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HARDLEY News



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Moggys Bits

So this months mag is a Cider Rally special as we had so many photos and comments thought we would just share them with you all, you've probably seen them on Facebook etc but hey ho lets put them all in one place.

This year was mine and Barry's 25th Cider Rally, missing 2 when lockdown was upon us, I've also been to many European Rallies and to be honest I think this year we are up there with the best of the best, and we totally smashed it, and looking at the comments of the folk that attended they seem to agree with us. There was a buzz from when we arrived on Thursday until we left Monday, so all my sleepless nights thinking we had forgotten something defo paid off, and there were many of them.

As most of you are aware this Rally does not happen over night, a couple months after the Rally once we have all recovered we start again organising for the next year, I do not do this on my own, we have an amazing committee, and Road crew that make this Rally the best it can be, and not forgetting all the volunteers and helpers that gave their time over the weekend to help us along the way, if it wasn't for you all this would not be as great as it, then to each and everyone of you that support your Chapter and attend the Rally, again without you guys this would not happen, I know we are not the biggest Chapter by any means but I truly believe that we are the best at what we do and I am so proud to be part of Bridgwater Chapter, I still love it now as I did when I first joined in 1996, and I hope you all do to, we have some amazing members that go out of their way to make Bridgwater Chapter what it is today so again I would like to thank you all for that.

Think you will all agree that the rides and parade were perfection, a lot of hard work goes into these with a lot of work done in everyone's spare time, so thankyou to everyone that helped on the rides and the parade you are all amazing.

Thanks to those of you that sent me write ups and photos and hope i managed to capture photos of you all, but as so many of us there really sorry if you cant find one of yourself. so once again thank you for been part of an amazing Chapter and heres to next years Rally

So I am now handing over the Magazine to the lovely Jo Daggar, so please send her any articles, stories, information you think other members may like to read, send to editor@bridgwaterhog.co.uk

Thanks to everyone that had sent me bits and bobs previously.



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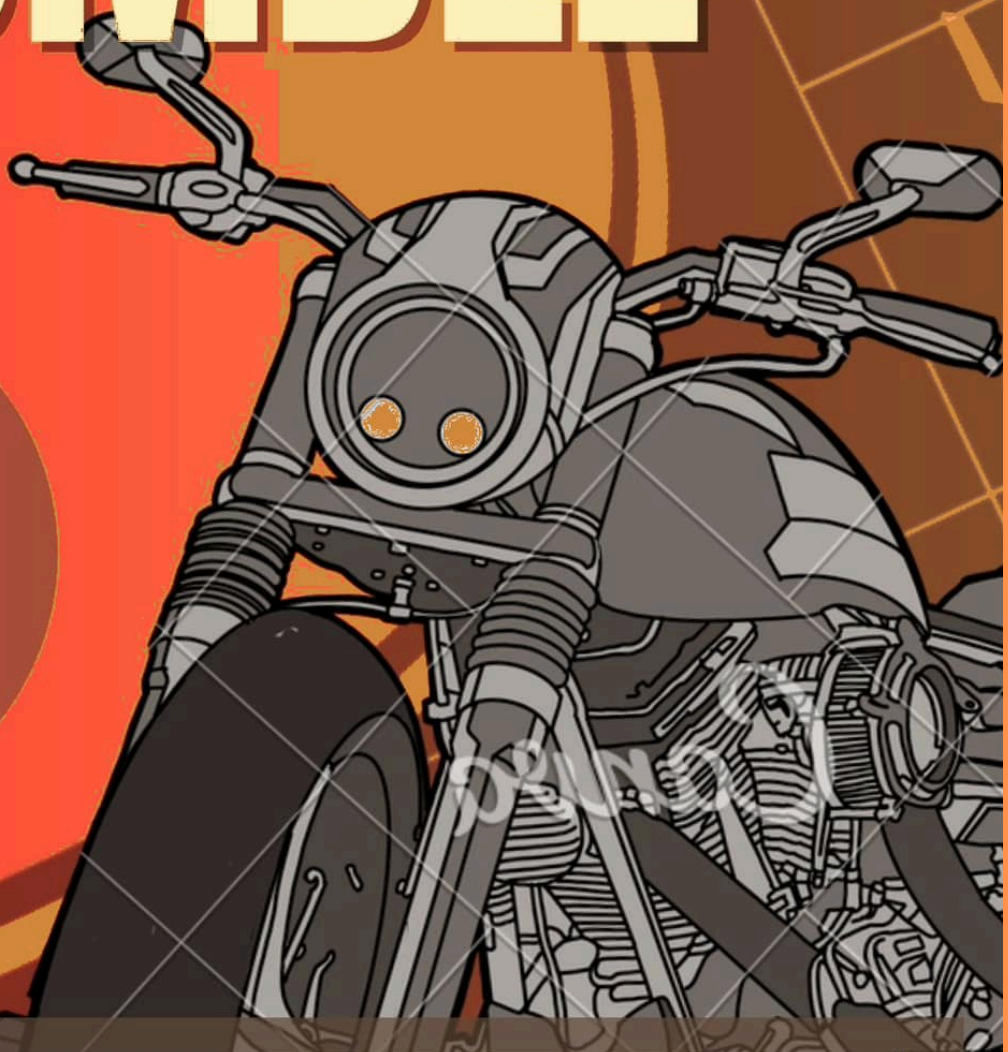

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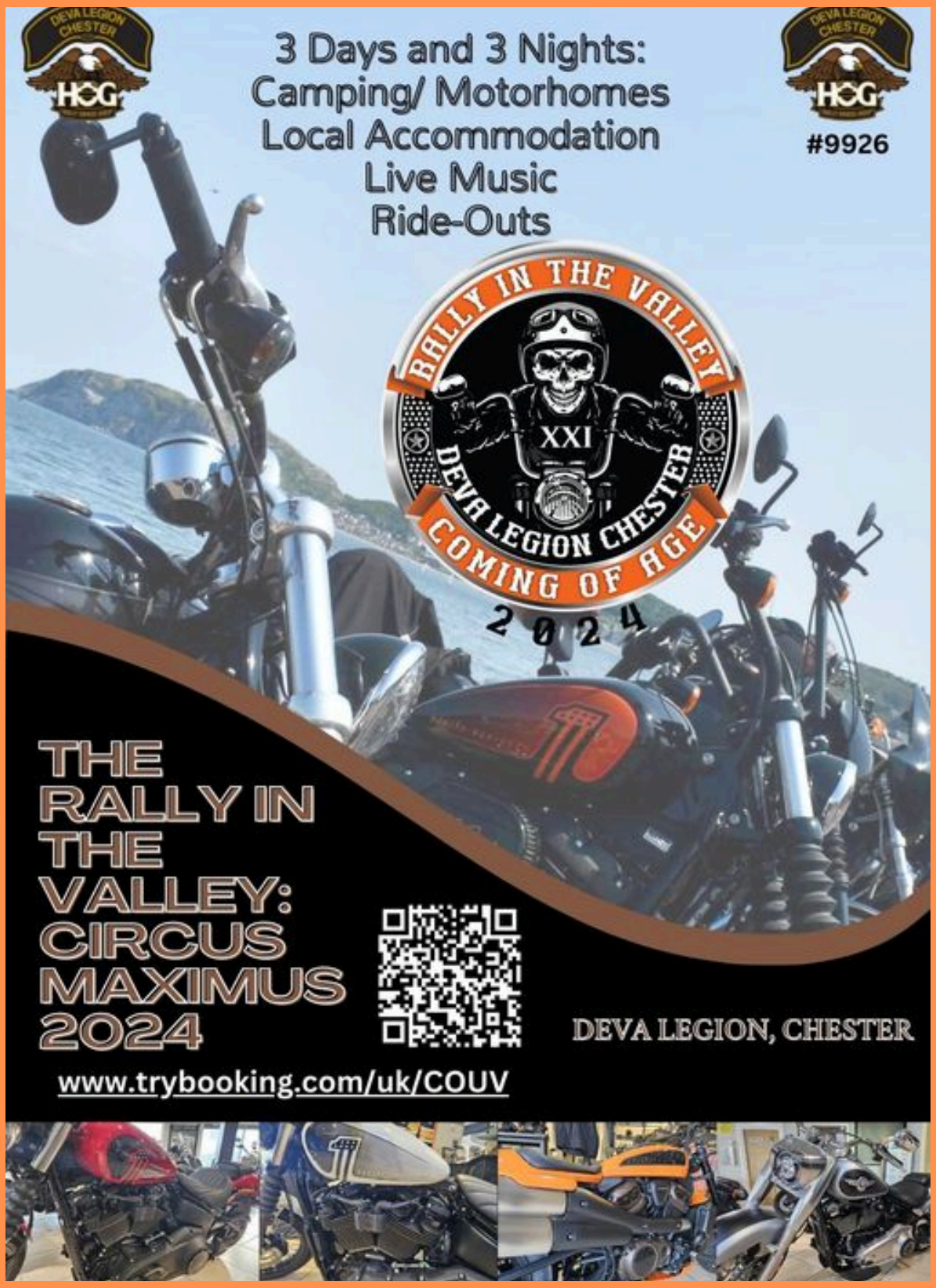

We are attending the above two Rallies as a group, so if you fancy joining us let me know and il give you all the details



Go to their Website and book ya space, put you are with the Harley Group.

Cider Rally 2024

Head Rd Captain Report

The Cider Rally passed off as a great success setting us on a positive footing for the year.

And what a Cider Rally it was!!!

I would like to start by expressing my sincere gratitude to everyone on the Road Crew, and beyond, who mucked in and leant a hand over the course of the weekend.

Thursday night saw a group of us gathered laying the groundwork for what was to come. There's so much we can't do until the Punters leave on the Friday, but at the same time there is so much we did get done to make preparations for the following days - Vans were unloaded and boxes unpacked and stored ready for the chaos that was Friday! Furniture was moved and preparations were full on!

The Saturday the rides went out, we tried a new system for lining up the rides and, with a little modification on the fly, it went like a dream. All rides were well supported and a massive success. The prize for the most riders goes to Mr Chris Hembrow and Crew for the Lyme Regis ride, closely followed by the LOH ride, but as I say all rides were well supported so again huge thanks to Mike and Crew , Moggy and Crew, and Clive, Jo and Crew.

The weather on Saturday was blistering hot and this added to the thrill and enjoyment of all the rides – feedback from other chapters has been amazing so you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Sunday Dawned bright-ish!!! Today was the big day for the Road Crew! Parade day! Again, we lined up the ride slightly differently, in an attempt to maintain access to the site and to allow the ride to flow out without interruption.

This worked a treat and at 10:45 the marshals were lined up in order and rolled up the drive and out onto the road to be dropped in the pre-arranged and rehearsed slots ... perfection again. Mike Akehurst took the marshals out and placed them with precision in the slots we had identified.

10 minutes or so later, myself – Moggy and Paul and Bev Bailey started the main body of the ride rolling with the parade of flags behind us with Chris Hembrow simultaneously starting the main pack moving from the back carpark. It was quite a sight as we turned onto the sea front and made our way into Weston Super mare

We took a lovely slow ride through town and down to Burnham on Sea – the weather got some of us with drizzle coming in as we crossed Edithmead roundabout, but it mattered not one jot!!!

As we approached Burnham the two trikes, with Shirley and Yorkie piloting, joined the front of the ride with the Mayor and the Town Crier aboard to lead us down the High Street onto the Esplanade !!! What a sight and what a sound.

Massive success all round with particular thanks going to John Alexander for all his help liaising with the local authorities and officialdom! Top work John!

After the parade Jo and I raced home to drop the bikes off and pick the car up so that we could pick Saffy the Staffy up on the way home on Monday, but we were soon back on site and relaxing with a few ciders to round off the weekend!

Phew, that's all done then – guess we best start trying to top that for next year!!!!

Kev

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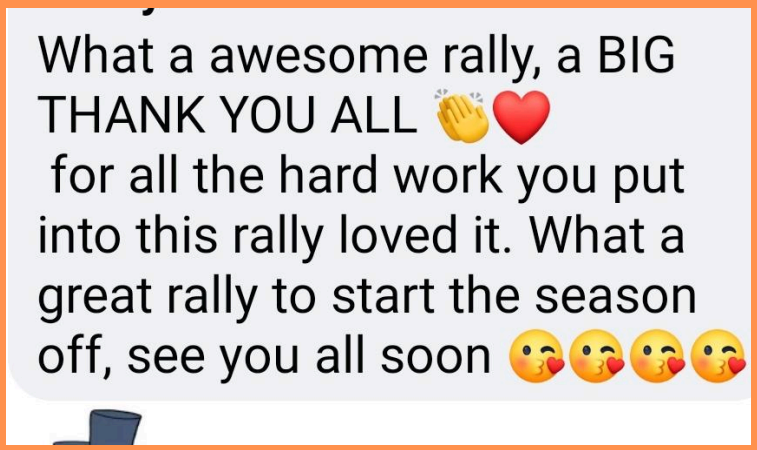
Comments from the Cider rally

Wow what a rally , over 60 Mancs set of in 5 Groups between Thursday & Friday heading various routes to Sandbay , myself & 7 Ex Hatters stayed the night in Ross on Wye doing what Hatters do, taking in a large amount of Refreshments during the night , Friday Am we headed over to Sandbay Arriving around 11.30am , from the minute we arrived it was easy to see the whole Bridgewater team had a brilliant buzz about them, all with big smiley faces & lots of laughs between them, doing the set up, the room was looking stunning.

Moggy was her usual bubbly self well Bazza was sorting the main Desk out like the General he is .

Once the night started it was none stop laughter plenty of beer & brilliant Bands all weekend . On top of that ,the Ride outs were outstanding ,led to perfection by the Bridgewater Road Crew with a little help from Manc Lisa 😂. In my opinion this was the best Cider Rally for years ,keep up the hard work everyone .Moggy you are a true Leader ❤️, see you all in 2025 from From Deano and all at the Mancunium Chapter







Karen Melhuish

Gill Mogg I just want to say a big thank you to you and all the very hard working people in Bridgewater Chapter ....you all are bloody amazing people xx 😘 big hugs xx

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Shaun Hutter

First rally under the belt, goes with out saying it was way past my expectations, the work what Jill and the team put in is incredible, I was told more than once from other chapter members that the cider rally is the best one by far,here's to many more. Thank you all. 👏👏👏👏👏



Penny Weeks

Gill Mogg it certainly was, the whole weekend was fab. Some of the best bands at a rally ever. Thanks for a brilliant rally xx

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Amazing weekend away. Started with a trip to Diddly Squat Farm, then an overnight stay in Clevedon. We then headed to Sand Bay Weston Super Mare for the Bridgewater Chapter Cider Rally which was one of the best. (Our first one and won't be our last). Well done to all the Bridgwater Chapter. Fantastic ride outs and amazing entertainment.



Bridgwater HOG

Alan Smoggy Hudson · 4 h ·

Home safe and sound, not to wet, a massive shout out to Gill Mogg and all involved at Bridgwater HOG for another cracking Rally, you guys really Rock 👏👍😀👌 until next time peeps 😀💋💋💋

Garry Foster

Absolutely nailed it with the entertainment
Especially Sunday
3 brilliant acts
What a show !

Trish Easton

Thank you for an awesome weekend Gill, all the work that went into organising it is phenomenal. The bands were brilliant 👏🧡🖤 xx

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Bridgwater Chapter HOG rocks! Fabulous rally, well organised and perfectly executed, great team work... inspirational.

Trish Gillespie
Fantastic weekend **Gill** hats off again to you, your road & rally crew & everyone else who has made it happen! Well done you should be so proud 🥰 🎉 xx

Mo Smith
Best Rally ever. Thanks moggy and her team for making me feel so welcome every year. xxx

Shirley Dodd
Thank you Moggy and all your team for putting on another fabulous rally. All your hard work is so much appreciated 👍🤘🏍️🏍️🏍️ xx

Martine Braem
Thank you for the wonderful cider rally 2024.
Congratulations to you and the entire team of the organization. After a long day of driving in the rain we arrived this evening safe en well home. We look back on a fantastic stay and enjoyed it. See you next year. (Amica chapter Belgium)

Nick Bone
One of the best I've been to. thank you to all involved. A 3 day 70th birthday party for me. The bands were brilliant




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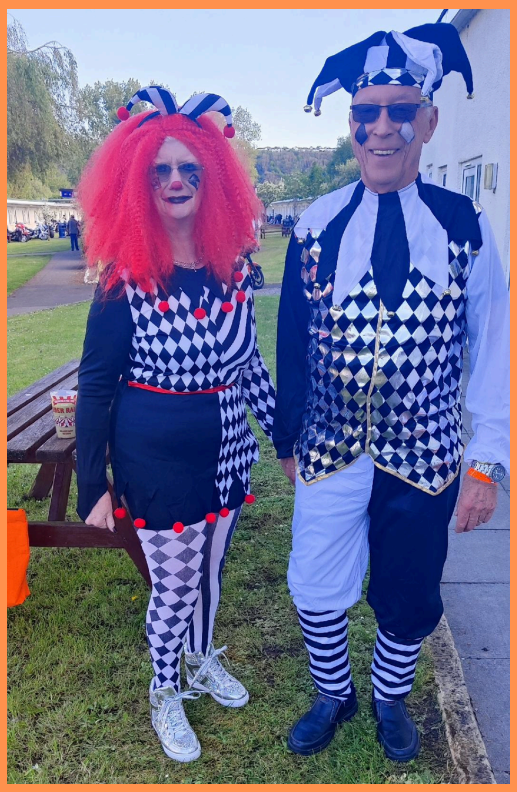






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First Impression of the Cider Rally

As new members we only joined a few months ago and had only been on one ride out, so weren't sure what to expect. We'd heard a lot of great stories about the legendary Cider Rally but to be fair the stories didn't do it justice! From when we got there to when we left (a little more jaded than when we arrived!) it was fantastic.

We turned up on Friday night, dropped our gear and followed the music! The party starts soon as you're on site and everyone was really friendly, introducing themselves and making us feel right at home. The bands and DJ were great and there was plenty of dancing, great trade stalls for a bit of retail therapy and tattoo artists for the obligatory Cider Rally tattoo! Having all your food included and everything in one place is very handy with a hangover!

As new members we would say get to a Rally and just jump in with the group as everyone made us feel so welcome. The whole event is well organised, you can't fault it - a massive thank you to all involved in the event, the ride outs and also the Pontins staff who were great, checking bikes and keeping us hydrated!

The highlight for us was the Sunday ride to Burnham. So much more than we expected, being part of something so big and loud. It was amazing riding down in a group of over 200 bikes! Like thunder coming down the road, the whole route lined with people taking pictures and waving. Such an electric atmosphere and a real privilege to be part of.

We know we're biased but we think the Cider Rally is the best and Bridgwater Chapter Rocks!



Tamsyn and Darrell xx





The Greatest Show - Cider Rally 2024

As Cider Rally newbies neither Mark or I knew what to expect but we were not disappointed.

Our Cider Rally started on Thursday night when we arrived at Sand Bay to help with preparations for the weekend ahead. This gave us both an insight into the sheer amount of hard work and organisation the Chapter members put into the event. We went home in anticipation of what was to come.

Friday arrived and we packed up the car after seeking advice from rally veterans as to what we would need to make the weekend successful and we quickly realised we wouldn't get it all on the motorbike and made our way to Pontins separately.

We checked in and collected our t-shirts and bags and the all important Cider Rally cup which accompanied us all weekend and made our way to our chalet.

When we walked into the main hall later that evening to meet up with our Chapter friends we were amazed by the sheer volume of like minded people who were enjoying the live music and having a good time.

On Saturday morning, after a very late night, we eventually made it to breakfast to fuel up ready for one of the five planned ride outs. We chose to ride to Oakham Treasures, Portbury which was brilliantly led by Mike Akehurst. The weather was kind and the ride there and back was enjoyable. We made it back to Sand Bay in time for the Ladies of Harley Pink Bingo and who can forget the fabulous Cheddar Gorgeous (aka Dave Kepple) bingo caller.

It was then time to get ready for Saturday night which was theme night. Now, ever since we said we were going to the rally our Chapter friends have been teasing us regarding our initiation as newbies, so you will forgive us when we say that we were convinced we would be the only ones in fancy dress. How wrong we were, what an effort everyone made from clowns, to ringmaster to lions and strongmen. A fabulous evening with more great live music. Sadly we didn't make it to the 3am club!

Parade day arrived on Sunday morning and not even the cloudy weather could put us off of taking part in this magnificent ride from Sand Bay to Burnham-on-Sea. We were advised by Kev and Chris to join the parade a quarter of the way from the front to get the best view of the ride and bikes taking part and boy were they right. Both of us were in awe of the amount of people lining the route waving and filming us all the whole way. Even the slightly damp weather on the way back didn't spoil our enjoyment and enthusiasm.

Sunday night was bittersweet as we knew it was our last night. We joined all our new friends in the main hall for one last night of entertainment and camaraderie.

Monday morning arrived and it was all over. We packed up, had breakfast, said goodbye to old friends and new ones and made our way home down the M5.

All we can say to anyone who has never been to the Cider Rally is what are you waiting for. Make sure you go next year. The live music and entertainment all weekend was second to none. We have made lots of new friends had a fabulous time and can't wait to do it all again in 2025.

Once again, huge thanks and appreciation for all the hard work that it has taken to put on the Greatest Show.






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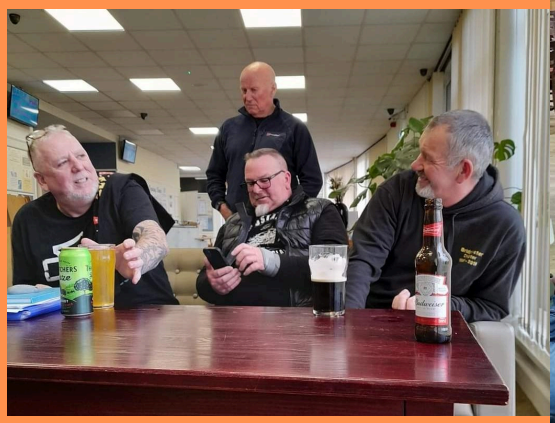


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Thank you!