

Basingstoke MAG

18/11/2010

Rep Keith:

The MAG AGC will be held in Yorkshire at no cost to MAG Central funds.

Rocky is happy with this.

Full details will follow but it is more than likely going to be in Beverly.

Donations for the Christmas prizes in the last meeting of the month. The ride out to the kids home in Old Basing has been set for 18th Dec 2pm at The Royal Oak. See the flyer at end of minutes.

E-MAIL'S

In response to a query a raised by Colin at Basingstoke's meeting last night, here is the response that Steve Steadman (Reading MAG) got when he raised the same point. I hope this helps clarify the situation.

Red

Dear All,

Before Nich went away, we did look into this, after MAG Central was contacted by a current motorcyclist and lapsed MAG member who works for BBC Leeds, about this story on the 1st November. He advised that the Look North programme were looking for comments on their show that night.

However it was very quickly established that the group of Riders had nearly caused two accidents, where two joggers and a car driver driving in the opposite direction had to take evasive action to avoid being struck by members of the group, before the fatal collision occurred.

It also transpired that there was video of the group travelling at high speeds, in the lead up to the incident, recorded by the Riders themselves using helmet cameras. The computers were seized in the belief that video had been transferred on to them from the helmet cams.

The Police on the programme were quite balanced in that they said that "the vast majority of Bikers were well behaved and that they did not have an issue with group rideouts".

Nich followed up with the contact at BBC Leeds who alerted us in the first place, who confirmed all of the above, which is why Nich did not take it any further at the time.

For information on the story up to 2nd November, please follow this link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-11668870>

Kind regards,
Louisa.

I have just received this from Nich :o/ more compulsion me fears...

Here's a heads-up from the European Transport Safety Council newsletter 'Safety Monitor' issue 82.

I'm not clear whether this refers to carrying a hi-viz waistcoat on the bike in case of breakdown (as is the case with car drivers in many EU member states) or a proposal to require riders to always wear a hi-viz jacket when riding so I have cc'd FEMA for advice.

Nich

High-visibility vests for all motorcyclists?

Vice-President Kallas recently responded to MEP Jim Higgins on the EC possible plans to make it compulsory for motorists to carry high-visibility jackets at all times, given that this is already compulsory in many EU Member States. The Commission would consider the issue of high visibility clothing for vulnerable users and the appropriateness of a European initiative on it, in the work programme to be established for the implementation of its Policy Orientations.

A.O.B

Keith: Need to sell tickets for MAG raffle £1 per ticket.

RED: Colin is doing a write up on small MAG friendly business in our local area for the Road. He will be doing it on Nick Robinson.

Sammy: Found this web site which may be a help to some one.
www.fixmystreet.com

Keith: Money in on 25th Nov for the presents for the children home.

Names to me if you coming to The Royal Oak for New Years Eve so I can get the tickets.

Meeting closed.



Basingstoke MAG Xmas Toy Run & Party Sat 18th Dec.



**Meet at the Royal Oak, 414 Worting rd RG22 5EA
@ 2pm for ride out to childrens home in
Old Basing @ 2.30pm**

**Evening Party
From 7.30pm at the Royal Oak
With live music by STRICKEN 22
Fundraising raffle, great prizes**



EVENTS:

November

27th November: Carole Nash Bike Show, NEC 27th November-5th December. £15

December

5th December: Reading Toy Run.

18th December: Basingstoke MAG. Christmas Children's Run and Evening Party at the Royal Oak.

2pm at The Royal Oak for the ride out to the children home in Old Basing. The party is from 7.30pm. The band is STRICKEN 22.

30th December: NO BASINGSTOKE MAG MEETING.

30th December: Basingstoke MAG Christmas Meal. 7.30pm at AM top of town. Names to Keith please so I can book the tables.

31ST December: NEW YEAR EVE at THE ROYAL OAK. Ticket for the night.

January 2011

6th January: The first Basingstoke MAG meeting of the new year.

15th January: Salisbury MAG, AGM. At The Village Pub in Salisbury.