

## Basingstoke M.A.G.

### Minutes

31/03/2011



#### Rep Keith:

Apologies: Little Red and Dave.

#### E-mails:

#### Ready to Ride:

Hi Everyone

Hope you're all well and enjoying this magnificent weather we're experiencing at the moment, let's hope it goes on all over the weekend and well into next week at least. We've all had a very busy time at the fire station this week, the 'Ride it Right' team are all operational firefighters and organising 'Ready to Ride' is only one of many responsibilities/duties we have to carry out during the course of our normal working day. The 'Ready to Ride' team forms half of the road safety team at Haslemere, the other half of the team work on a number of very important awareness raising campaigns mainly aimed at young/first time drivers and school children. One of these is called the 'Road User Awareness Day' where together with the police and ambulance service we spend one day each year at five different local schools where students in the 16-17 year age group listen to a presentation about the consequences of not paying attention while driving a car due to driver distraction, loud music, peer pressure etc, this is reinforced by a very moving but 'to the point' film that covers the reconstruction of a car accident involving a group of students on their last day of term. This is then followed by the students joining us on the playground in a simulated road traffic collision where they are divided up into groups and assist the police the ambulance service and ourselves in resolving the accident by role playing what the three different emergency services would do at the scene of an accident.

At the end of the day the three emergency services actually put on a display of attending a road traffic collision and cut a 'pretend' trapped person out of a car, lifting them onto a 'long board' and getting them into the ambulance in as short as time as possible. The presentation and the 'hands-on' role playing does leave a very important message with these students and is one that is very worthwhile doing, but is one that does take an immense amount of organising. This is not the only project going on at Haslemere though and the others are as equally important, there's Arson Reduction and the unoccupied buildings register, there's 'Home Fire Safety Visits', where we come into your home and install smoke alarms if you don't have them and offer you fire safety advice, our target for Haslemere is to complete 330 of these visits this year alone. If you come along to 'Ready to Ride' and you would like one just ask one of us, it doesn't matter where you live (well within reason but Libya is definitely out). Then we have the team that organise exercises (not sit-ups and press-ups) these take the form of mock road traffic collisions or chemical spills etc, and we have a team that collects information on all commercial property risks and all the chemicals they use and store and the processes that happen on their premises, and a 'Wildfires' team which is all to do with preventing fires from starting in the countryside and what to do if they did. This team also organise the 'Wildfire Awareness Day' which this year will take place on Saturday 28th May from 10am - 4pm at the Devils Punch Bowl in Hindhead, Surrey, the day will include, fire service vehicles, rescued wild animals, bush craft demonstrations, guided walks etc (for more info on that or if you have some countryside related activity or service you might like to exhibit give Mark or Spencer a call at the station on 01428 643991)

Now to the purpose of this e-mail, four more update posters for you about motorcycles, and yet again another four quality exhibitors for you.

Have a really good weekend.

Regards

The 'Ready to Ride' Team

#### Daytime lights

IF anyone want to sign the petition launched by the Drivers against daytime running lights it is here

The more opposition to this insanity that there is the better in my view

<http://www.petition.co.uk/blinding-vehicle-lights-or-lightmare>

**EU Parliament article following the publichearing:**

FYI,

\*From:\*Aline Delhaye [<mailto:general.secretary@fema-online.eu>]

\*Sent:\* lundi 28 mars 2011 13:01

> Dear Mr Van de CAMP,

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> Cc Maria-Cristina Marolda, EC/DGMOVE policy officer in charge of  
> vulnerable road users

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> I have been made aware by several of my members of the following text  
> from the EP:

> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?language=EN&type=IM-PRES>

> S&reference=20110321STO15987

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> SS&reference=20110321STO15987> The text was produced by the EU

> Parliament press office after the public hearing last week.

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> The second sentence "/They are dangerous and they pollute but because  
> of their many advantages to riders, especially in urban environments,  
> the number of motorcycles on European roads has increased by more than

> 34% over the past 10 years/". Not only is the statement totally false,

> but it is biasing the debate and destroying years of hard work to get  
> rid of prejudices towards motorcycling in order to improve motorcycle  
> safety. We cannot let this being circulated around!

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> I am sure you understand my concern and will do everything possible to

> make this sentence changed.

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> Should I be of any help to you (FEMA can produce a PR if necessary),  
> do not hesitate to get back to me.

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> Kind regards,

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> Aline

I had hoped this week to revel with you all in the out-of-court settlement of a staggering £600,000 paid by WCC to Mouchel to avoid exposing the corruption surrounding the re-awarding of the parking enforcement contract to NSL Ltd, thereby adding further credence to our latest submission to the EU Commission seeking their intervention where the Met Police refused to go.

I had also hoped to revel with you all in a delightful message received this week that re-enforces my belief that, whilst dissenters may be most vocal, it doesn't mean that support is non-existent by not being equally vocal. The message simply said:-

*“Guys, I just wanted to say I truly admire your stamina and dedication in keeping this campaign going. I'm a biker and I work in Westminster. I was truly incensed by the charges, but I have to admit as time has passed Westminster Council's ability to drag their feet over this, has waned my spirit and resolve. The demo's do inconvenience me, but I admire your tenacity. If people are really annoyed by the demo's I hope they direct their anger towards Westminster Council, and not No to Bike Parking Tax. Regards,”*

Unfortunately though, despite personally staring down the barrel of a gun with regards my, and my young family's future financial security, and with a proven track record of seeing through exactly what we promised in waging a very direct campaign of disclosure & highly publicised legal challenges, I find my own integrity, and that of my committee members being publicly attacked via innuendo and unsupported conjecture by self-stated “ex” members of NTBPT, for which absolutely no-one close to us or them has been able to provide any credible motivation.

For the sake of our loyal members & the committee, I feel it only right & proper to set the record straight and expose these rumours for what they are. Hence this will take precedence, because I'll be damned if I'm going to let unsubstantiated accusations undermine the quality & quantity of work given by so many of you voluntarily to this superb campaign.

It would appear that the main thrust of the smear is the suggestion of financial impropriety based on nothing more than the non-publication of the accounts, which, to our accusers' minds clearly implies that illegitimate disbursements have been made from the fund.

In direct response, I can categorically assure everyone that this is utterly without foundation. The accounts when prepared & published will show that in the whole 2 years of this campaign there have only ever 6 recipients of any money from the fund:-

- 1) Mr Oliver Mishcon - £1150, our first Barrister from Essex Court Chambers
- 2) Mr Neil Peakall - £300, Legal Executive, who successfully defended a claim by our original lawyers, Lawson-Cruttenden who reneged on the agreed pro bono arrangement by charging £3,500 and tried to sue for it.
- 3) Bates Wells & Braithwaite £31,954-47, second lawyers & their instructed Barristers from Brick Court Chambers
- 4) Khakhar & Co – to date £46,112-50, our current lawyers & their instructed Barristers from 4-5 Grays Inn Chambers
- 5) Eurotunnel £1,640 – 70 riders at £22 for which Fund received 70 x £25, gaining £210
- 6) 1-Stop Instruction £1,870 – reimbursement of funds to Shoeshine for last print runs of bibs (100 x £6.10 ea – revenue generated 100 x £10 – gain £390) & buffs (300 x £4.20 ea – revenue generated so far 163 x £10 – gain so far £370)

I invite you all to draw your own conclusions as to any impropriety.

A full explanation and response to other allegations may be found by [clicking here](#), so if you would rather not read on please feel free not to. The points addressed there, however, mark the end of this matter as far as I am concerned, bar the full accounts being published once the names of those who wished to remain anonymous when donating have been removed.

Warren

A.O.B.

**Miller:** Sorry about all the emails about facebook.  
Has anyone got ideas for any MAG group activities.

**Colin:** Still waiting back from Motorcycle Monthly.

### 2011 Events

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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 RIPSLIDE.**

**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.





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