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**Bridgwater HOG
February 2025**

HARDLY NEWS



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

Hope you all had a great Christmas and had a good New Year...it just seems ages ago now.

At the last meeting Darrell and Tamsyn won the 'Open the Box', Tamsin actually picked out her own ticket! After winning, they decided to put all the money back into our charity, which is an amazing thing to do - we did talk them into taking £50, so they could treat themselves, leaving £210 to go to our charity. Thank you so much you are both brilliant!

We are now a month into 2025 and it won't be long until we're all out doing what we love to do, riding our bikes.



The riding season will start in March, with the first Club Ride on the 2nd and the second one on 16th.

As some of you may have seen on Facebook, on Sunday 9th March we are going to visit a 7yr old lad called Noah, who was diagnosed with cancer just before Christmas. I have spoken to his Dad and this lad loves bikes, especially Harleys, so he was over the moon that we would make the time to go and visit Noah. The plan is to meet at Harry's Café, Fowlers Motorcycles, Bristol for a 10am breakfast, then we'll go to the young lads house from there, around 11.30am - final details to be given nearer the time so keep an eye on this event. All other rides also have an event, so just check out the dates. There are likely to be extra rides added, so again just keep an eye out.

Cider Rally numbers are creeping up, but we still still need more, so if you have friends or family that you think may enjoy a great party, then get them to come along. This is your clubs rally, so we appreciate your show of support, in any way you can. The more the merrier as they say - any questions regarding this give me a shout.

Moggy's Bits

We are looking for a couple more New Members Reps, so if you fancy taking on this role, please let us know and we'll talk you through what it entails. Thanks to those who have already volunteered - we will be in contact with you shortly.

At the February meeting we will be giving out the Mileage Awards for 2024, so if you think you have done shed loads of miles, and are in with a chance of winning, make sure to turn up as you may get a prize! Don't forget that this meeting will be at The Friendly Spirit, Cannington as the other 2 venues we normally use are already fully booked.

It's still fairly quiet this month, but why not get your magazine articles off to Jo, at the editor@bridgwaterhog.co.uk. Jo will be sending out profile templates over the coming months to help you tell us about you, how you got into bikes and what bikes you have had - throw in a few pictures too, just so we know you a little bit more - as we keep saying its your magazine so why not contribute to it.

Hope to see you all soon

Lots of love

Moggy



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Editor's Highlights

Welcome Back, Bridgwater Chapter Members!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year, filled with joy, laughter, and maybe even a few new biking accessories under the tree (I may have had a couple!). As we bid farewell to the festive season, it's time to rev up our engines and look forward to an exhilarating new biking season ahead.

This year promises to be one of our best yet, with a calendar packed full of exciting events, rides, and gatherings. Whether you're a seasoned rider or a newcomer to the club, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Here are just a few highlights to get you excited!

Monthly and Quarterly Meet-Ups

Our regular meet-ups are back, and they're better than ever. Expect great company, delicious food and plenty of bike talk. It's a fantastic opportunity to share tips, stories, and plan future rides.

Don't forget, Weds 5th February meet is at **The Friendly Spirit, Cannington**, where we will give out the mileage awards for 2024. If you haven't already signed up for 2025, please contact Dave Kepple....what are you waiting for?!

Spring Kick-Off Ride

Let's start the season with a bang! Join us for a scenic ride through the countryside, destination Jolly Bike Shop, where you can check out a unique collection of bikes and lifesize models of...well, all sorts! It really is a sight to behold! Great Western Chapter will be accompanying us for our debut rideout, so this will be the perfect way to shake off the winter blues and reconnect with fellow members.

Rally and Weekend Getaways

We're planning several rally trips, and we have some ideas for weekend getaways. These rides will be perfect for those looking to explore new places and make lasting memories.

Editor's Highlights

A Dream Come True

One of the most heartwarming events this season will be our visit to a little boy with cancer. Let's show him the strength and support of our Harley family.

Lady Sara's Heavenly Birthday Ride

We have our annual special ride dedicated to Lady Sara. We'll be celebrating her heavenly birthday with a ride that she would have loved, honoring her memory and the joy she brought to our club.

St Margaret's Colour Run/Family Fun Day

Mark your calendars for the 17th of May! We'll be meeting up and making a grand entrance at the Taunton Racecourse for St Margaret's Colour Run and Family Fun Day. Let's ride in together and show off our marvellous motorbikes while supporting a great cause.



I can't wait to see you all out on the road, enjoying the freedom and camaraderie that comes with being part of the Harley Davidson Bridgwater Club.

To those of you going to the **Tri Chapter Winter Ball** tomorrow, I look forward to seeing you for a glamorous evening of fun and frolics!

Here's to an unforgettable biking season ahead!

Take care

Jo
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Head Road Captain's Thoughts for February 2025

And BOOM! Just like that, we are tumbling into February!!!!

Cider Rally planning is coming together, and the ride season planning is almost complete - all Official Sunday Ride dates are now booked, with Road Captains stepping up to take rides on - not all destinations are known yet, but the Road Crew and I will keep updating the events as we move towards spring and Summer.

Spring is just around the corner and I guess I really ought to think about putting my bike back together....a few little modifications over the winter months, yes I know, I just can't leave anything alone!!!

Father Christmas was very kind and Jo's bike now has some new pipes that may be just a tad louder than stock, they don't call them "neighbour haters" for nothing. 😊

All our Official Sunday Rides are now listed as events on the Facebook page and other events and adhoc Rideouts are being added weekly so that's the best place to source your information from. Anyone who has difficulty with accessing these, please ask me at the club night, or at any other events, and I will share whatever information you need.

Weekday rides haven't slowed down and there seems to be something happening with them most weeks, so again keep an eye on the Facebook page for those events. I would really love to be involved with these, but working in the week prevents that and expensive hobbies means I'm no closer to considering retirement just yet....Obviously, being in my early forties it's a bit soon to consider that....(in my dreams 😊)

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

I am looking at the possibility of hooking up with other chapters for some rides or events in the coming months, and so far we have agreed that Great Western Chapter will join us for our first Sunday ride this year on 2nd March 2025, when we will be taking a trip to Jollys Bike Shop, Bovey Tracy. Devon.

This will be a slightly longer ride than some we do, as I am going to go up to Dunster and back down to Tiverton and, depending on the weather, we will either take the back road to Exeter and up to Whiddon Down, then back to Jollys, or we may jump on the M5 at Tiverton for a more direct route. No more than 85 miles to get there so, as long as we start with a full tank and empty bladders, we should be good to go!

Either way we will be at Jollys around 13:00- 13:30 for a bit of lunch - we will terminate the ride there, as we will all be heading back to different locations, but rest assured, we will allocate Road Captains to smaller groups if anyone is unsure of the best route home!



Lets have a really good turnout for this first Sunday Ride of the year and show our friends from the Bristol area what a great and thriving chapter we are!!!

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

Myself and Chris Hembrow have been monitoring the situation with the Sunday meeting point at Dunball and, as of yesterday, everything there looks good to go. There's lots of cones, but the roads are being swept clean and there's nothing to negatively impact our use of the Sunday meeting point that we used so successfully last year.

Unless anything changes dramatically, that will continue to be our meeting point for all Sunday Rides - picture below to assist your memories!



See you all soon.

Kev

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Welcoming our New Members

Ray and Marian Borkowski, welcome aboard!

We're all about motorcycles here, so you'll fit right in. Our group is super friendly and supportive, and we're excited to see how you'll add to the fun.

If you ever need anything - advice, a chat, or just some help - please contact any of the committee members or anyone in the group. We're here to make sure you have a great time with us.

Our monthly meetings are held from 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Admiral's Landing, Bridgwater, although February's will be at The Friendly Spirit, Cannington. If you can't make those, we have quarterly meets on a Saturday - see events in our website calendar or on our members only Facebook page.

We look forward to meeting you!



Welcoming our New Members

Ben's Story

Name: Ben Welfare

Nickname: Welfy

I've been riding on and off for about 8 years. I had a Kawasaki Versys 1000, but now I ride an Electra Glide, and I absolutely love it.

I'm excited to get out on the road with you guys and meet some cool people.



In the Picture!

The Wednesday Wanderers

Harry's Cafe



Lion Rock Cafe



Burrow Munch



The Black Shed



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The Woolpack Farm Shop

By Patsy

A great relaxed morning for our last breakfast meet of the year at The Woolpack Farm Shop in Weston

Was a pleasure to meet Dave's wife, Richelle x



Savoury Bake Off

By Patsy

A great day at Rider's for our Savoury bake off. Andy from Rider's did the honours tasting and Moggy announced the winners. **Best male Chris Earley** for his meat,bacon & olive ring and **best female Rachel Condry** for her cheese straws. Thank you to everyone that contributed towards our Chapter charities raising £50.

Ride safe

Patsy x



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Lunch & Xmas Jumper Competition

By Patsy

Great afternoon with a fantastic turnout for our roast lunch, and Christmas jumper competition. **Best male Bernie Churchill** and **best female Diane Earley**.

Thank you Sharon for organising this for our Chapter.



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Xmas Cont...

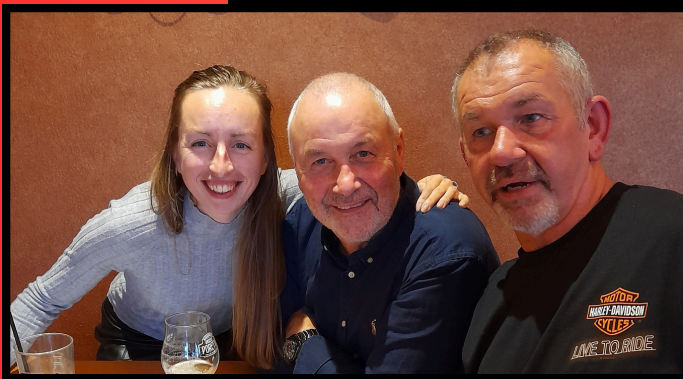
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Xmas Cont...

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December Club Night

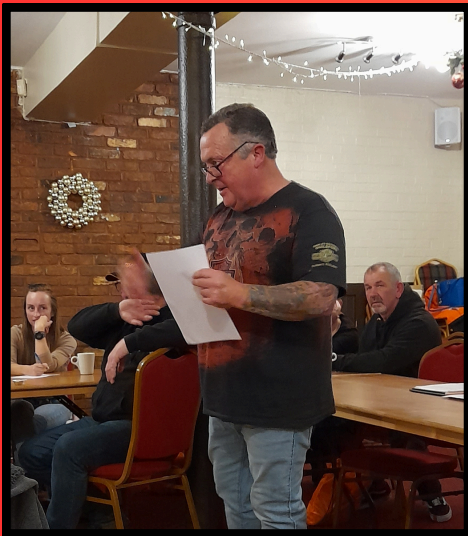
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Great last club night of the year for 2024, starting off with Shirley giving out Xmas bags and raising £100 for charity so thanks Shirley Churchill. Also a quiz was done by Chris Earley, so well done Chris.

Then we presented a cheque of £2000 to South West Children's Hospice, who were very pleased - keep up the good work. To round the evening off, a birthday cake 🍰 was given to Barry Shephard!



Ride safe
Patsy x



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December Club Night Cont...

By Patsy



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Santas On Bikes

Well done to Andy, Dave, Clive, Jo, Bev and Dawn for supporting this charity ride.



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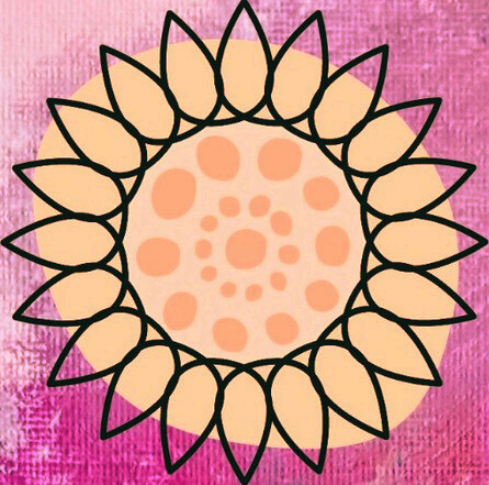
Cider Rally

Mexican Fiesta



2nd-5th
May
2025

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St Margaret's Hospice Care

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2025 Rally Dates

Date	Rally Name	Chapter
2nd to 5th May	Cider Rally	Bridgwater HOG
8th to 10th May	St Tropez	HOG Euro Festival
16th to 19th May	Iron Horse	St. Leger HOG
30th May to 1st June	Ireland BikeFest	Killarney Festival
6th to 9th June	The Gathering	Clyde Valley HOG
13th to 15th June	The Rumble	Great Western HOG
12th to 15th June	Croatia	European HOG
20th to 22nd June	Oak Tree Rally	Black Mountains HOG
27th to 29th June	Horseshoe Rally	Rutland HOG
27th to 29th June	Roar on the Moor	Aire Valley HOG
3rd to 6th July	Wake the Lakes	Red Rose HOG
11th to 13th July	Medieval Rally	Sherwood HOG
24th to 27th July	East of England	Fenlanders HOG
1st to 4th August	Hog 'n' Bog	Belfast HOG

2025 Rally Dates

Date	Rally Name	Chapter
7th to 10th August	Heart & Soul	Geordie HOG
15th to 16th August	Cirencester	Hogsback HOG
22nd to 25th August	Thunder in the Glens	Dunedin HOG
4th to 7th Sept	Rally in the Valley	Deva Legion HOG
12th to 14th Sept	Hogs around the Rock	Jersey HOG
12th to 14th Sept	Dragon Fever	Welsh Dragons HOG
12th to 14th Sept	Concorsum	Lindum Colonia HOG



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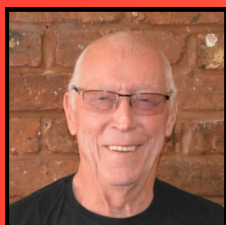
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& Secretary



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Captain



Kevin

Assistant Head
Road Captain



Chris

Ladies of
Harley



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Mike

NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS

New Members
Rep



Mike

New Members
Rep



Chris

New Members
Rep



Clive

Our Road Crew 2024

Road Captains

Kevin Dagggar
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Clive Pegram
Gary Illes
Ryan Barlow
Heather Barlow
Graham Hancock
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Chris Hembrow
Jason Warner
Jim Nutland
Dave Kepple
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