield Express and/or other local papers e.g. Cas & Ponte Express etc **[ACHIEVED]**

SUMMARY

We now celebrate 17 consecutive years as an active MAG Branch (we are old enough to legally ride a 125cc on the road). In those 17 years, we haven't had to reform / re-launch to keep going. Very disappointing to see membership numbers fall by 8%, especially as the previous 2 years had remained static. However, Meeting attendance has remained very strong throughout the year and the majority of meetings have around 10-15+ members in attendance (circa. 20% of MAG Members in the area attend their local branch meetings – Nationally, 10% is considered an excellent figure) .

We have been very successful again in our fund raising for the MAG fighting fund, matching last years donation. We have remained very active, and packed an awful lot of activities into the year and laid on some very successful events. It is fair to say, that in spite of our size, we really do punch well above our weight in terms of active members, activities we hold and the funds we raise for MAG.

All in all, another highly successful year for the branch. A huge thanks to all our meeting regulars and all those who have supported the branch in all our activities. Hip Hip .. Hooray.

Steve Travis, Branch Rep

Deputy Rep Report

- Put up poster for MAG events
- Collect items for auction from traders and acted as auctioneer
- Ride outs attended
- Yorkshire Region MAG AGM
- Social events – Birthday at Kinsley dog track, Bingo, quiz, Huddersfield top box sale
- Submitted general knowledge questions for quiz night
- Deputised for Branch Rep when necessary
- Happy to stand again

Chas Milner, Deputy Representative

Finance Officer Report - Financial Report & Audited Accounts for 2018

Income £1705 - slight decrease of £200

End of year balance – £417.92 – allowed to hold £250 so need to donate post-auction

Month	Event	2018	2017	2016
January	Auction	£609	£450	£400
February	Bingo	£115	£255	Nil
April - Donations	NABD		£40	
	Wakefield Hospice		£40	
	Air Ambulance	£55	£40	
	KidzAware		£50	
	Marie Curie	£55		
	Daft Way Up:	£200		
	- MAG - £100			
	- MacMillan Cancer Support (Registered Charity: 261017) - £100			
May	Bike Show	£142.25	£180 (cost	£219

	Products (at Bike Show)	£44.90	£15) [£142 tombola, £38 lollipop]	
June	Tent & Helmet Sale		Nil	£75
July				
August				
October	MAG Donation	-£1500	-£1500	-£1500
	Bingo	£90	£295	£300
	Remembrance	-£25	-£25	
November	Quiz	£108	£117 (cost £22)	£25 £97 (minus cost £20)
December	Mailshot	-£9	-£9	
	Product Sales	£51.50	£61 (£31 outlay stickers)	£73
	Raffle	£457.71	£503.50	£690
	Ave £42 pm	Ave £38 pm / £10 pw		

The auction brought in more this year which compensated for every other event bringing in a little less.

Donation of £1,500 made to Yorkshire Region as per usual, but expect we can make an additional donation after the auction.

Manny reminded we need to donate £400 to cover hosting the Yorkshire AGM in Shaw Cross in September 2019.

Justine Travis, Finance Officer

Auditors concurred - Ian Whittaker, Martin Burgess

[Press Officer](#)

E-mails were sent to Ridings FM & Wakefield Express for the following events:

- 14th Post Christmas Auction
- Bingo nights in March, June and October

- Bike Show at the May Day Gala
- October Bikers Quiz

I had replies from all emails from Ridings FM saying they would gladly give us a mention, but no reply from Wakefield Express.

Sharon Scott

[Political Officer](#)

This year has built on the work of the past few years, using the contacts and invitations to attend various meetings and working groups. Initially this can appear to be a lot of time spent in pointless meetings but I think this year has started to show some benefit.

Motorcycle Parking

Following site visits with representatives from Wakefield Council we have now identified 5 sites across the district where secure parking will be improved/provided with the initial work being started on the Borough Rd site.

Access to Bus Lanes

The first bus lane is still in operation on Dewsbury Rd with no plans to end access, however a further roll out across the district will probably be dependent on region wide politics/decisions.

The main area of work continues around maintaining a motorcycling presence/voice at meetings and forums where decisions are made that effect all of us, and where officials continually need reminding that motorcyclists are one of 3 identified vulnerable road users and should be given equal regard with pedestrians and cyclists.

Ian did raise a rising category is the elderly as accidents are increasing.

I would like to discuss what the group can identify as any future priorities for 2019.

Ride free

Ian Whittaker, Political Officer

[Products Officer](#)

As products officer I can report we now have less products stock than we did on the 1st January 2018, which means we must have sold some stuff...

Sales have been:

- 2 x patches
- 1 x shopping bag

- 12 x patches
- 1 x bandana
- 2 x stickers

which were sold at our May Day Bike Show (money went into that day's pot)

(plus 1 x sticker used for wreath on remembrance day)

We haven't purchased any new stock this year as there hasn't been any demand.

Products have been "run down" for a few years now and it might be time to look at whether new stock should be purchased?

If anyone has any suggestions or wants to help with this role I'd welcome this.

Wakefield MAG			Products Stock List							01-Jan-18		
Shop bags									19	£2.74		£52.06
Bandana									1	£4.57		£4.57
Bike flag									2	£14.10		£28.20
Patch									21	£2.50		£52.50
Sticker									45	£0.26		£11.70
Old stock from 2017											£149.03	
New stock purchased 2018											£0.00	
Total cost of stock held											£149.03	

Products sold throughout 2018

Patch	sold at club	2	£3.00	£6.00
Shop bag	sold at club	1	£3.50	£3.50
Patch	sold at bike show	12	£3.00	£36.00
Bandana	sold at bike show	1	£5.00	£5.00
Stickers	sold at bike show	2	£0.50	£1.00
Stickers	Used for wreath	1	£0.00	£0.00
			Product sales for 2018	£51.50
			Profit on product sales	£8.41

Wakefield MAG			Products Stock List							31-Dec-18		
Item	Gender	Colour	S 8-10	M 12-14	L 16-18	X L	XX L	XXX L	Qty	Cost	Code	Sub total
Shop bags									18	£2.74		£49.32
Bike flag									2	£14.10		£28.20
Patch									7	£2.50		£17.50
Sticker									42	£0.26		£10.92

Martin Burgess, Products Officer

[Social Committee](#)

The Social Team helped at Wakefield Mag events by:

- Collecting unwanted items for the post Christmas auction, keeping tally of buyers and collecting money at the end of the auction.
- Donating prizes for the bingo and raffle, selling bingo and raffle tickets and calling and checking the numbers at the 3 bingo nights.
- Collecting money and booking for the birthday bash at the dogs, and the Christmas meal and drinks around Wakefield.
- Helped with the set up and clear up at the May Day gala. Collecting prizes and doing tickets for the tombola stall, manning the stalls and helping with the bike show entrants.
- Donating prizes and selling raffle tickets at the Biker Quiz night.
- Donating toys for the Christmas Toy Run and Lorna for taking them to the charity.

And to the people that have put on our monthly social evenings and bought prizes, and all members for all donations and prizes given.

Sharon Scott and Lorna Jaques, Social Committee

[Rideout Coordinator's Report](#)

As one of the ride-out co-ordinators I lead twice, firstly to Lincolnshire and the On Your Marques Model Car Collection and secondly our annual memorial ride to the famous Tan Hill Inn.

I also took part in 3 other rides lead by Clare, James and Mick.

Sadly we had to cancel a ride or two this year due to adverse weather!!!

All rides were well attended by the usual crew and a good time was had by all (or at least I think so.... I didn't hear much complaining).

We did discuss during the year, the possibility of “classifying” our rides for 2019 as some of us felt some rides were asking a lot of lesser experienced riders...to be brought up at January’s 2019 AGM.

All in all rides were good and thanks to everyone who took part. As always, a special thank you to Chas for being our regular “back marker”.

I’m happy to continue in this shared role for 2019.

Thank you

Martin Burgess, Rideout Coordinator

Claire has offered to run a 125 rideout in 2019. Big thanks to Chas for back marker.

[MAP Consultative Committee Representative](#)

Attended meetings.

Sold tickets, ITV is least attended by the branch. Lorna suggested we increase the attendance.

Thanks to Sam for covering as well.

Lorna Jacques, MAP Consultative Committee Representative

[Clubs Liaison](#)

I must apologise and have to hold my hand up to this one and say I have not fulfilled this role in any way shape or form.

As clubs liaison I understand I am to keep in touch with other local bike clubs and advise them of our events and invite them along as required. Also I’m to report back to MAG members of other clubs events so we can attend theirs....this simply hasn’t happened.

In my (pathetic) defence this role has not been fulfilled by anyone for some time now, but that’s no reason why it can’t be in the future.

I am more than happy to hand this role over in 2019 if someone else thinks they can do better (let’s be honest....you couldn’t do any worse).

Martin Burgess, Clubs Liaison Officer

It was discussed that we could use social media more so leverage facebook etc.

Fund Raising Officer

- Acting as one of the auctioneers
- Organise weekly and rideout raffles
- Called bingo on 3 occasions
- Events –
 1. Post Christmas Auction
 2. May Day tombola
 3. Bingo nights
 4. Quiz nights
 5. Weekly and ride out raffles

Thank you to all

Happy to stand again

Chas Milner, Fund Raising Officer

Membership Secretary

Covered in Reps Report

Webmaster

Kept updated over the year and lots of hits show it is well used

5) Election / Re-election of branch officers for 2019

The following officers were elected / re-elected onto the 2019 branch committee, unanimously in all cases:

- Rep: **Steve Travis** [Proposed: Lorna Jacques ; Seconded: Sam Allen] (Re-elected)
- Deputy Rep: **Chas Milner** [Proposed: Justine Travis ; Seconded: Martin Burgess] (Re-elected)
- Treasurer: **Justine Travis** [Proposed: Pete Taplin ; Seconded: Johnno] (Re-elected)
- Products Officer: **Martin Burgess** [Proposed: Justine Travis ; Seconded: Sharon Scott] (Re-elected)

- Political Officer: **Ian Whittaker** [Proposed: Lorna Jacques ; Seconded: Steve Travis] (Re-elected)
- Auditor x 2: **Martin Burgess, Ian Whittaker** [Proposed: Sharon Scott , Seconded: Dave Rowntree] (Re-elected)
- Social Committee: **Lorna Jaques, Claire Ellam & Sharon Scott** [Proposed: Johnno ; Seconded: Ian Whittaker] (Re-elected)
- Rideout Coordinator: **Martin Burgess** [Proposed: Steve Travis , Seconded: Johnno] Elected
- MAP Consultative Committee - Wakefield Rep: **Lorna Jaques** [Proposed: Ian Whittaker; Seconded: Johnno] (Elected)
- MAP Consultative Committee - Deputy Wakefield Rep: **Sam Allen** [Proposed: Lorna Jacques ; Seconded:Ian Whittaker] (Elected)
- Press Officer: **Sharon Scott** [Proposed:Justine Travis ; Seconded:Johnno] (Re-elected)
- Membership Secretary: **Steve Travis** [Proposed: ; Seconded:] (Re-elected)
But all responsible for gaining new members
- Clubs Liaison Officer: **Terry Scott** (via social media) [Proposed: Sharon Scott ; Seconded: Martin Burgess] (Elected)
- Fundraising Officer: **Chas Milner** [Proposed: Justine Travis ; Seconded: Martin Burgess] (Re-elected)

6) Motions

Mick suggested some events:

- a) Visit Manchester Bike Show 23rd-24th March.
- b) Attend MCN Festival Of Motorcycling 17th-19th May - Note. if we attend as a club and exhibit either as Wakefield or Yorkshire MAG we qualify for free admittance.
- c) Organize sea fishing trip from either Whitby or Scarborough.
- d) Attend Motorcycle Live NEC Nov T.B.C.
- e) Attend as many other MAG group events as possible.
- f) Put up as many MAG posters as possible in WF area to promote MAG and Wakefield branch in particular to try and encourage new members. Target dealers and accessory shops, biker cafes and hangouts, retail outlets, fish and chip shops, pizza shops, Indian restaurants, pubs, training schools, workplace, anything and anywhere lets blitz the entire area.
- g) Give some thought to the advertising of ride outs not all are learner friendly even though motorways are avoided. Make it clear if the route is for more experienced riders or is suitable for beginners.
- h) Organize evening ride outs in the summer months.

- i) Organize a trip to a clay pigeons shoot, paint balling, bowling, go kart racing etc.
- j) Consider setting up a lottery syndicate or ticket buying scheme of some description.

Manny suggested Dead End Furness rally and it was considered as a replacement for the Lakes weekend.

Ian raised a development plan idea – any area that is an issue in Wakefield – members to have a think and discuss later in the year.

7) Objectives and branch development plan for the forthcoming year (2019)

Objectives and branch development plan for 2019

- Continue with our active involvement politically in West Yorkshire, by working alongside Leeds & Huddersfield MAG with the WY Combined Authority
- Continue with our local campaigns in Wakefield:
 - Provision of free secure bike parking by working with Wakefield Councillors to ensure the WYCA award provision is spent 'wisely' and in alignment with MAG's aims and objectives
 - Pot Hole Reporting Campaign
- Continue to support Wakefield Hospice events:
 - Marshal Wakefield Hospice 10K road race
- Initiate a major recruitment drive to reverse the trend of falling membership figures within WF postcode area (Target: 10% membership increase i.e. 8 new members, to take total membership at end of December 2019 to 86)
- Forge stronger ties with Wakefield based Bike & Scooter clubs (where possible)
- Maximise Fund raising for MAG fighting fund – Target: £1,600 (to exceed the 2018 donation)
- Look to introduce a new fundraising initiative in 2019 (TBA)
- Continue to support other local MAG groups with their activities
- Continue to host our annual events:
 - Post Christmas Auction
 - Birthday Bash at the Dogs
 - Bike Show (at Wakefield Gala)
 - Camping Weekend (venue TBA)
 - Bingo Night
 - Remembrance Day Services / Parades

- Biker Quiz Nite
- Kidzaware Easter Egg & Christmas Toy Collections
- Christmas Do (Christmas Meal & Pub Crawl)
- Continue to support the major Yorkshire MAG rallies (ITV, FYP, YPR) – at least one marshalling shift p.p. for every Wakefield MAG member attending
- Hold formal organised rideouts:
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- Get regular coverage in Wakefield Express and/or other local papers e.g. Cas & Ponte Express etc

Wakefield projects was discussed and chicanes seem to be a possible campaign as some areas people have lost life. We need to understand the risk and whether cyclists also impacted.

Need to increase membership – brainstorm in future meetings.

8) Presentation to branch heroes

Awards were presented for the branch heroes of 2018, based on points accumulated by members for attendance/participation in MAG/Branch events over the course of the year.

Our branch heroes for 2018 were:

- Most attendances: **Lorna Jacques** (725 points)
- Most attendances runner-up: **Pete Taplin** (620 points)
- Most attendances to Branch meetings on a bike: **Steve West** (25).
- Chairman's Award (biggest contribution to the branch): **Ian Whittaker** – for the political contribution for the Wakefield area
- Honorable mentions to **Becky** for her support on fund raising, all the **event marshals**, **Daft Way Up participants** (5 from Wakefield) and all our **meeting regulars**.

9) Any other business

None

10) Date of Next AGM

The date of the next AGM was set for **Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

The meeting closed at 22:05 hrs.

Steve Travis
Wakefield & District MAG Branch Rep
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