

CIDER RALLY



Bridgwater Chapter

HARDLY NEWS
June Cider Rally Edition



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

Well after worrying about the Cider Rally due to low numbers, I think we can honestly say that once again we pulled it off with another brilliantly successful Cider Rally. By all of the comments we had sent to us, everyone had a fantastic time, the weather was the best we have had for a few years, so I think we should all be very proud of such a great event...even if I do say so myself!

All the bands, as per usual, were amazing and had everyone up dancing. The rides on Saturday were brilliant and the Grand Parade Sunday was really well attended, with nearly 200 bikes taking part.



Thanks to Patsy and Jane there are some fantastic photos of us all.

Then what can I say about Sunday night, hilarious, I didn't think I would get to see so much of other Chapters...literally...but hats (and clothes!) off to the overall winners - Plymouth, who took off every bit of clothing to make the longest line. It was one of the Plymouth guys first ever Rally and he really got into the spirit of it, so well deserved.



Moggy's Bits Cont...

Then the balloon game - some of the photos are so funny with the faces people were making! A really good evening...note for next year, no line dancing 😊

We have had some comments for next year to just have one band a night so we haven't got all the changeover problems - we had already thought about this so watch this space...



So who to thank? As you know there are so many people that make this event happen and too many to mention, so I'll keep it brief. Sand Bay for putting up with us - again nothing was too much trouble and anything we needed they would do their best to come up with the goods. We are soooooo lucky to have such a great site! Everyone who helped decorate, dished out tee shirts, ran around selling raffle tickets and who were generally just there when we needed folk, I salute you - you were all amazing.

Here's to the 2026 Cider Rally and looking forward to seeing what pantomime characters you come as. As I said last month, I think I know who are gonna be the ugly sisters, LOL!

CIDER RALLY

2026

PANTOMIME

1ST-4TH
MAY

TICKETS £50
FREE T-SHIRT

3 NIGHTS HALF BOARD
ACCOMMODATION
£125 PP

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Moggy's Bits Cont...



Thanks to Kev and all the merry band of Road and Parking Marshalls for doing a superb job on the parade. Someone who made it all so easy to get the road closures etc., and talk to the council in Burnham, is John Alexander - he did an amazing job again, so thank you John. Then, of course, your hard working committee that take the time and effort to ensure everyone who attends has a great time. I could not do this without these guys - like I have already said, I'm really proud to be part of Bridgwater and to have such fantastic help around me to ensure that the Cider Rally continues to be one of the biggest and best events of the year. Then of course, not forgetting each and every one of you who carry on supporting us and attending the Rally, without you guys we would not even have a Rally so again huuuuuuuge luv and thanks to you all.

Really sorry if I have left anyone out, but thanks to all.



Moggy's Bits Cont...

Steve and Marion, as you all know, are in charge of Security and have been doing this for many years now, but this year was their last and they are hanging up their wrist bands - it's gonna be really sad to see these guys go as, before doing the security, they were in the Chapter. We gave them a little gift to go on a Murder Mystery train trip, which we



sorted with help from their daughter - as you can see in Marion's face, it was bit of a shock. The Lime Kiln Carnival Club will take over fully now, so we'll be looking forward to working with them.

Below is an email from both Steve and Marion, thanking us.

Just like to say a big thank you to Moggy and co for our brilliant gifts that we received on Friday night. We'll be booking up for our murder mystery, the orchid has found her home in our kitchen and we'll be having a quiet drink in the garden while we reminisce of our times at the cider rally over the many years.

The team taking over from us is the Lyme Kiln Carnival Club who have been supporting us all these years and they will be looking after you from now on, so treat them well and they'll look after you just as we have done.

So on that note, thank you everyone for all your support and perhaps we'll see you all again next year but on your side of the gate.

Lots of love from the 'Cider Gate Keepers' (thank you Debbie Atterton).

Marion and Steve xxx

Stay safe everyone. ❤️

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Moggy's Bits Cont...



There is another lovely lady all we all know very well, who is hanging up her sewing machine. Our Mo has sewn on patches, mended zips etc. for us all, over the years. She is finally retiring and handing all of her business to Sandy, who was also at Cider selling her handmade hand bags. This means you'll still be able to get ya bits and bobs sorted! During the LOH get together we had Mo up and did a little speech, which obviously made her cry along with myself...such softies, LOL. She was so grateful that we actually cried enough to get her up to say goodbye. **See Mo's email below:**

Wow what an amazing weekend for myself. I have never been hugged so many times in my life. After all the years of sewing patches at the cider rally, I thought I could get away at the end quietly. How wrong could I have been. I would like to send all my thanks to everyone who has used my sewing services over the past few years - I just hope you were all pleased. If not blame Sandy Wilks next year! The patch I was presented with by Debbie at the end of the rally, really from Bridgwater Chapter, made me cry again but at least I managed to get into my motorhome first. I have never shed so many tears in one weekend.

I can honestly say I have never had a bad weekend in 15 years. Hopefully next year I will be able to attend the Rally on my own bike. I won't go on anymore. Just want to say thank you to Gill and everyone in Bridgwater Chapter for a fantastic Rally.

Thanks again for all the friends I have made and the memories.

Love to you all

Mo Smith.

Moggy's Bits Cont...



As you all know Cider Rally tickets for Bridgwater went on sale beginning of May, so hope you have all have them sorted. If not, you best get onto it as they go on sale to all non Bridgwater members on the 1st June. Also, if you know what room you want, let Gina know so she can pencil you in. **[Buy your tickets here!](#)**

It's looking like June is going to be a busy month too, so take a look at the poster at the end of the magazine. See Facebook and the website for all the details.

This year we'll also be having a Halloween party! This will be the evening of the AGM, both at the Admirals Landing. Our very own Mark Godfrey will be belting out the tunes for us to enjoy and, as always, there will be a prize for the best Male and Female costumes. As a thank you, Bridgwater members are invited for free. All non Bridgwater members will be asked to pay just £5 on the night. It will be a night not to be missed!

Ride safe and see you soon

Moggy

x

A note of gratitude from the Mayor of Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council



Dear John,

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the ride on Sunday.

It was a great thrill to ride through the town on the back of Clive's HD!

I hope you all had a very successful last day of your get-together and we hope to see you in Burnham-on-Sea again.

Regards,

Cllr Sharon Perry

Mayor, Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge

Comments from the Cider rally

Jackie Hordell · [Add friend](#)

Thanks Moggy and the guys for a fabulous weekend. Our first Cider Rally but most definitely not our last 👍. A huge thanks to the Bridgewater guys and the Plymouth guys who helped me out with my trike trauma. You were amazing. 🤩. Also thanks to the amazing security team who kept us all safe and secure. Jackie, [Birmingham H.O.G UK](#) ❤️



Birmingham H.O.G UK
Welcome to Birmingham...

Karen Hassall

Thank you to all those involved putting on a fab well organised weekend. Perfect weather too ☀️ What can I say about the games on Sunday! Never laughed so much, hilarious 😂 This was our first time and Definitely won't be the last. So well done 🙌

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Thank You

Carl Edmondson

Thanks all at [Bridgewater Harley Owners Club, Cider Rally](#) for a fantastic weekend!

Shout out to the organisers and particularly to those that marshalled the rideouts... awesome job all!

Looking forward to next year, best wishes from [Nene Valley HOG Chapter](#) 😊

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Editor's Highlights

Oh me, oh my — what a dazzlingly brilliant bunch of writers and contributors you are!

You've had me sprinting to keep up this month — I swear my keyboard is filing for overtime. I knew I should've started inputting all this fabulous content sooner... but hey, hindsight is 20/20 and caffeine is eternal! I don't know why I was surprised at how much content I received, as the 'All Seeing Duck' had told me what was coming!



Truly though, I'm not complaining — your energy, creativity, and sheer determination to make this magazine shine are nothing short of heroic. I'm so grateful to each and every one of you for making this chaotic, content-filled adventure such a joy. You've made me laugh, cry (mostly from formatting), and feel incredibly proud to be part of this Chapter! As this edition is geared towards bigging up the Cider Rally, any articles missed out this month will be added to July's magazine.

What a fantastic Cider Rally we had! I don't think I've laughed so much (apparently chicken soup on your pudding is all the rage these days, eh Lin Nutland?) 🍷 and the gorgeous weather just sealed the deal. I was exhausted for days after, but it was so worth it. **Roll on Cider 2026** - don't forget to get your tickets, as they'll be on sale to the other Chapters on Sunday!



We also had a few events in May, one being to remember and celebrate a special 'heavenly' birthday for our beautiful soul Sara - always in our hearts. ❤️

We have a jam packed June for you too, so take a look at the events poster towards the end of the magazine.

See you all soon!

Jo xx

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Paul Clark

Great rally seamless organisation as always 🙌....
Bridgewater welcome everyone one of us like family 👨👩👧👦...

Sherwood chapter loved the whole weekend rally rides atmosphere ..

And the weather was magnificent..

Keep it going Moggy and bridgewater your amazing 🙌

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Paul Martin

Thank you Moggy and your wonderful team, a cracking rally in more ways than one... lol 😂

From all the guys from Rolling Hills chapter ❤️

See you all next year

Paul and gang 🙌🌟👍

Ruth Edwards

Moggy. You needn't have worried. It was one of the best and, as you know, we've been to a few! Sunday night was spot on. So much fun. I may have to bring Malc out of retirement for next year 🤖. It was like the old days - just good old fashioned fun. Yes I know I'm old 😂😂. We had a fabulous time. Roll on next year ❤️❤️❤️

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Adam Wise · [Add friend](#)

What a great weekend, it was our first Cider Rally, and not our last! The rides were superb and the atmosphere just brilliant.

Excellent organisation and thank you to all involved in making such a memorable experience.

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Leona Chivers

Fabulous Rally as always..thank you Bridgwater Chapter for all your hard work..looking forward to another blast 🌟 next year Xx



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Jo Wiltshire

Fabulous weekend boys n girls 🍷

Bill Morris

Well done to all the team that worked hard to get the rally up and running, despite the uncertainty of numbers attending. In all the thirty years we have come, never known it not to be packed out. Was nice to not have to fight for seats at meal time or the main room though. Still the best rally of the season Will hopefully see you next year x

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Head Road Captain's Thoughts

June 2025

That was the whirlwind that was May then!!!

The Cider Rally landed with a boom!!! Bright sunshine, dry roads and blue skies were the theme for the weekend 😊 Friday saw chapters from all over the UK arriving to join us - all the hard work and planning becomes worth every moment when you see the smiling faces rolling in!



Friday went by in a blur of Thatcher's and sunshine.

Saturday dawned far too soon and Chris Hembrow and I were in the back car park laying out barriers and signs for the rides. "If you build it they will come" as Kevin Costner once told us. And they came - all of the rides were superbly attended - I'm sure Andy Woodhead and Gill will tell us something about their rides.

I was assisting Chris with the Lyme Regis ride and we had 75 bikes lined up ready for the off. Chris had asked me to do the briefing, as I think a brief onset of nerves had robbed him of his ability to speak in public... we needn't have worried, as soon as I started speaking, he took over and left me staring into space!!! 😊😊😊

Briefing done and off we set. Myself and Graham Hancock headed out to take care of some tricky position marking...then Dave Kepple and Jim D'Grizz took care of some more problematic junction marking...if you know, you know 😊

Chris was lead Road Captain and we had the rear covered with the very able Nigel Chapman and Paul Bailey.

The ride was wonderful with clean and dry roads winding their way to the coast.

We had a couple of strays at Ilminster roundabout who fell foul of the curse of Keith Mitchell and headed down the A303, instead of the marked junction for the A258 to Chard.

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

This junction was marked by Steve Little and Elliot Bailey from the Geordie Chapter HOG, so thanks to them for the assistance. The strays were ably chased down and retrieved by our very own Wallace (Dave Kepple) and returned to the fold!

Onward through the sunshine to Lyme Regis - there was a refuel stop and a regroup at the top in the school bus layby at Uplyme, which brought all of the bikes back into one big group for the descent into Lyme, down Cobb Road and out onto the World Famous Cob.

Chris had once again got permission for us to line up along the cob... a spectacular sight indeed.

We set aside an hour and a half for fish and chips and icecreams!!!

For me it was orange juice and Lemonade in the pub followed by a lovely fresh sandwich - the time flew by and it was soon time for us to consider leaving...



Cassandra, the esteemed director from Jersey Chapter HOG (who is also a Bridgwater member, so may see this 😊😊😊) was very keen to get back in time to prepare for the LOH pyjama party!!! 😊

A beautiful route back took us along the A35 to Honiton (or Hunnietun as Chris would have it!) then back along the A30 before heading across on the B3170, descending past Taunton Racecourse and then up the A38 towards Bridgwater, before a short blast (more than one junction Jo Grist 😊) up to Weston Super Mare and back to base...

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

Emergency beers were called for while we debriefed and I think the massive message we all agreed upon was that Chris Hembrow had once again executed a perfect ride that was fabulously received by all who attended.

A big Well Done to Chris...this ride gets better and better every year and if we are all still in place this time next year we have plans for more improvements!!!



Saturday evening was another blur of Thatcher's, rum and shenanigans...

Sunday Morning and here we go again - up bright and early, we start lining up for the parade - lots of shouting and ushering and we have all the marshals in place ready for the off. Ryan Barlow is doing the honours of taking the marshals out and placing them for the ride - and this is achieved with aplomb!

Next in the line up is my bike, then Gill and Andy Woodhead who is leading the parade as 2024's 'Spirit of the chapter' winner alongside our very own director Moggy - then a few flag bearers from other chapters, followed by Chris Hembrow leading the rest of the pack.

Once the marshals are in place, a quick check in with Chris and I'm mounted up and ready to roll... As Chris rolled around the corner, I turned to Gill and Andy shouting...lets roll...Andy...Andy...put your helmet and gloves on!!! 🤗🤗🤗

A very short pause and we were off!

Steve, as usual, did a sterling job of traffic control and got the ride out onto Beach Road - a slow roll along towards my lovely wife, who was our first marshal, and this is usually the moment where I get a surge of relief of the "We have pulled it off again" variety!!!

The ride continued through to Weston Super Mare with the front few riders stopping at every light as they all changed to red all the way through town - this had the surprising effect of keeping the ride together.

HRC's Thoughts Cont...

We kept the pace between 25 and 35 mph all the way to Burnham, the perfect speed for waving and shouting to all of the spectators who had gathered to wish us well - as we arrived in Burnham we were joined at the front of the ride by Shirley and Clive on the trikes, who had special guest passengers for the journey down the High Street - the Mayor and Town Crier of Burnham on Sea, no less. The bikes then parked up all along the sea front at Burnham...what a sight...I was very proud to be not only part of this but to have the honour of riding at the front once again.



Sunday night was a blast with silly games and far too much flesh on show!!!

The Security Team did us proud once again and much of the pack down was done by the time I surfaced on Monday morning!!!

So that brings us to the 12th May, which saw a group of 10 heading to Filey, in North Yorkshire, for the Iron Horse rally - this is always a good event held at a caravan/ camping park on the coast, but more on that next month!

In June Jo and myself, along with a few other members, will be starting the month in Killarney at the Ireland Bikefest - again more on that next month.

Junes rides begin on Sunday the 1st with Mr Paul Bailey taking his inaugural ride as a Bridgwater Road Captain, leading the merry band to Porlock Weir, so let's see a strong support for this ride please - usual time and usual place - so that's Dunball 10:00 meet for 10:15 briefing and 10:30 stands up and away!

HRC's Thoughts Cont...



Saturday 14th is our quarterly meeting but I'm sure Moggy will have more to say on that one.

Sunday 15th Mr David "Wallace" Kepple will lead a ride to The Cake House, East Creech Tea Room. This will be approx. 80 miles one way - this is a lovely café with outside seating and farm animals. After a late lunch, Dave will lead the ride towards Lulworth and then back around to Dorchester where the ride will end (as that's where Dave lives, so please don't follow him home 😊). Again let's see a strong support for this ride please - usual time and usual place - so that's Dunball 10:00 meet for 10:15 briefing and 10:30 stands up and away!

Saturday 21st June I will be leading a ride to Cornwall, for an overnight stay near Hayle, and then on Sunday morning we are meeting up with Plymouth and Three Rivers for a ride into Lands End for a tri-chapter photo opportunity...so if you haven't booked, get it sorted, there's an event on Facebook or give me a ring and I'll talk you through it.

In a nutshell that's May / June covered!!!

Be careful out there!

Kev

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Welcoming our New Members

We're thrilled to welcome Jamie Bressington, Clive Cooper and Joe Proctor to our riding family! It was great to meet Jamie and Clive earlier this month and we look forward to meeting Joe! You are now part of a friendly, supportive, and passionate group of Harley enthusiasts who love to ride, laugh, and make great memories together.

If you ever have questions or need a hand with anything, don't hesitate to get in touch - there's always someone happy to help.

Be sure to keep an eye on the Events page of the Bridgwater HOG Members Only Facebook group. We hold our official rideouts on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, and there are often ad hoc rides posted there too. It's a great way to stay connected and get the most out of your membership.

Just a quick note about our regular meetings:

We usually get together at 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Admiral's Landing, Bridgwater. However, please note that next month's meeting will be our quarterly Saturday meet instead, so it will take place at the same venue on Saturday, 14th June at 12pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Committe Member profile

Shirley Churchill

Do you have a Nickname?

Mum

How long have you been a on the committee?

6 months

What inspired you to join the committee?

I felt the merchandise could do with fresh eyes to help improve it

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How did you get started with motorbiking?

I've always been interested in bikes and my husband always had bikes. I used to own a Honda 125cc

What bike do you own now?

I have a trike which was modified from a sportster

What types of riding do you enjoy?

I enjoy every day riding and group riding

Do you have any motorbike community involvement?

Being an active committee member of our chapter, I get involved with all events, rallies and club rides. The town crier was my passenger for the Cider Rally Parade. I also regularly volunteer at bike nights and open days too, helping to raise money for our nominated charities

Do you have any memorable rides?

PC Andrew Harper's "Ride in Respect"



Merchandising at the Cider Rally

Shirley Churchill



Hi everyone just a quick catch up from me

I have now been merchandiser for six months and things seem to be going well. I hope you like all the new merchandise and I will keep trying to introduce new items for you to purchase.

I had the most amazing time at the Cider Rally - I even had my own shop. Thanks to Kev for putting my name above the door of the shop! I managed to sell all the old stock plus loads more, and also managed to sell some of the chapter members items too - I hope they were all happy with what they made.

I would like to thank Patsy, Dawn and the two boys - Mart and Bernie, for running the shop on Saturday for me while I took Patsy on the trike on the Ladies rideout to Brean. We had an awesome time thanks to Gill for leading. Then back for the ladies PJ Party, that was absolutely awesome - so much laughter going on with all the fun and games.

All in all it was an incredible weekend Roll on next year.

Love Shirley xx

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Sunday - Parade Day

by Sue Parkes



Pete & I left Sandbay and travelled to Burnham on Sea to see if the cones had been put in place for the parade parking. They were and they went from BARB, along the road up to the Marina. Thanks to John Alexander for sorting all the details for the road closure and the cones for us - it makes it so much easier.

We were met by 2 carnival guys who were going to help with the parking - we advised them of what was going to happen and they walked further up the road to lift the cones further up.

We were joined by Barry, Tracey, Karen and Sell and they too placed themselves in a position to park the bikes and move the cones.

As we were waiting for the parade to arrive, lots of the public were now arriving and asking when they would arrive and where were they going to be parking up. You could feel the excitement building and the anticipation.

We had decided after last year to keep the first section free for the lead riders along with the 2 trikes carrying the Mayor and the Town Crier. They seemed to enjoy themselves even though it was a tad chilly and very windy.

Sunday - Parade Day Cont...

by Sue Parkes



The bikes were parking up and people were rushing to have a look at them. Lots of chatting and photographs going on.

As the Marshals are the last bikes to arrive, they were guided into the spot that had been saved for them. Not so far to walk to get your coffee as last year.

Thanks to Jane who had arranged for some charity pots to raise funds for St Margarets Hospice. One of her Brownies had done a great job of collecting and in doing that she earned her badge.

Thanks to everyone who helped marshal the bike parking - everyone seemed happy with how it all went.

Cider Rally Parade Ride

The experience from the air by drone, and roadside by camera
by Jane Mitchell

After a semi successful attempt of capturing the reccie ride the week before (my bad for not checking charge on camera battery, Keith almost running out of drone battery due to the extended run time with traffic delays, interesting footage captured on a 360 camera placed in the middle of the roundabout) all battery's were now fully charged, and SD cards empty, ready for the main event.

The day started with us getting up and heading for a hearty breakfast, whilst mingling with everyone and ensuring Paul & Bev and Chris & Di had charity collection buckets ready for their stops in Burnham on Sea. We also had a large collection bucket ready for a couple of my Brownies to wander around with.

Cider Rally Parade Ride Cont...

by Jane Mitchell

We then packed up the car with the drone and camera and headed to the seaside.

After a quick stop at the Hospice shop to pick up a banner they kindly provided., we parked up and I left Keith to find a spot to Drone from, while i walked down to meet up with my Brownies to give them the collection bucket. I also caught up with Sue and Pete at B&M to drop of the banner.

Walking back down the sea front, we saw the carnival club Marshals who were in charge of the parking and cones, getting ready for the task ahead.



A few people approaching them eager with questions about how long till the bikes come? how many bikes were coming? where were they coming from? I even got approached a few times.

I found Keith seated comfortably on the sea front with a great view. I took a few pictures looking out to sea as a boat was out, then a couple of the area that was coned off as it didn't seem possible that it would all be filled up with bikes. After a liberal application of suncream to us both it was then time to go and find my spot.

Cider Rally Parade Ride Cont...

by Jane Mitchell



The imminent arrival of bikes was marked by a thundering rumble which when it came into view was the foreboding image of the Dark Knight (Ryan Barlow on Polo). This meant all the marshals had been dropped and we would only have a few minutes to wait.

Listening out for the sound of the Harleys to be ready to click away I wasn't disappointed. It started with a low hum which gradually increased to a thundering roar which, as it neared, you could hear engines revving and horns beeping...they've arrived.

Not much time to think, but concentrating through the lens, whilst being surrounded by the roaring sound and the smell of those hot engines filling my nostrils.

The bikes chrome gleaming in the sunshine and the riders with big smiley grins waving, then acknowledging the camera with other lovely gestures including an aeroplane by a pillion.



Cider Rally Parade Ride Cont...

by Jane Mitchell

After catching the last bike I walked back towards where all the bikes were parked, to see a hustle of people complementing riders, admiring and for some, definitely dreaming of owning a beautiful Harley.

I met up with my very excited Brownies who absolutely loved the noisy bikes and the people who happily put money in the collection bucket which was quite heavy, I thanked them for the time they spent collecting and they happily went off to enjoy an ice-cream.

Time for a sit down and chat and a drink.

A total of £174.13 in the 3 collection buckets - a big thankyou to the collectors.

If you wish to check out the pictures they are on Bridgwaterhogchapter Facebook page - click on photos, then the albums should come up.

There's one with the Parade and another one with pictures over the weekend. Also, there are some photos in the albums on the Bridgwater HOG members only page - scroll to albums to view them.



There will also be a longer video of drone footage coming soon.

**Ride safe
Jane**

Cider Rally - Saturday Rideout

Haynes Motor Museum with Andy Woodhead

Saturday morning arrived, bringing with it a wave of nerves - it was the first ride I had organised and led, and most of the riders were not from our Chapter. As the briefing began, I meticulously went through my checklist, ensuring everyone understood the key points: Could they do a second man drop? Did they grasp formation riding? To my relief, everyone nodded affirmatively. I then introduced my backman, Gary Iles, and my Sweeper, Paul Condry. After addressing the disclaimer and finding no issues or questions, I confirmed the route with the road crew, and all was set.

Security had completed the bike checks, so we were ready to roll. The route took us out of Weston-super-Mare (WSM) to Congresbury, then onto Burrington Combe, skirting Shepton Mallet, and continuing to Castle Cary, finally arriving at Haynes. I hadn't noticed that special parking had been arranged for us, but fortunately, moving the bikes didn't bother anyone.

For the return journey, we headed to Podimore, crossed over to Somerton, and then back to Sand Bay. It was a huge relief that everyone seemed pleased with both the outbound and return routes - no one got lost, and there were no accidents. A sigh of relief escaped me as we returned, the rideout successfully concluded.



Sunday Parade

Spirit of the Chapter by Andy Woodhead

Having won the Spirit of the Chapter award at the end of 2024, I had the honour of riding with the flag at the front of the parade, side by side with Moggy behind Kev.

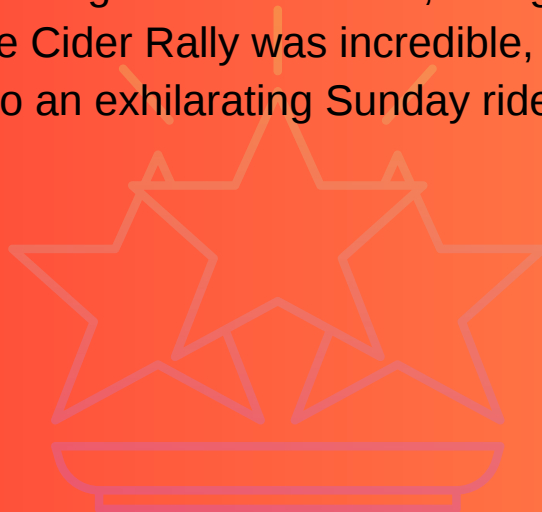
It was only my second Cider Rally, and my first time marshalling last year left me unsure of what to expect. However, the experience was beyond words - the weather was sunny, and the crowds waved enthusiastically as we passed.

The sight was spectacular as everything unfolded before us.

Despite not getting any jelly babies from Mike at the Edithmead roundabout, I waited patiently until we parked up in Burnham.



Riding at the front was a privilege and an honour; though it may sound clichéd, I thoroughly enjoyed it. The Cider Rally was incredible, transforming from a nerve-wracking Saturday to an exhilarating Sunday ride. I cherished every moment of it.



Portland's Ramblings

I need another lie down!

Well, what a busy time it has been! We started the year early with the very cold ride down to Jolly's bike shop, café etc. That was a chilly one! Mind you, despite the sunshine, the ride to Budleigh-Salterton was nearly as cold. A nice bright day though and it got us all out. Then we had the quarterly meeting and the ride up to Fowlers for a bit of breakfast and a visit to that little lad Noah. What a spectacle we produced in his street! I think he enjoyed it, once he had gotten over his shyness, bless! Of course there was the nice, slightly warmer ride to Bradford on Avon. A sunny spot beside the canal and some great roads with good company.

What followed was a nice build up to the Cider Rally and meself all set up to do the early ride up to meet the gang and rehearse the marshalling. It seems the bike had other ideas however... one nice new (Ouch!) expensive battery later and we are roadworthy again. Sorry about that Kev! Still at least we were all set for the main event and it was a fabulous one as ever. Great weather, great riding and great company, a top job by all who work so hard to put it on, thank you!



Portland's Ramblings Cont...

I need another lie down!

I thought I could be careful and try not to spend too much after that. I do have a little part-time job now, just cleaning at a local primary school, but it's helping bring the ends closer together, in the vain hope of making them meet!

So, what happens? The bloody garage door decides it has had enough of Portland's sea air and promptly breaks! I get a man in, as my efforts were painfully inadequate. He says the corrosion is terminal and I need a new top mechanism. Another massive bill to come!

So I do a bit of riding to cheer myself up, I had planned to change the route for my good Lady Sara's Happy Heavenly Birthday Ride. I have written out the part where we fight our way onto the A358 and instead plan to ride across some nice leafy lanes and end up at Ilminster via a different road.

Well I had been up this road in winter in the van, squeaking through a few tight gaps, but promising myself it would be better on two wheels. So what happens? The Plymouth Chapter decide to do a little 'hand shake' ride to Riders in Bridgwater.

It's a Saturday, the sun is out, so I try the new route, all be it in reverse so to speak. What do I find? I am amazed at how much nicer it is in spring weather and on two wheels instead of four. Why don't I come this way more often I ask myself? Anyway, a nice Saturday is passed chatting with some Plymouth Brethren and all who drift in as we do on a sunny day and ride home happy that all is good for next weekend.

Now I had hoped the man with the garage door wisdom would have honoured his promise of, 'Ooh yes mate, sometime later this week, Monday worse case scenario.' A good job I didn't hold my breath! I spent a fair portion of this Saturday fixing some draw strings onto the injured mechanism and managing with some grunting, straining and a fair few choice words to get the door open and closed securely. It was worth it though, as come Sunday morning, we are blessed with glorious weather and I set off to meet the gang with high spirits, the cheerful sort, not the drinkable ones. That was Friday night, but we said we wouldn't talk about that, self inflicted and all that.

Portland's Ramblings Cont...

I need another lie down!

I made an early start, but as my usual self, I get chatting until Andy Woodhead asks if we are still going to leave at half ten, as it's nearly that now! A quick ride brief and shake up and we were underway. The new route worked marvellously and everyone enjoyed the scenery and then the second part along the coast to my Island home. We all stayed together, mostly, and arrived to find a wee snack and drink while basking in the fabulous sunshine, and it has to be added, brisk coastal breeze!



A fine day and a huge thank you to all that were able to come. You made a grumpy old so and so a little emotional, but very happy! I am sure her Ladyship was looking down on us and kept the clouds at bay. I must have a word with her about that breeze though!

We have had a couple of other nice Saturday's, one of which was the Indian Demo day at Riders. I brought my brother Pete along as he wanted to try the Indians. Sadly he found they weren't to his liking, but it was a good social day mixing it up with everyone. We had been spoiling ourselves a few weeks earlier as we had enjoyed a trip to Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum. It was a rainy Good Friday in fact, so very much an indoor day. We wandered around and gawped and gasped at everything two and three wheeled, a must visit for anyone that has not been there.

Portland's Ramblings Cont...

I need another lie down!

I had been helping an old mate with a few issues he had been having with his Evo engined Electra Glide Sport. He had been struck down with the dreaded cancer some time ago and as a result of treatment and lengthy recovery, the bike had been standing for nearly four years. He contacted me and I went up and collected it in the van and took it to a mate of mine that specialises in restoration jobs. A full and frantic session later and he came down with a mate to ride it home to Northampton, where he now lives.

We had a leisurely bumble up the main road to Dorchester for a fry up in the café and he confessed he had got a bit tearful as we had neared the place, saying he was thrilled after being through so



much, to be back riding his Glide with me alongside him. It can be the smallest favour you do someone that can make all the difference! He's currently on tour through rural French France and absolutely loving it! A great end to a long and at times worrying story.

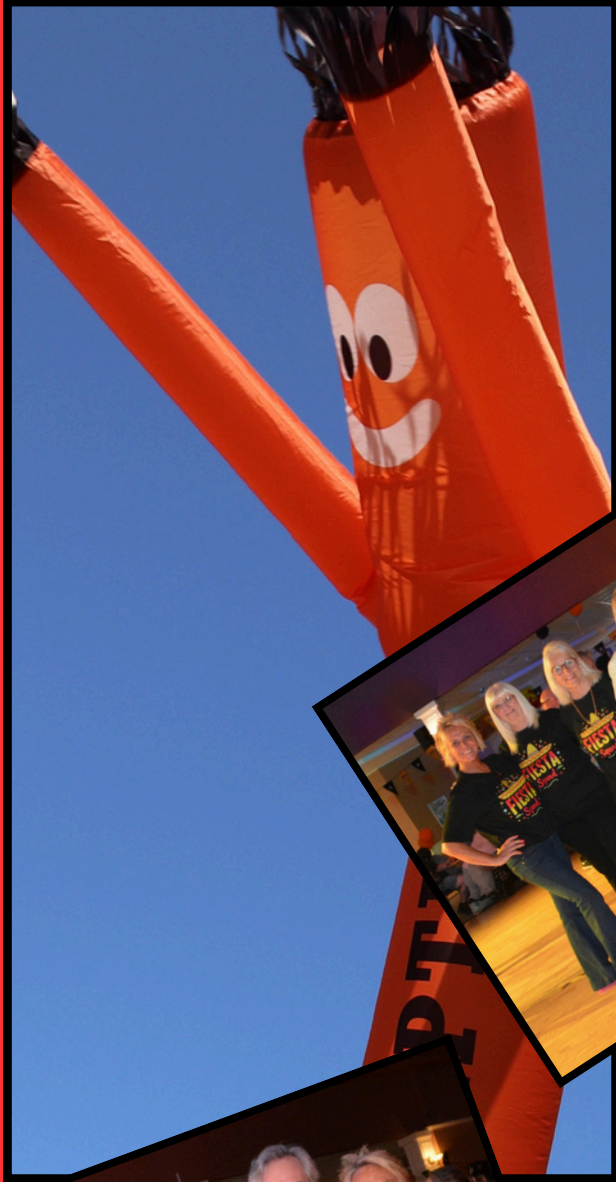
So what next? Well with the season marching on, there is Potts Biker Bash, an old school style rally in a couple of weeks as I write. Then we will be in June already! Hang on, aren't you reading this in June? I need another lie down!

Rambling on...
Portland Bill.

In the Picture

By Patsy

What a fantastic weekend, many laughs, great banter with great friends. Sunday's parade went smoothly and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all that took part and all the helpers that made it a perfect ride. **Ride safe, Patsy x**



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In the Picture Cont...

By Patsy



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Mexican Night

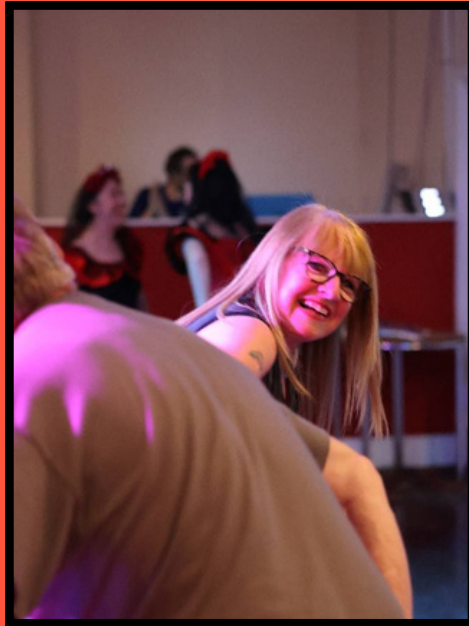
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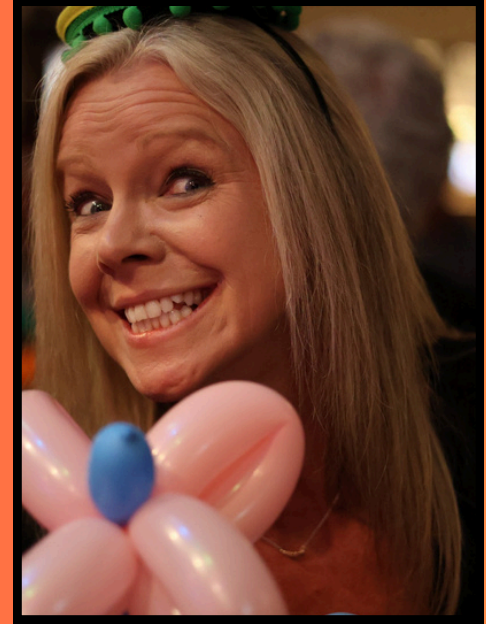
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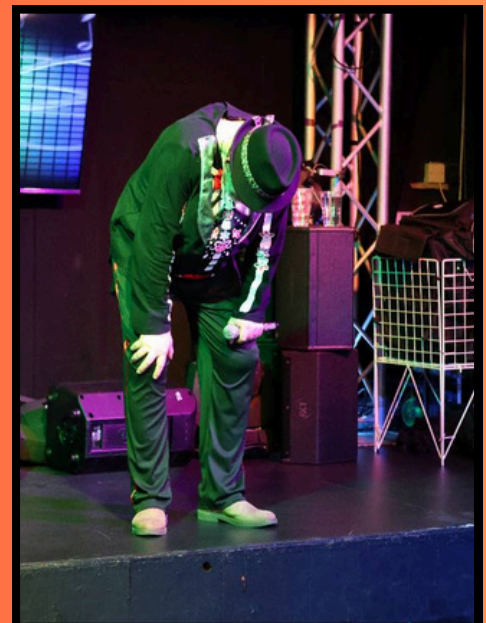
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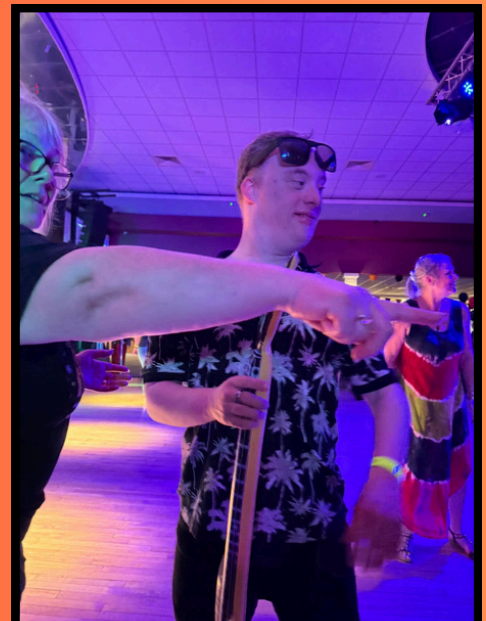
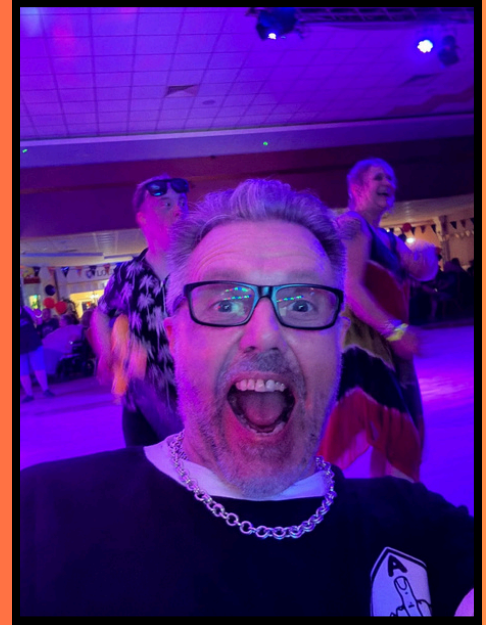
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The Wednesday Wanderers

CTL Motor Company



Merchy's Cafe



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JUNE



**PAUL BAILEY'S
PORLOCK WEIR RIDE
DUNBALL MEETING PLACE**

**SUN
1ST**

**SAT
14TH**

**QUARTERLY MEETING
ADMIRALS LANDING
12.00**

**DAVE KEPPLER'S
EAST CREECH TEA ROOM RIDE
DUNBALL MEETING PLACE**

**SUN
18TH**

**SAT
21ST**

**CORNWALL OVERNIGHTER
MEETING 3 RIVERS AND
PLYMOUTH CHAPTERS
SEE KEY FOR DETAILS**

**JOINT LOH CREAM TEA
WITH GREAT WESTERN
LADIES**

**SUNDOWNER CAFE, BREAN,
DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**SUN
29TH**

Bridgwater Chapter AGM

ADMIRALS LANDING

11.30 for
12pm

SATURDAY
25th
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HOG Roast, Chapter Awards

BRIDGWATER CHAPTER

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25TH
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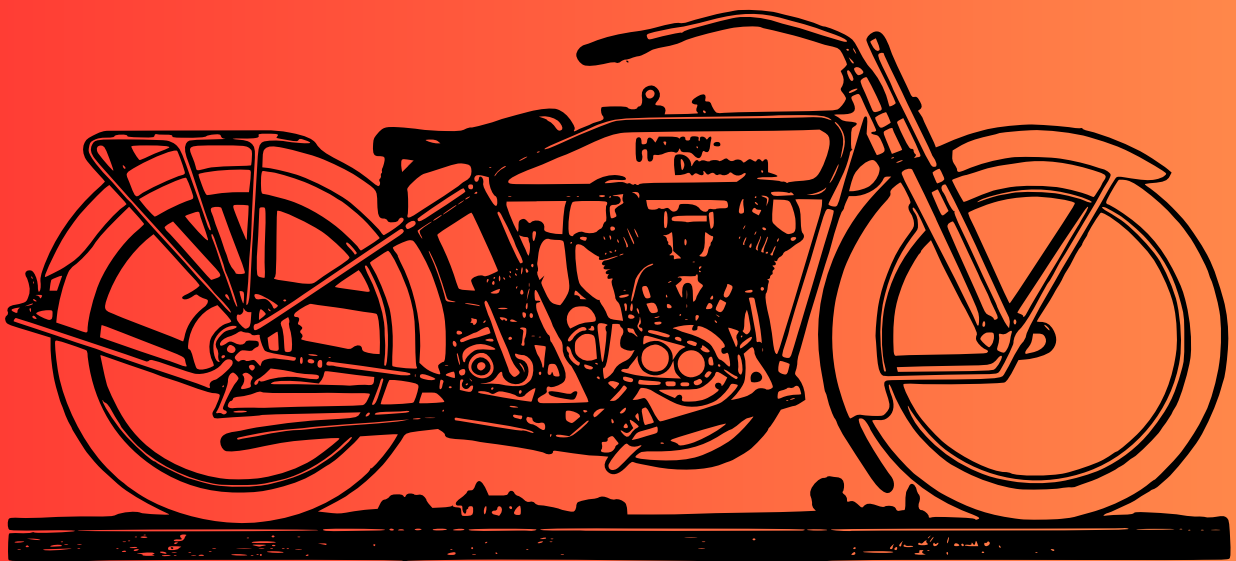
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2025 Rally Dates

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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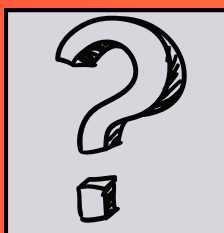
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New Members
Rep



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