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BRIDGWATER HOG
SEPTEMBER 2024

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Every month, Bridgwater Chapter committee meets to discuss how to improve the Chapter.

The committee serves the membership so if you have ideas for an event, activity, ride or simply a way to attract new members, then we want your input.

So, what else should we be considering? If you have concerns or complaints please contact a committee member directly, it will be addressed.

**Let's keep this as a forum for positive suggestions please.
Bridgwater Chapter Committee**

Moggy's Bits

What a great month we all had! A few great club rides have been very well attended, which is brilliant to see. I really think that the set weekends help, as everyone knows the dates, times and location.

Then we had the Chapters 35th Anniversary Celebration day, starting off with the Chapter Bake Off. We had some amazing creations, and all tasted so good, but the two winners that snatched the prizes were Chris Early and Sue Parkes, so a huuuuuge well done to you both and thanks to everyone that made the effort to bake something. We're thinking about a Chilli or Curry Off during the winter



months, so watch this space, but if anyone else has any other ideas please let us know. We also made an 80yr old man's 'wish come true' by giving him a ride on a Harley. He did not have a clue this was happening and thought he was going Axe throwing! His family told us that it was one of the best days of his life, so how cool is it that we can do this and make wishes come true. Huge thanks to Shirley and Bernie for supplying and riding the trike, and to Ali Fay for riding with Shirley. Thanks to everyone else that showed up to support the day's events.

During the evening, we had the party at the Admirals Landing, with just over 60 of us attending, which was a brilliant turn out. Our very own Mark Godfrey kept us entertained and got us all up dancing with his amazing singing. He did a grand job, so we definitely think we should have another night where Mark can sing for us. It was great to see so many of our further away members, so thank you for making the effort to come and celebrate with us.

All in all, we had a brilliant day celebrating 35 years as a Chapter! Here's to many more years of shared experiences, lasting friendships, and unforgettable memories.

Moggy's Bits Cont...

The Entertainment Itinerary...

Thursday

Through the day - Stalls are Open

7pm - Disco

8pm - Koo Ka Choo 70s Glam Rock

Fancy Dress a must... with prizes!

Friday Night Raffle!



Friday

Through the day - Stalls are Open

4.30pm - LoH Stars & Stripes Event

More Fancy Dress needed!

7pm - Disco

8pm - Rock of Ages



Saturday

Through the day - Stalls are Open

2pm to 5pm - Custom Bike Show

4pm to 6pm - Caricaturist & HOGPOD Live!

7pm - Disco

8pm - The Swillers

The 'BIG' Raffle



Sunday 8.30am to 10am

Grab some breakfast and sober up...

Tidy up your 'stuff' and get outta there...

Safe journey home - see you in 2025!

For those of you going to Llangollen Rally, the T-shirts will be ready to be collected at Riders Friday 30th August. I'll be there about 11am so, if you are about, come down for coffee. If you can't make it, Patsy has offered to take them in the car, so these can be collected when we get to the site. For those staying at the Hostel: We'll be whipping up bacon rolls each morning, so once we arrive, we'll all chip in a few quid each – Bob's your Uncle! If you'd rather not, that's totally fine too, but since we've got full use of the kitchen, it'd be a shame not to take advantage of it. Looking forward to some great mornings together!

There will also be a cocktail party at the Motorhome area Saturday afternoon about 3.30pm, but the exact area will be decided once we get there so we'll let you all know. Kev has put on an event for the trip up, for those who are riding. Thursday evening is optional Glam Rock fancy dress, if you fancy it; Friday afternoon is the LOH get together with Stars and Stripes theme. I have all the Teeny head popper things, and temporary tattoos, which will be a £1 each. Then Saturday afternoon/evening we'll wear our orange t shirts. We think there are around 44 of us going from the Chapter so, with lots to look forward to, here's to a fabulous weekend!

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Moggy's Bits Cont...

Cider Rally tickets are expected to go on sale during the second week of September, so keep an eye out to secure your spot. Tickets and accommodation bookings will be handled through Try Booking. The form can be a bit tricky, so take your time and read it carefully. Once Gina receives confirmation of your booking, she'll send you a reference number. You can then call Sand Bay to pay your deposit, with the remaining balance due 6-8 weeks before the event. If you attended last year and want the same room, just message Gina, and she'll do her best to accommodate you. The theme for next year is "Mexican Fiesta," and we're thinking our Chapter could go with a 'Day of the Dead' fancy dress theme. Of course, if that's not your style, feel free to choose your own costume! We just think it would be fun to coordinate as a Chapter. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give us a shout.



Winter Ball tickets for Saturday, 1st February are still available but selling out quickly! If you'd like to join us for this unmissable event, visit the shop at www.bridgwaterhog.co.uk to secure your spot. As hosts, we'd love to see as much support as possible from our members, so don't miss out!

2025 Committee Positions

The time has come to say who is standing again on the committee for 2025, so for anyone that does not know how it works here is the process of how the officers get nominated.

All Primary Officers: Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, and Secretary effectively stand down, but are then reappointed by the Dealer Principle. Although Riders of Bridgwater is no longer a Harley dealer, Bristol still is, which makes Phil Jessop our Dealer Principle. **All the Secondary Officer's positions**, listed below, become vacant so that anyone can apply for them. All the current committee members are standing again.

Moggy's Bits Cont...

- Webmaster / Social
- Membership Secretary
- Merchandise
- Editor
- Photographer
- Ladies of Harley
- Head Road Captain
- Safety Officer/Assistant Head Road Captain (this will now be a committee position going forward)

New Members Reps, Committee Helpers, and Road Crew: These roles aren't official committee positions, but we greatly appreciate the valuable support these individuals provide to our committee members.

We are also adding another non-committee role for this year, **Activities Officer**. They will be expected to arrange events outside of riding, especially over the Winter, such as skittles, Sunday Carvery's, meals out etc. If anyone has any questions about this role, please contact me.

If you would like to apply for any of these secondary or non-committee positions mentioned above, then you will need to let me know by 20th September. Ideally, you would of have been in the club for a year. All nominees will be reviewed at a committee meeting and discussed with Riders, as they do have a say who represents them on the committee. If more than 1 person goes for any of these positions, you will then need to submit a write up for the October magazine, telling other members what you can bring to the Chapter. There will then be an anonymous vote at the AGM in October.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want anything explained with regards to any of the above, please give me a shout.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next quarterly meeting. Please note this date has been moved to Saturday 21st September at 12pm but will remain at 37 Club. Keep your eye on the event in Facebook for food order requests

Moggy xx

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Editor's Highlights

Hello everyone,

It looks like we've kept up our enthusiasm for summer biking, packing in as much as we could once again this August!

We had 3 fantastic club rides courtesy of Jim, Ryan and Jason (and their crew), a Saturday ride for Cream Tea's with Moggy, and the Wednesday Wanderers did their 'thang' too! We have one more month of official rides, so let's hope for an Indian Summer and continue to see great turnouts, keeping our Road Captains and their crew delighted!

The Chapter Bake Off was a resounding success, with plenty of cakes sold for our nominated charities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this fundraiser a success and congratulations to our Bake Off winners!

Following that, we celebrated our clubs 35th Anniversary at the Admirals Landing Pub, where everyone enjoyed a boogie and our very own star, Mark Godfrey, entertained us with his singing.

The amount of donations collected throughout the day and evening for our nominated charities, totalled a fabulous **£304.10** so well done everyone and thank you. 

In addition to riding, we had our monthly meeting where our Head Road Captain presented Jim Nutland with his Road Captain certificate and CJ won the jackpot, so congratulations to both!

You too can be in with a chance of winning some prizes, so pop along to our quarterly meeting which will be held at the **37 Club** at 12pm on Saturday 21st September. We always look forward to seeing you!

Take care
Jo xx

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Head Road Captain's Thoughts...

Well! August was fun!!! We had some excellent and well attended rides and the Wednesday crew have been busy eating their way round the cafes of Devon and Somerset!

Saturdays 35th Anniversary celebration went off with a bang with MG (our very own Mark Godfrey) providing some excellent entertainment, Mark has recently joined the Road Crew as a Marshal so will hopefully be working his way towards Road Captain at some point!

September sees two more of our hard-working road crew heading up to Oxford to undertake the Road Captains training course so that they can help us all to continue to deliver a full program of rides next season. SO, I hope you all join me in wishing Paul Bailey and Andy Woodhead the best of luck with that.

We had a Road Crew Meeting on 17th August, and well over half of the Road Crew attended, which when you consider work commitments etc. that's damned good! We discussed lots of things that we can do to help old and new members and to polish up on what we think is a pretty slick operation anyway!

One suggestion we had from Jo Grist was that at meetings, and in the magazine, we have a topic of the month. Please be aware that these are just topics of conversation and should never be seen as a criticism of anyone, we only improve by taking on feedback and applying that. Here goes with the first 'Topic of the Month' which crops up regularly.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Signaling on second man drop!

We noted that on a recent ride we had some very minor issues around drops. This brought up a chat around the importance of listening carefully at briefings. Some of our Lead Road Captains put their hand straight up prior to indicating a drop, whilst others tap the top of their helmet. The Road Captain on the day will tell you what their preferred method is in the briefing, so just be aware as you approach junctions to look out for that signal if you are the man or lady behind the lead Road Captain.

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

Next was the importance of clear and precise signaling when you are the person who has been dropped. The Lead Road Captain has done his bit and indicated where you are to stop – you have seen which way he goes – now – pull over and put your motorcycle in neutral as you come to a halt – this is always easier to do when your still moving, than when stopped (It's a Harley peculiarity 😊)

Cancel your indicator - raise the appropriate arm to point in the direction the rest of the bikes should go to follow the Lead Road Captain!

Left turn = Left Arm

Right turn = Right Arm.

Please avoid the right arm extended over your head to show a left turn and vice versa ... it can get confusing for everyone!

That will do us for '**Topic of the Month**' I feel like that needs a theme tune to play on loop every time someone says '**Topic of the Month**'

So the Mother Ship CVO (my bike) finally went in for the belt and pulleys to be replaced under warranty in August, as they had worn to the point of near failure after only 6,000 odd miles but, as we would expect from Harely Davidson, they stood by their product and replaced these items under warranty – no easy job to replace a belt and pulley on these machines so my thanks to Joe and the workshop team for making that happen.

We have a trip to Llangollen coming up in the early part of the month (more on that shortly), then in late September I am undertaking the BOB Ride with some friends from the Geordie Chapter HOG that will see me riding up to the North East to meet up with them, and then over to Stranraer, to get the ferry to Ireland before completing a full anti clockwise circuit of The Emerald Isle, returning to Newcastle and ultimately heading south to head home – around 2000 miles over the course of 5 days.

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

We are raising money for mens mental health charities, so if you are feeling generous (or even if you're not), there's a link on the Chapter page to the just giving page, for this event. All the riders are self-funding every aspect of this very challenging undertaking, so all your money goes directly to the charity. A big thank you to those who have already donated to this great cause.

Thursday 5th September sees a good number of us heading to Llangollen for The Rally in the Valley - this promises to be a good one! I will be leading a ride to this event, leaving Riders of Bridgwater at 11:00am. All the details are on the event on Facebook so have a look. If you are joining us, please familiarise yourself with the '**Buddy System**', as described in the excellent video presentation by Gary France of 'Tour One', that I have put in the comments section of that event. Even if you're not coming with us, it's worth a look as Gary explains the '**Buddy System**' superbly.

Sunday 8th September, our very own "Wallace" (Mr. David Kepple), will be leading his inaugural ride as a fully-fledged Road Captain so, if you are not at Llangollen, please show Dave some support and join him on his trip to Caen Locks, Devizes!!!! Usual Time and Usual Place as below!!! Meet around 10:00am, for the briefing around 10:15am, and stands up and away by 10:30am.



HRC's Thoughts Cont...

On **Sunday 22nd September** we have Gina and Moggy combining to take you all on a trip to Littledean Jail. Weird and wonderful and, rumour has it, home to Hitlers missing testi..... never mind ... that's just a rumour anyway!!!! Why not come along and have a look, you never know what you might find?????

Usual Time and Usual Place – see above!

I'm sure the Wednesday lunch club will be out and about doing their bit to avoid starvation during the month, so keep your eye on Facebook Events for such occasions.

Be good and see you on the road somewhere !!!

Kev



Membership Renewal

Hi guys & gals,

It's coming up to that time of year again for you to think about renewing your membership to the chapter, by the 30th Sept 2024. You will all be pleased to know that the committee has decided **NOT** to put up the cost to you as a member.

Please, before renewing to the chapter, make sure your HOG membership is current and up to date, otherwise I shall not be able to renew your membership.

You will also need to be paid up member to HOG and the Chapter to be able attend the AGM in October, which will take place at Admirals Landing on Saturday 26th October 2024.

If you have any problems with your HOG membership please contact me and I'll try and sort it for you.

As you know we have stopped the membership cards, so as soon as I receive your form, I shall reply to you by email to let you know that you are a paid up member.

Look forward to receiving your renewals very soon.

Sue Parkes
membership secretary

Welcome New Members

We're thrilled to welcome our new and returning members, Lee Walton (who I know some of you have already met), Roy Bowden and Graham Rowden, to our vibrant group.

We know you'll quickly find your place with us through our shared interests and passion for motorcycles. We're all about warmth, support, and growth, and we're excited to see how you'll contribute and benefit from being part of it.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee or our friendly members if you need anything - whether it's guidance, advice, or just someone to chat with. We're all here to help you settle in and make the most of your time with us.

Once again, welcome aboard! We're so glad to have you here.



Bike Night

Friday 26th July

Great night at Rider's in Bridgwater for the bike night. Many types of bikes rode in, there were free hot dogs, and tea/coffee and cold cans sold. Monies will go to our 2 charities. Thanks to Moggy and Shirley for manning the drink stall, it was very much appreciated.

Ride safe

Patsy x



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August Club Night

Lovely evening with friends, Jim Nutland was presented his Road Captain Certificate by our Head Road Captain Kevin Daggar

Well done Jim!

Chris Earley won the raffle which was £310, so congratulations.

Ride safe

Patsy x



Charity Cake Sale

Great day at Rider's with lots of lovely cakes made where all proceeds will go to our 2 charities. Best male won by Chris Earley for his apple pies, and best female won by Sue Parkes for her coffee/Walnut cake.

Then a surprise birthday ride for Adrian's 80th, which was kindly offered by Shirley Churchill and escorted by Ali Fay.

So a good time had by all.

Ride safe

Patsy x



35th Anniversary Party

Great evening spent at the Admirals Landing for our 35th Chapter Anniversary. A very relaxing time and lots of dancing to a brilliant singer from our Chapter member, Mark Godfrey. The pig roast was amazing and the roasties were to die for, with quiche and salad, so good food was enjoyed by all.

Ride safe
Patsy x



In the Picture!

By Patsy



In the Picture!

The Wednesday Wanderers



Ninesprings Cafe



Carriages



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Porky's

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In No Particular Order!

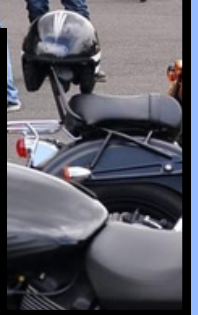


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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**THURS
5TH**

RALLY IN THE VALLEY

**SEE EVENTS OF FACEBOOK
FOR DETAILS**

CLUB RIDE TO CAEN LOCKS

**SUN
8TH**

**SAT
21ST**

QUARTERLY MEETING

37 CLUB

12PM FOOD AT 1PM

CLUB RIDE TO LITTLEDEAN JAIL

**THIS PLACE IS NOT FOR THE FAINT
HEARTED BUT A BRILLIANT MUSEUM
AND WORTH THE TRIP**

**SUN
22ND**

**FRI
27TH**

RIDERS BIKE NIGHT

6-8PM

**For more details check out the Events
Tab on Members page or the website
calendar**

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Tri Chapter
Black Tie

Winter Ball

Sat 1st February
2025

Hosted by Bridgwater Chapter

£45 per ticket, this can be bought through
the shop on our website
www.bridgwaterhog.co.uk

Double Hilton Cadbury Hotel,
Frost Hill, Congresbury,
Bristol, BS49 5AD.

Please quote "HD Winter Ball 2025"
when booking your rooms

2024 Rally Dates

Date	Rally Name	Chapter
3rd to 6th May	Cider Rally	Bridgwater HOG
17th to 20th May	Iron Horse	St. Leger HOG
7th to 10th June	The Gathering	Clyde Valley HOG
14th to 16th June	The Rumble	Great Western HOG
21st to 23rd June	Rear on the Moor	Aire Valley HOG
28th to 29th June	Oak Tree Rally	Black Mountains HOG
28th to 30th June	Horseshoe Rally	Rutland HOG
4th to 7th July	Wake the Lakes	Red Rose HOG
12th to 14th July	Sherwood Rally	Sherwood HOG
25th to 28th July	Fenlanders	Fenlanders HOG
2nd to 4th August	Hog 'n' Bog	Belfast HOG
16th to 18th August	Cirencester	Hogsback HOG
23rd to 26th August	Thunder in the Glens	Dunedin HOG
5th to 8th September	Rally in the Valley	Circus Maximus HOG
13th to 15th September	Dragon Fever	Welsh Dragon HOG #bridgwaterhog

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PRIMARY OFFICERS

Director



Gill

Assistant Director
& Secretary



Peter

Treasurer



Gina

**THE
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Head Road Captain



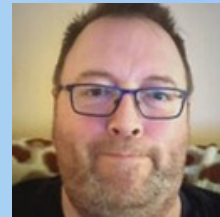
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Ladies of Harley



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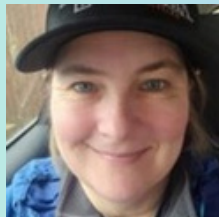
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Merchandise



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Jo

Photographer



Patsy

NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Assistant Head Road Captain
Health & Safety
New Members Rep



Mike

New Members Rep



Chris

New Members Rep



Clive

Our Road Crew 2024

Road Captains

Kevin Dagggar
Gill Mogg
Gina Chapman
Nigel Chapman
Debbie Atterton
Clive Pegram
Gary Illes
Ryan Barlow
Heather Barlow
Graham Hancock
Lisa Davies
Mike Akehurst
Chris Hembrow
Jason Warner
Jim Nutland
Dave Kepple

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Dave Ellis
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Mark Godfrey
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