

Wakefield MAG Interim Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th June 2021 - 20:30, Thatched House, Stanley Wakefield

N.B. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to hold our planned AGM on Tuesday 12th January 2021, and the last time we hosted an AGM was on Wednesday 15th January 2020, when we were still meeting in the Grey Horse.

This was a cutdown AGM covering the following agenda items only:

1. Branch Officer Reports for 2020 to date
2. Review and closure of the 2020 Branch Accounts
3. Branch Officer elections for the rest of 2021

Attendees:

- Steve Travis
- Jane Durdy
- Crazy John
- Dave Roantree
- Chas Milner
- Martin Burgess
- Mick Culpan
- Tracy Wheldon
- Terry Scott
- Pete Taplin
- Keith Maven (Leeds MAG – Yorkshire Region Observer)

Branch Officer Reports

Wakefield MAG Reps Report – January 2020 – June 2021

In the 18 months since our last AGM on 15th January 2020, lockdown restrictions have permitted us to only hold 29 weekly meetings (in this period normally we would have held circa 75, so < 40%). In the giddy period before 1st lockdown we managed 8 meetings, which included our post Christmas Auction, a social evening (Quiz) and attend en-masse Manny's 50th Birthday Bash at the Leeds Irish Centre.

From the last meeting on Wednesday 11th March to our first post lockdown meeting on Tuesday 28th July, we became homeless as we discovered the Grey Horse, which had been our HQ for the last 16 years was closing. Cue an appeal to our membership base to help us find a new HQ, which we did in the form of the Thatched House. The Thatched House for years have supported Wakefield MAG by donating a carvery dinner for two to our auction, so moving here was a little bit of a no-brainer, and the venue has proved most suitable ever since.

We are able to restart our meetings again on Tuesday 28th July and managed to hold 15 meetings,

before lockdown struck again in early November. The 2nd lockdown suspended meetings until Tuesday 18th May, from which we were able to hold weekly meetings again. In this period we have at least been able to plan a number of events for the remainder of the year. In the 2nd lockdown, we still managed to get to the Wakefield Remembrance Sunday service, albeit socially distanced and no Mirfield event where we normally join the parade on our bikes with the RBLR.

The lifeline for the branch in the mothballed months of lockdown was our website, Facebook page and the monthly newsletter. Despite some what sparse content, we managed to still produce monthly newsletters with still the same number of articles (av. 10 per month) - this was a struggle at times given the overall lack of content and required a large degree of creativity.

Late in 2020 we were very lucky to receive a large number of donations to our auction, from ex-Doncaster MAG Rep JP Roberts. With these donations we attempted to host a virtual auction, with bids invited via email. We tried this for a month during January 2021, then extended to end of February 2021, but unfortunately failed to attract a single bid. Bit disappointing, but at least we tried, and certainly have lots of items already for our 2022 Auction. Part of the JP donation was a non-running 'project' bike, which we managed to sell for the princely sum of £500, which was a healthy boost to the branch coffers. The reformatted raffle has also been a huge success as Martin will attest to in his Finance Officers Report.

Politically, members have been kept up to date via the newsletters and encouraged to complete consultations, surveys, lobby MP's etc.

In summary, a challenging year through no fault of ourselves, but we have survived and still contributed, which is no mean feat. Thank You to all the members for your on-going support !!!

Steve Travis
Branch Rep
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Deputy Rep Report

- Collect items from traders for auction
- Acted as one of the auctioneers
- Collected and delivered Easter eggs to Kids Aware Charity
- Laid wreath at Wakefield cenotaph with other Wakefield MAG members
- Deputised for branch rep when necessary

Happy to stand again

Chas Milner
Deputy Representative

Fundraising Officer Report

- Acted As One Of The Auctioneers
- Organised Weekly Raffle When Covid Restrictions Allowed

Happy To Stand Again

Chas Milner
Fundraising Officer

Finance Officer's Report 1st Jan 2020 to 31st December 2020

Obviously due to the pandemic our financial activity was somewhat limited last year.

As finance officer for 2020 I kept a record of financial transactions all of which are detailed on the attached spreadsheet.

This spreadsheet has been checked and verbally verified by our two auditors, Ian Whittaker and Terry Scott. I am happy to answer any queries anyone has regarding this spreadsheet.

I would like the opportunity to continue in this role for 2021 and therefore am putting myself up for re-election.

Martin Burgess 22nd June 2021.

Ride out co-ordinators report 1st Jan 2020 to 31st December 2020

Due to the pandemic and government social distancing guidelines, there were no ride outs during 2020.

Whilst still willing to be involved with future ride outs, I wish to resign this position for 2021 and give the opportunity to someone else.

As suggested at our regular meeting (15th June) I would also like to pursue the idea of a monthly Yorkshire MAG ride out with branches taking it in turn to organise the rides.

Martin Burgess 22nd June 2021.

Product Officers Report

Due to the pandemic, there has been very little Wakefield MAG products bought or sold during 2020.

The only exceptions being 4 shopping bags sold at the Yorkshire Pudding Rally (by Jane) and a sticker used for the Memorial Wreath in November.

Product demand has been virtually non-existent in recent years and stock is currently minimal.

This is a role I wish relinquish and allow someone else to take control.

Martin Burgess 22nd June 2021.

Political report for 2020/21

Like many things lobbying has taken very much a back seat as rightly or wrongly I felt the the Council had enough on its hands with the pandemic. However I feel there are a couple of issues coming down the pipe.

With the election of a West Yorkshire Mayor who has control of the Combined Authority, and who in the brief time she has been in post has talked about nothing but buses, the same old issues will come round again with no/or very little acknowledgement of motorcycles and their role in transport planning.

Its very clear that buses will be a priority with massive investment already taking place with park and ride facility at Stourton and new bus lanes into Leeds clear for all to see.

As Manny has already highlighted in Leeds the transport councillors and officers are still very much anti-motorcycle despite what they say in the transport strategy.

My issue is we already know that what happens in Leeds with them being the main funder of the combined authority, will usually roll out across the whole of west Yorkshire.

Wakefield have already talked about park and ride for this district and I believe will move towards if not banning then will price out all other forms of transport (as in London) so watch out for any consultations or statements regarding clean air zones in Wakefield.

On that happy note RIDE FREE for all of you still with Motorcycles

Ian Whittaker

N.B. As I am no longer an active motorcyclist, I will no longer be standing for any Branch Officer roles

Review and closure of the 2020 Branch Accounts

Date	Notes	Petty Cash Balance	Bank Account Balance
01-Sep-20	Balance carried forward from last year	£26.44	£600.22
23-Dec-20	y/e closing balance	£32.50	£1,080.22

Checked and verbally verified by our two auditors, Ian Whittaker and Terry Scott, as a true and accurate reflection of the Branch financial accounts

Branch Officer elections for the rest of 2021

Branch Rep / Chairman	Steve Travis (Re-elected)
Deputy Rep / Secretary	Chas Milner (Re-elected)
Treasurer / Finance Officer	Martin Burgess (Re-elected)
Social Committee	Lorna Jaques, Sharon Scott (Re-elected)
Rideout Co-ordinator	Mick Culpan (Elected)
Products Officer	Steve Travis (Elected)
Political Officer	Vacant - to be covered by Branch Rep in the interim
Clubs Liaison Officer	Vacant
Auditor #1	Pete Taplin (Elected)
Auditor #2	Terry Scott (Re-elected)

Press Officer	Sharon Scott (Re-elected)
MAP Committee Rep(s)	Lorna Jaques / Steve Travis (Re-elected)
Fund Raising Officer	Chas Milner (Re-elected)

Date of Next AGM

The date of the next AGM was set for Tuesday 11th January 2022.