



Bridgwater HOG
October 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**



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Moggy's Bits

As I mentioned last month, the AGM is only a few weeks away now, on Saturday 25th October. We'll be starting the day with a HOG roast and then in the evening it's our Harleyween Party with nibbles. Both events will be held at The Admirals Landing. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Godfrey and we may even have a surprise guest appearance, so make sure you're there to see who it is. Members can attend free of charge, but if you'd like to bring along friends or family it will be £5 each. There will also be prizes on the night for the best male, female and couples costumes.

Please remember that you need to be a fully paid-up member to attend the AGM. Renewals are now available online through the website, making it nice and simple. This year we've had two members, Patsy and Jane M, apply for the photographer position, so a ballot will be held at the AGM. Everyone will be given a voting slip on entry, and the person with the most votes will take on the role for the next twelve months.

There are only a couple of rides left for this year, but if we happen to get some freak good weather we may add in a short ride, so keep an eye on the Facebook page. We're also looking ahead to next year's calendar, so if you have any suggestions for rideouts or places you'd like us to visit then please let us know.

Don't forget to send your articles to Jo at editor@bridgwaterhog.co.uk by the 20th of each month. We'd love to hear your stories about how you got into biking, where you've travelled, biker-friendly spots you've found or just anything you'd like to share. Following the discussion at our last Chapter meeting, we agreed that the magazine will now be sent out every other month starting in January 2026. We're also going to be getting a microphone for meetings, as a few members mentioned that it was sometimes difficult to hear the speaker. This is exactly what it's all about - if you have ideas on how we can improve things, share them and we'll do what we can.

For information on events, please remember it's always listed on the Facebook page, the Chapter website and in the magazine.

Moggy's Bits Cont...

Over the winter months we'll be running our Sunday Winter Lunch Cruises along with a skittles night. We'll be looking for pubs that serve a good carvery or Sunday lunch, so if you know of any nice ones then let us know.

Xmas jumper day ,on 30th November, will be at the Crown Inn Catcott - time tbc ready for the November magazine. We will have the whole of the skittle alley so just us there - it will be a lunch time carvery but we will need a deposit by the 26th October so we will be collecting this at the AGM or ,if you can't make that, give me a shout and we can arrange how to pay it - the more the merrier guys and prizes for best hand-made Xmas jumper for male and female.



We had a fantastic turnout at the Deva Legion Circus Maximus Rally with over 50 members attending, and we were delighted to win Best Attended for the third year running. It's such a great rally with a brilliant venue and a beautiful town, so we'll be looking to going again next year. The weather on the way up was great, but the journey home was another story with torrential rain, thunder and lightning. Still, it's all character building and the important thing is that everyone arrived home safe and sound.

I organised a small ride to Lyme Regis where we parked on the Cob. It was a little on the chilly side, but it was still a good day out. It would have been nice to I have a few more join us, but it's definitely one to repeat next summer. Thanks to Kev for being my crew on the day.

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Moggy's Bits Cont...



Not much this month, so that's about it
Take care lots of luv
Moggy x

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Editor Corner

What a cracking month September turned out to be! Once again, our Chapter pulled out all the stops, delivering brilliant rideouts and showing up in style at a whole host of events.

We kicked things off by supporting the Blue Ridge Runners cruise, with Ryan and Heather Barlow. The day began with a breakfast bap at Riders of Bridgwater, served up with smiles and tea by our dream team: Shirley, Patsy, and Dawn. Legends!

Then came a roaring night at the Bristol Hippodrome, where a big bunch of you turned out to support 'Bat Out of Hell'. From what I hear, it was a re'sounding' success!!

Next up, a crew headed to Llangollen for the Rally in the Valley, and guess what? We clinched the "best attended" title for the third year running! That's some serious Chapter spirit right there. For some reason, I ended up with a patch too?!



Sadly, the weather didn't play ball for the Bike Night and Charity Bra Run, both of which had to be called off. A real shame after all that glorious sunshine we'd had previous weeks before, but that's September for you. Still, Moggy's ride to Lyme Regis was blessed with beautiful skies, and I'm so glad I decided to tag along.



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Editor Corner Cont...

One ride that didn't get any takers was Graham's. Now, without sounding too downbeat, it's worth remembering how much effort our Road Captains put into planning and scouting these routes. It's gutting when no one shows up. That said, many of us were away at the rally, so maybe it's a lesson in timing. We didn't cancel it though, just in case others were free to join. In the end, Graham rode solo. Hats off to him!

To wrap up the month, it was brilliant to see such a strong turnout at the quarterly meeting. And yes...Allan, Roy and I won the quiz (oops), which means we're on hosting duty next time. Luckily, Allan's already got something brewing - so stay tuned!

Hope you enjoy this month's mag. Don't forget to send me your stories, ride highlights, and plenty of photos.

See you at the AGM at the Admirals Landing at 12pm. Hopefully you'll also make it to the Harleyween do, from 7pm, dressed in your spooky outfits, showing off your pumpkins and handing out sweeties!!

In addition, don't forget that our very own personal entertainer, Mark Godfrey, will be singing some of our favourite tunes there too!!

Take care
Jo x



Head Road Captain's Thoughts

October 2025

Another busy Month, and October looks to be following suit!

Massive thanks to all who attended Bat Out of Hell Ride on Monday 1st September, it was a good turnout, and I hope you all enjoyed the show if you attended!!!



Llangollen was another great rally, and a good time was had by all!



Saturday 20th September was our quarterly meeting at Admirals Landing and a great turn out was the order of the day.

Sunday 21st saw Moggy and myself as crew for the trip to Lyme Regis. We parked on the cob and the weather was marvellous - the whole day was an example of how rides can be conducted with point perfect drops and pick ups, so well done to all involved.



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HRC's Thoughts Cont...

This month's rides are Friday 3rd to Saturday 4th - Ride to the Wall with Clive and Jo. All details should be in the event by now, so please refer to Facebook for times and meeting places as I don't have this information currently.

Sunday 5th October 'Special Envoy' David Kepple (Wallace) will be taking a lovely little jaunt to the Steamer Coffee House Cullompton, EX15 1QP, so let's see as many as possible supporting this ride please as Dave has kindly stepped in to take this ride on short notice - a big thanks to Dave.

Any volunteers for road crew? Please contact either me or Dave.

Then Sunday 19th October sees our very own Mr. Traffic, Ryan Barlow, leading a ride to Compton Abbas Airfield - a lovely ride and a lovely venue. If the weather is inclement, this may be subject to change - with the time of year, any real adverse conditions may mean cancellation, but we will do our best to keep rides going as long as possible. Again, road crew please step forward and let myself Chris or Ryan know if you are available to help with this ride.

As usual all Sunday rides are "Usual time and Usual place". Meet at Starbucks/KFC at 10:00 for a 10:30 briefing and stands up at 10:30. Post code is TA6 4TP.



HRC's Thoughts Cont...

Short and sweet from me this month, as feedback suggests I might ramble on a bit 😊

Let me or Jo know what your preference is...short and sweet or a rambling stream of consciousness that flows from my brain to the keyboard?!

In reality, something in between is probably the right way forwards.

As always all feedback is most welcome and shows that you are interested in continuous improvement, which is something of an obsession for me!!!

The more we all get involved and offer input, the more we get out of our Chapter...my mission is always to try and make the chapter the best it can be and any way that any of you can help us to achieve that will always be welcome!

Anyway...be safe and be lucky.

Kev

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Welcome to the Chapter!

Hello there!

We're delighted to give a big Chapter welcome to our newest members: Kevin Le Sueur and Billie Le Tissier from Jersey, and Jeff Robinson from Bristol.

Jeff's already been out and about with us on a few rideouts and caught up with many of you at the recent quarterly meet. He's kindly offered to share a member profile with us soon, so keep an eye out for that in an upcoming issue!

It's always great to see new faces joining our brilliant Chapter. Whether you're here for the organised rides, the laughs, or just the unbeatable sense of community, you've found the right crew. If you ever need anything, have questions, or just want a natter, feel free to contact any of the committee or chat with fellow members. We're all here to make your time with us as fun and as memorable as possible.

October Gathering News

Just a quick update for your diaries: instead of our usual first Wednesday of the month meet at Admirals Landing, October's get-together will be our AGM, happening on Saturday the 25th at the same venue. It's a key date for the Chapter, so do make sure it's in your calendar!

And if you're up for continuing the fun afterwards, we'll be heading back to Admirals Landing from 7pm for our legendary Harleyween bash. Fancy dress is encouraged, but not essential, so come as spooky or as casual as you like!

To stay up to speed with all our upcoming events and rideouts, don't forget to check the website calendar or pop into our members-only Facebook group.

We'll all look forward to seeing you soon!

Membership Reminder

Just a gentle reminder to all members that your annual membership renewal is due by **30th September**. To take part in the AGM and have your say in any voting matters, you'll need to be a fully paid-up member by that date.

We're really hoping for a strong turnout at both the AGM and our spooktacular Harleyween celebration afterwards. It's always a great chance to connect, catch up, and enjoy the spirit of the Chapter.



Thanks so much,
Sue x

Chapter Updates

Quarterly Club Meeting Recap

Last Saturday's Quarterly Club Meeting was a real highlight, with a fantastic turnout from members. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and lively participation from everyone who came along..



Upcoming Events

Please note: our next club night, originally planned for 1st October, has been cancelled. With the recent meeting just behind us and the AGM coming up on 25th October, we've decided to streamline the calendar a bit this month

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM on 25th October. Your involvement is what makes our Chapter so special, so we hope all fully paid-up members can join us.

Pete
Assistant Director / Secretary

Merchandise

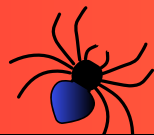
Hey everyone! Shirley here from merchandise.

Can you believe it's already been a year since I took on this role? Time flies when you're having fun - and I really hope you've enjoyed the new gear I've brought in over the past months. It's been a real joy picking out items that reflect the spirit and style of our Chapter.

I also hope you liked the Christmas goodie bags I put together last year—they were a hit! I'll be doing them again for 2025, but please note there will only be 20 bags available. Ten have already been snapped up at the quarterly meeting, so if you'd like one, let me know soon and bring your £10 to the AGM to secure yours.

If you'd like to add an extra £2 donation, that additional amount will go straight into our club's charity fund—every little helps and is hugely appreciated.

Thanks so much for all your support this year. Keep your eyes peeled for fresh new merch at the AGM - I've got some exciting bits lined up and I think you're going to love them!



See you soon,
Shirley xx



Member Profile: Clive Kearley

Three Wheels, Two Wheels, Three Again!

How It All Began

From the age of about 10, all I wanted was a motorbike. My first motorbike on my 16th birthday (4th July, by the way - Independence Day - hints of future US bikes maybe?), I was very briefly a Triumph Tiger Cub, 200cc of incurably rattling tappets! I only kept it til I realised, even as a learner, I was allowed to ride a 600cc Norton Twin (the forerunner to the Dominator) - unfortunately with a sidecar attached - but in this case, a relatively OK (Monaco) sidecar. My 14 year old brother was more than happy, at that stage, to be in the sidecar.



Memorable Trip

I had the Norton "outfit" for about 3 years - it was my day to day transport and I enjoyed every minute of it. The most memorable trip was to Scotland, circa 1965, following my Mum and Dad in their Zephyr 6 all the way up the A1 and beyond. Suddenly, we were stopped by the Police on the A1. They were concerned that I was following the Zephyr so closely. When they realised the situation they just drove away. Little did they know - I had no maps, not much money, and no real plan. Just me (16 or 17), my younger brother (14 or 15), and Mum and Dad, loose on the road, 300 miles from home. Not ideal!

Our destination was Applecross, tucked away on Scotland's west coast. The final stretch was a steep, single-track mountain road with occasional pull-ins. We stayed overnight at a B&B (see above pic), and on the way back down, we spotted several spanners glinting in the sunlight. Naturally, we stopped to collect them, only to realise they were ours! They'd rattled out of the rusty boot floor of the sidecar on the way up the day before! I distinctly remember one of them was named "King Dick"—yes, seriously!

Clive's Profile Cont...

Bye Bye Norton

Sadly, the Norton met its end on a bend near Chipping Norton. I was going too fast with a mate on the back and another in the sidecar. We overturned, and I walked away with a broken collarbone, and was lucky to get away with that! The Norton was well and truly chipped.

What came next

Having eventually passed my test, I moved onto a BSA Gold Flash, and then a Triumph Bonneville which leaked oil and stretched chains for a living. Then I got married and had kids, no more motorbikes, just a hand painted A35 van instead!

Wind the clock on 30ish years and I bought a 750 cc Yamaha Virago - glorious chrome, reliable, zero character. I called round Jackie's (Mission Control's) house on it expecting a rare old row, having not told her I was buying a motorbike. She skipped down the garden path, got on the back with no helmet and said "let's see what it will do". Previous boyfriend had a motorbike apparently. This is definitely the girl for me I thought!

Crossing over to Harley

The end came when some Harley guys called my Virago the Viagra! The cheek! Enter my first Harley, a new, glorious 2001 black Super Glide Dyna. Unfortunately my feet never really properly reached the pedals or rather the floor! Solution - a Harley Low Rider, another Dyna - this was a bike I absolutely loved. Good road-holding, with a Twin Cam 1450 engine. Over the next 15 years, I've been very lucky and had a fair number of Softails and Tourers.

The one that was most memorable was a Softail Convertible CVO, which I modified a fair bit to be my version of a "light tourer". This bike, complete with blue and black skulls paint work, was probably the only Softail with Tourer lower fairings and speakers, plus a very loud sound system! This was the bike we took back to Applecross as part of the Scottish North Coast 500 in 2018 - 53 years after my first visit on the Norton with sidecar! And yes the road to Applecross is still very steep!

Clive's Profile Cont...



After so many good years on 2 wheels, I finally decided to get a Harley Tri Glide (pic left) at the ripe old age of 72 - on safety grounds. I was struggling a bit with the weight of me, Mission Control and all the tools I still carry - so back to 3 wheels again after all this time!

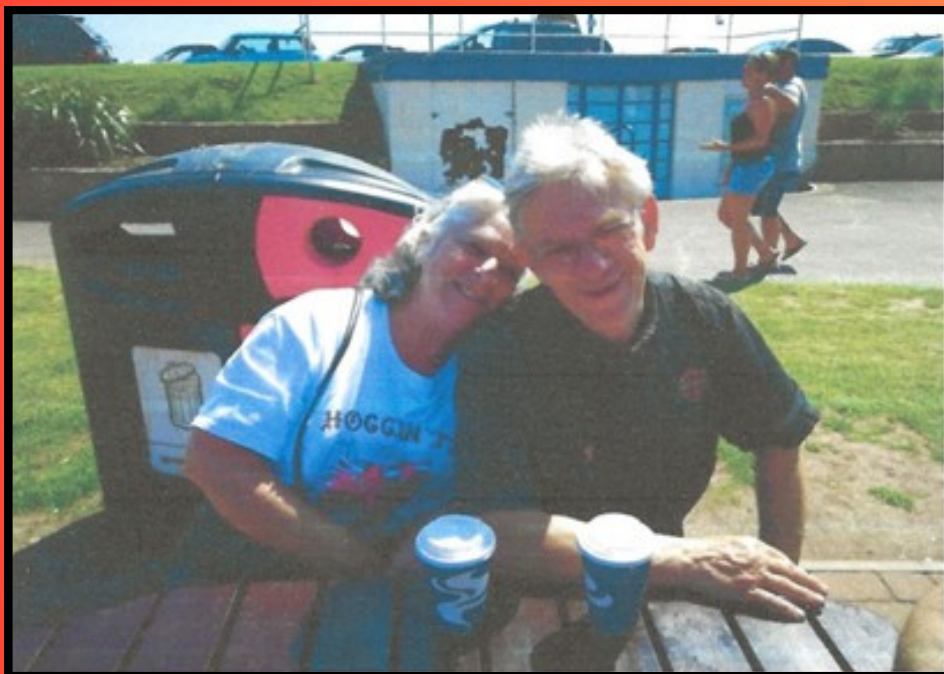
Strangely I've always enjoyed working on and modifying bikes nearly as much as riding them. I thought I'd spare you the details on this to save the yawning and snoring!

Where we are now

We've now been with the Bridgwater Chapter a stunning 23 years, and we've enjoyed every single minute of it! We have made just so many friends over the years. The rides are our big thing and we try not to miss any main ones. The Cider Rally for us is the standout event of the year - particularly last year up front transporting the Mayor of Burnham in the Parade. I'm not too sure Jackie was overthrilled at retaining her "Rear of the Year" trophy again though!

Ride safe and Stay safe.

Clive and Jackie



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Breakfast at Riders

By Patsy

It was a busy morning for breakfast, bacon rolls tea coffee and cold drinks all for our charities. Myself, Shirley and Dawn manned the stall while Rider's Manager, Joe cooked some lovely bacon. We raised £110, so thank you everyone.

Then 11am they all set off to the Blue Ridge Runners to take part in their parade run into Burnham-on-Sea.

Patsy
Ride safe x



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Breakfast at Riders

By Jane



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Blue Ridge Runners



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Llangollen



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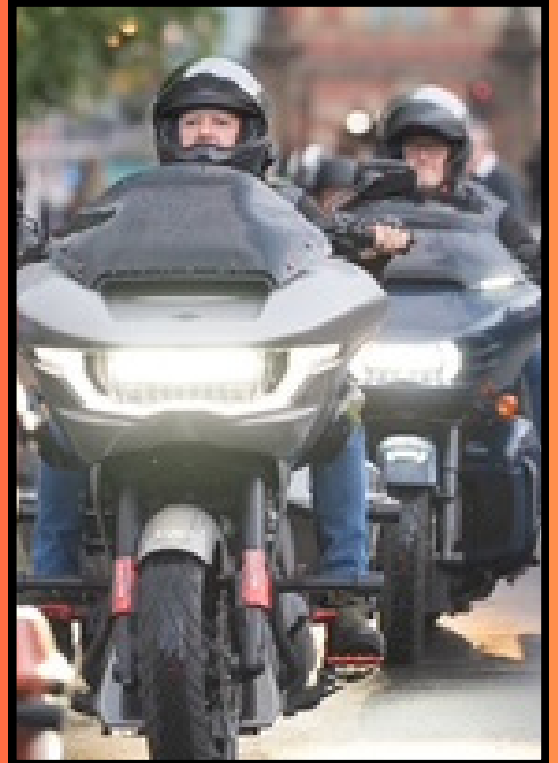


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Bat Out of Hell



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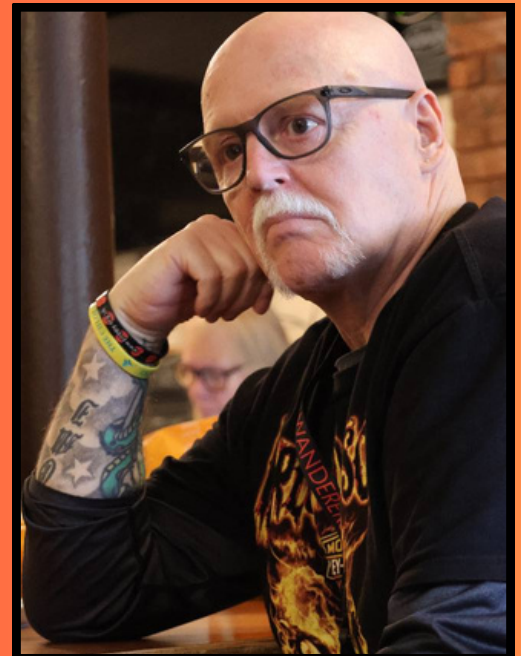
Quarterly Meeting

By Patsy



Quarterly Meeting

By Jane



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OCTOBER

**RIDE TO THE WALL
WITH JO AND CLIVE
DUNBALL MEETING PLACE
@9:00**

**3RD -
4TH**

**SUN
5TH**

**WALLACE'S CLUB RIDE
DUNBALL MEETING PLACE
@10:00**

**RYAN'S CLUB RIDE
DUNBALL MEETING PLACE
@10:00**

**SUN
19TH**

**SAT
25TH**

**AGM
ADMIRALS LANDING
@12:00**

**HARLEYWEEN PARTY
ADMIRALS LANDING
@19:00**

**SAT
25TH**

Bridgwater Chapter AGM

ADMIRALS LANDING

11.30 for
12pm

SATURDAY
25th
OCT



HOG Roast, Chapter Awards

BRIDGWATER CHAPTER

HARLEYWEEN PARTY

25TH
OCT

Admirals Landing
19.00-23.00

Live music from our very own Mark Godfrey
Free for BW members,
£5pp for non members

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

Tri Chapter Winter Ball

24th January 2026 from 18:30

Vale Resort, Hensol Pontyclun, CF72 8JY



3 Course Meal and Entertainment
Tickets £45 book direct from WDCC
Email: winterball@welshdragonhog.co.uk

Rooms £119 including breakfast
and use of spa facilities. Book direct 01443 667800

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CIDER RALLY

2026

PANTOMIME

1ST-4TH
MAY

TICKETS £50
FREE T-SHIRT

3 NIGHTS HALF BOARD
ACCOMMODATION
£125 PP

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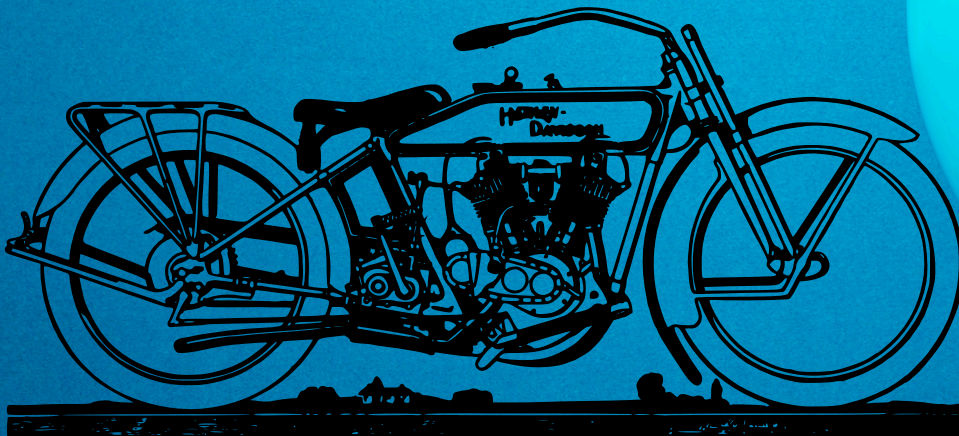
2025 Rally Dates

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	Glyde 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 Reck	Jersey HOG
12th to 14th Sept	Dragon Fever	Welsh Dragons HOG
12th to 14th Sept	Concorsum	Lindum Colonia HOG

End of the Rally Season



Committee Page

PRIMARY OFFICERS

Director



Gill

Treasurer



Gina

Assistant Director
& Secretary



Peter

**THE
COMMITTED!**

Head Road
Captain



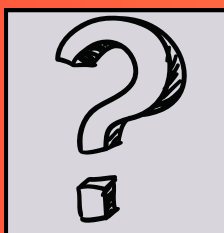
Kevin

Assistant Head
Road Captain



Chris

Ladies of
Harley



TBD

Webmaster/
Social Media



Keith

Activities
Officer



Jane

Membership
Secretary



Sue

Merchandise



Shirley

Editor



Jo

Photographer



Patsy

NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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 Iles
Ryan Barlow
Heather Barlow
Graham Hancock
Lisa Davies
Chris Hembrow
Jason Warner
Jim Nutland
Dave Kepple
Andy Woodhead
Paul Bailey
Paul Meeghan

Road Marshals

Chris (CJ) Earley
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Dave Ellis
Jayne Antonelli
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Jo Dagggar
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