

## Basingstoke M.A.G. Minutes

17/03/2011



### Rep Keith:

### Emails:

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Road safety information has been moved to three different places in line with government rules to move public information to Directgov.

#### **THINK! campaigns**

Visit [direct.gov.uk/think](http://direct.gov.uk/think) for THINK! campaign information including:

- THINK! road safety statistics and facts
- THINK! adverts and interactive road safety games partnership information



#### **Road safety advice**

Visit the new [road safety advice section of Directgov](#) for general road safety information including:

- drink driving limits
- advice on choosing and fitting child car seats
- penalties for using hand-held mobile phones whilst driving

#### **Road safety professionals**

Visit the new [road safety professional area](#) on the Department for Transport website for information and resources to support professionals in delivering road safety messages including:

- THINK! campaign strategies, key messages and recent campaign activity
- THINK! research including campaign evaluation
- information about using THINK! adverts and brand guidelines

#### **THINK! Education**

THINK! Education websites haven't changed

- [THINK! Education - Early years and Primary](#)
- [THINK! Education - Secondary](#)

#### **Other useful links:**

- [Read Minister for the Cabinet Office Francis Maudes' press release on plans for government websites](#)

### **The Pressure is mounting on the Government because of your support behind the Fair Fuel UK Campaign**

'There's now only 12 days to The Budget on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Our campaign has gone from strength to strength. We now have over 113,000 supporters on line with another 30,000 signed up on paper. With your help, we now have over 130 MPs 'signed up' and have hit the headlines across the media. Indeed, only a few days ago The Daily Express joined the Fuel Duty fight and is campaigning alongside FairFuelUK. Even the Chancellor himself is saying that he is 'listening'! All this has only been possible because of your support.

We know from experience that campaigns like ours must not let up. There are two very straightforward things we're asking you to do that will really keep the pressure up in Westminster in the run up to the Budget. Here goes....

1. Check up on our website pages just how much you are paying in fuel taxes. We often talk about how expensive fuel is, but we think you will be shocked when you see how much tax is actually in that cost. If you are a motorist (professional or public) you will find the information you need at <http://www.fairfueluk.com/documents/fueltax.html> . You can even download a fuel tax calculator and put in your MPG, Fuel cost, Mileage per year to see the massive tax you are paying. Its shocking. When you have an estimate of how much tax you are paying, we are asking you to drop a line to your MP explaining just how much it is costing you and setting out that you feel it has got out of proportion. Please remember that we are trying to get MPs behind us so letters and emails will be more effective if they are firm but polite. The bottom line is that MPs need to literally feel the weight of this issue in their mail boxes and in their in boxes. All MPs have the same postal address - **House of Commons Westminster LONDON SW1A 0AA**. Or you can email them. For help with the name of your MP or their email address please check our web site at [http://www.fairfueluk.com/is\\_your\\_mp\\_supporting.html](http://www.fairfueluk.com/is_your_mp_supporting.html) ..... In any letter or email, be sure to include your name and address so that your MP will be able to check that you are a constituent. Letters expressed in your own words will have a greater impact on your MP. Nevertheless, there is some suggested text at the bottom of this message to help you put a message together.
2. Even though there are only a 12 days to go to The Budget, we need more and more people behind us. Please, if you haven't done so already, send a short email to everyone in your contact box encouraging them to sign and spread the word. There is a sample email example below.

Thanks again for all your support. You are the reason why we are fighting this campaign...

**Very kind regards,**

**Peter Carroll, Quentin Wilson and the Fair Fuel UK Campaign**

### **Daytime lights**

A petition you may or may not like to sign:

The car drivers group continue to oppose this insanity which is what I think it is. We're talking daytime lights for cars here. This is the latest from them

Hello everybody,

Just to give you advance notice, the Driving Instructors Association will shortly be sending out a 2nd press release giving an up date on progress.

Since we launched the campaign fully on 31 January we have had an encouraging response and a lot of press coverage particularly on the web.

I thank each of you for your efforts to help promote Lightmare - we are getting such supportive feedback - may people affected by blinding lights though it was just them until they found so many others feel the same. Our vote rate has slowed recently and so to keep the impetus up an article will appear in Diesel Car by Sue Baker next week and Ken Perham having had a couple of local radio slots, is to feature with Howard Redwood in a BBC News film by Sangita Myska.

Please feel free to give us a further plug!

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Roy

PS Stop motorists blinding each other and killing vulnerable road users - please sign our petition at [www.lightmare.org](http://www.lightmare.org)

> Press Release

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> The Lightmare Campaign Progress Report

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> The LIGHTMARE campaign gathers pace. The petition which has been set

> up at [www.lightmare.org](http://www.lightmare.org) is showing 99.7% positive response to the

> action of asking the government to re-consider the use of Daytime

> Running Lights, and to amend the MOT regulations on the testing of the

> Bi-xenon headlight system to avoid excessive dazzle.

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> The general feeling from the respondents who have commented are such

> that the daylight running lights are distracting and also causing

> problems to the conspicuity of more vulnerable road users. On the

> subject of the headlights, comments from pedestrians have shown the  
> near misses that they have encountered from on-coming, dazzled  
> drivers, who have lost their bearings in the road. Some respondents  
> have also remarked that the intensity of the lights at night is  
> believed to have caused health problems, in particular, the cause of  
> Migraine headaches.  
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> There have been numerous comments in the social media about the  
> campaign and picked up by some influential reporters such as Sue  
> Baker, Dick Howl and Sangita Myska from the BBC. Representatives from  
> the DIA and LIGHTMARE have been requested to take part in a television  
> recording featuring the topic.  
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> Ken Perham from LIGHTMARE said, 'I never expected to get such a  
> positive response of this scale. I expected a 70/30 split in opinion.  
> This is the second voting campaign that I have been involved with on  
> this subject and both have produced a positive view in excess of 90%.'  
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> Howard Redwood from the DIA said, 'All of the SWOV, TOI and other  
> international research has tested the technology of the lights and the  
> benefit of their use to the driver behind the steering wheel. None of  
> this research shows the detrimental effect to the recipient who gets  
> the lights shone in their eyes. It is the human physiology which never  
> got researched until now.'  
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> For further information, and to sign the petition to re-consider the  
> use of daytime running lights, and to lobby the government to change  
> the MOT regulations on the testing of the Bi-xenon headlights system  
> to avoid excessive dazzle, visit: [www.lightmare.org](http://www.lightmare.org)

## **New policies:Roads Decluttering, Requests for New Road Signs**

FYI

This is to alert you to two new policies on SCC's website, [Decluttering Roads](#) and [Requests for New Road Signs](#)

Best wishes

Ann

Transport for Surrey Partnership

[tfspartnership@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:tfspartnership@surreycc.gov.uk)

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportforsurreypartnership>)

[Providing an integrated transport system for Surrey and a better service to Surrey residents and businesses through:](#)

[\\* coordination](#)

[\\* partnership working](#)

[\\* reducing duplication](#)

[\\* tackling congestion and damage to the environment and improving access and safety, innovatively](#)

## **Paddy MAG Update Westminster Parking charge appeal**

Day 2, the final day of the Appeal Court Hearing into the Westminster City Council parking farce, has drawn to a close.

A well presented case was delivered by QC Philip Coppel and the 3 judges have retired to deliberate.

By all accounts, it will be 6 weeks before the outcome is known, but we will bring you more detail of the case in the next couple of days.

There are many National bike parking issues hanging in the balance with this case, as precedents set in Westminster can be used by other councils.

For more background on the case, see [www.notobikeparkingtax.com](http://www.notobikeparkingtax.com)

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Kind regards

Paddy Tyson

## Another Update Poster from the 'Ready to Ride' Team

Hi Everyone again

Hope your weekend's going well and if you're reading this on Monday or Tuesday, hope you've all had a great weekend. In this mailing we have included not one but four update posters for you. Each poster represents a quality exhibitor who will be attending 'Ready to Ride' . Some are old friends some are new friends, but like the first few update posters we have sent out they will all contribute in making this event a great day for all motorcyclists. You can spend the whole day with us if you want but if you're on a ride-out that day why not include us in your journey and pop in and see us for a look around and some refreshments before moving on, whatever you decide to do it will be great to see you. Early next week we'll post another four update posters for you.

Regards

The 'Ready to Ride' Team

A.O.B.

**Colin:** Has put an advert on the HCC web page.  
E-mailed Surrey Harley-Davidson and South East Biker.

**Keith:** **NEXT WEEK IS THE BASINGSTOKE MAG AGM.** 8pm at The Royal Oak.

## 2011 Events

### March:

**Basingstoke MAG 2011 AGM.** 24<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm at the Royal Oak.

### April:

**South West Peninsula Spring Rally.** 2<sup>nd</sup> April Bridgwater Somerset [www.somersetadvancedmotorcyclists.org.uk](http://www.somersetadvancedmotorcyclists.org.uk)

**Salisbury MAG** bike show is on 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Shoosmith Easter** ride out to Saxon Wood School and St Michaels Hospice. 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Southampton MAG** bike show is on 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Basingstoke MAG** ride out to Haslemere Fire Station Bike Show then down to Southampton Bike Show. LEAVE THE ROYAL OAK AT 9.30AM.

**BASINGSTOKE MAG Easter party at the Royal Oak.** 16<sup>th</sup> Aril. 8pm. Band is called RIPSLLIDE.

**Barkshire Egg Run.** 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Meet noon at Norcot Rd Ind Estate ride to Reading Abbey Rugby Club.

**Reading MAG** Easter bike show is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. at Reading Abbey Rugby Club.

### May.

**Basingstoke Festival of Transport, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** at The War Memorial Park.

**NABD Rally.** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May. Cheshire.

**Basingstoke MAG** ride out to Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth. 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Winchester MAG.** 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May Bike show.

**Sun Flower Motorcycle Run** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Ivel Barbarians Rugby Club Somerset

**Clay Pigeon Shooting.** 29<sup>th</sup> May. 10am-2pm about £35 £10 deposit end of March.

### June:

**The Farm Yard Party,** 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June. Pre book £25 otg £35.

**Basingstoke MAG 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Bike Show.** 18<sup>th</sup> June. At the small car park by The Royal Oak.

**Lion Rally.** 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June. Reading.

**3Bs Rally.** 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June. Bordon.

### July:

**Andycap Rally.** 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July At Wells, Somerset.

**South West Bike Day.** 15<sup>th</sup> July. At Wells, Somerset.

### August:

**The Bull Dog Bash.** 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Popham Bike Show.** 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### September:

**Rog and Lyn Charity Run:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## 2012.

**Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM.** 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.

