



Bridgwater HOG

December 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 Festive Bits!

Well, here we are - just a few weeks away from Christmas! Santa's warming up the sleigh, checking his list (twice, apparently), and hopefully bringing all you well-behaved boys and girls the shiny new bits you've been hinting at. And for the slightly less well-behaved... let's hope he's in a forgiving mood this year!

I'm not quite sure where 2025 disappeared to. One minute we were dusting off the bikes, and the next minute we're wrapping presents. Hopefully you all had a great year and managed to get plenty of miles under your belts.

The Chapter's had a fantastic year too, with loads of rides and events. Chris and the Road Crew are already working away on the 2026 Ride and Event Calendar, and from the early signs, it's looking like another busy year - so keep those diaries handy!

The AGM is all wrapped up for another year. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Chapter. The committee has been voted in again, with a couple of new faces joining the fun:

- **Dawn Godfrey** – Assistant Secretary
- **Darrell Cole** – Assistant Webmaster
- **Jane Mitchell** – Chapter Photographer

Looking forward to seeing what they bring to the mix. A big thank you to Harvey for his speech too. As many of you know, he's left Riders and moved to the scooter shop just down the road—so slightly fewer horsepower, but we'll let him off! Wishing him all the best in his new adventure.



I'd also like to take a moment to thank each and every member of the committee. I honestly couldn't do what I do without you, and I feel truly humbled to be part of such an amazing Chapter. Working alongside such a dedicated, passionate team is a privilege. And of course, thank you to all of you, the members. Without your continued support, enthusiasm, and friendship year after year, we simply wouldn't have a Chapter. So, from the bottom of my heart, lots of love to every one of you.

Moggy Cont...

We voted for our 2026 charities, and 'In Charley's Memory' and 'Blood Bikes' were chosen - two brilliant causes we're proud to support next year.

Harleyween was another great night, with some fantastic costumes on display! Well done to all our winners. Big thanks to Mark and Jess for keeping the music going, and to Admiral's Landing for laying on their usual cracking spread.

The Cider Rally is filling up fast, so if you haven't booked yet, hop onto the website and get your form sent to Gina ASAP - you won't want to miss out. And if you've already booked but haven't had your reference number, just drop Gina a message (nicely!).



Hopefully I'll see many of you this Sunday at the Xmas Jumper Day lunch at the Catcott Inn. There's a prize for the best homemade jumper, one male and one female - so whether yours looks festive,

fantastic, or unintentionally hilarious, bring it along, can't wait to see what you have made.

If I don't see you over the next few weeks, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a brilliant New Year!

Lots of love,
Moggy



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Editor's Highlights

What a month it's been! We've had another cracking few weeks with plenty of get-togethers - some with the bikes, some without. The Wednesday Wanderers have braved the cold for midweek ride-outs, and a few hardy souls even rode to some of our events... brrrr! I'll admit it - I've put my bike to bed for the winter and she's SORN'd until spring (yes, lightweight, I know!).

Chapter Spirit in Action

One of the standout moments this month was pure Harley spirit. Rob Portland made an 80-year-old gentleman's dream come true by giving him a ride on a Harley for his birthday. That's what our chapter is all about - community, kindness, and sharing the joy of the open road. Well done, Rob!



Bake Off Success

Shirley, Dawn, and Patsy pulled off a fantastic Bake Off cake sale. We had some incredible creations, and Jeff deserves a special mention for riding in and arriving with his cake intact - and winning Best Presentation with his Harley-Davidson-themed decoration! Allan and Dawn scooped first prize for their cakes, and together we raised an amazing £112 for charity. Huge thanks to everyone who baked, bought, and supported.



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Editor's Highlights Cont...

Celebrating Milestones

Dave collected everyone's end-of-year mileage, and Sue presented Les and Linda with their 15-year membership pins - a proud moment for two long-standing members. It was a productive morning and great to see so many of you there.



Motorcycle Live at the NEC

Many of us headed to Birmingham for Motorcycle Live, where Moggy was hard at work on the Harley-Davidson stand, handing out goodies and polishing fingerprints off the display bikes.

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What's Coming Up

30th November is Christmas Jumper Day & Meal – Thanks to Di for organising!



Collect your Christmas Goodie Bags at next week's clubnight - they look absolutely fabulous - thanks Shirley!

No chapter rides are organised for the following events, so just turn up if you fancy it!

- Santa's on a Bike – 6th December
- Riders of Bristol Festive Open House – 13th December
- Christmas Hat Meet-Up – Riders of Bridgwater, 20th December at 10:30am

Looking Ahead

The magazine will move to a bi-monthly schedule, so the next issue will be out at the end of January. I'll still send event posters in between where needed.

For now, I hope to see you at one of the upcoming meets - but if not, I wish you all a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Head Road Captain



Christmas is coming and life is busy! I've already started setting up the ride calendar for next year, and I'm excited to share what's ahead.

Our official Chapter Rides will take place on the **second and fourth Sunday of each month** in 2026.

Sunday rides will kick off on 12th April 2026, so mark your calendars!

Some events are already confirmed, and more will be added in the coming weeks. As we move into the new year, I'll update the calendar with Road Crew details and

destinations as Road Captains take on dates and advise me.

I know it feels like we're wishing our lives away, but I can't help looking forward to next spring and the start of another great riding season.

For those who can't wait, Wednesday rides are still happening regularly. If you find yourself with a surprise day off, or if you're one of our retired members, why not join in? Check the events listing on the Facebook page early each week to see what's planned.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris Hembrow
Head Road Captain



Patsy Coles - Profile



A Passion That Started with Family

My journey into the world of motorbikes began 18 years ago, thanks to my husband, Martin. He introduced me to biking and even bought me a 125cc so I could learn. I was excited - I passed my theory test and planned to complete my CBT, but when Martin had a serious accident, my focus shifted to supporting him.

I never continued riding, but my love for the biking community never faded. I've stayed involved ever since and remain one of its most dedicated members.

Adventures Near and Far

Over the years with the chapter, I've joined countless adventures. I've seen the beauty of Belgium, Germany, France, and Portugal, and even experienced the thrill of Route 66 and the glamour of Saint-Tropez. Wherever the chapter goes, my camera goes too - capturing rides, rallies, and friendships with care and creativity.

Behind the Lens

Photography isn't just a hobby for me; it's my way of keeping the spirit of the chapter alive. Through my lens, every photo tells a story - from the buzz of the Cider Rally to the camaraderie at Rally in the Valley. I love capturing not just the bikes, but the people behind them - the laughter, the shared adventures, and the love of the open road.

Part of the Heart of the Chapter

Beyond photography, I've always tried to bring warmth and enthusiasm to everything I do. Whether helping at events, welcoming new members, or lending a hand wherever needed, I've aimed to reflect the best of our chapter spirit. Though I've stepped away from my committee role, I'll always be part of the heart of this group, and I look forward to many more adventures together.

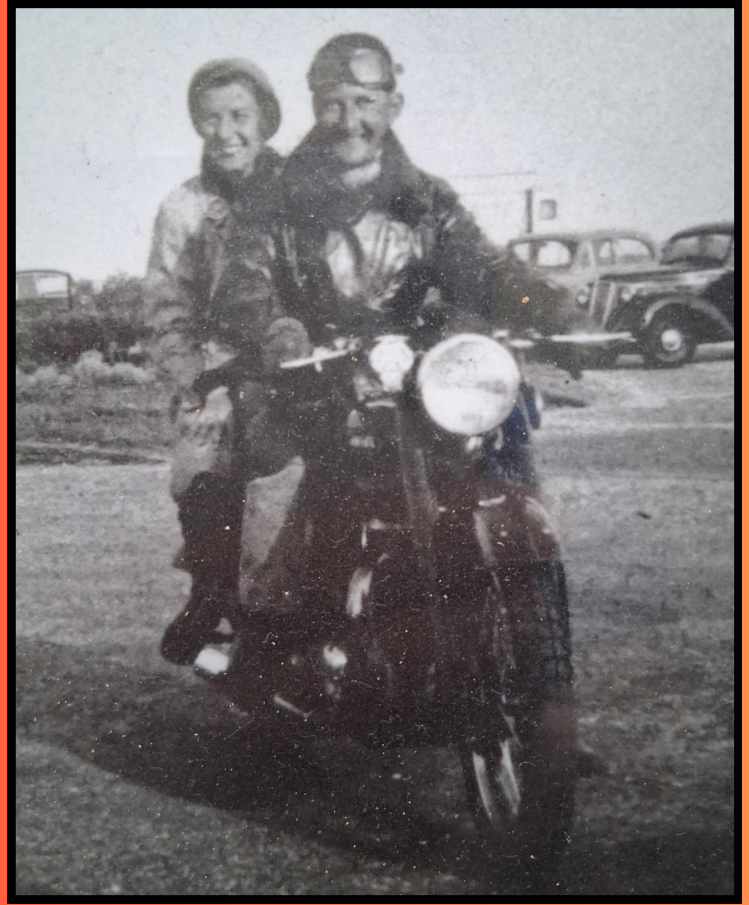
Jeff Robinson

Journey into the World of Motorbikes

My life in the world of motorbikes really started at birth.

Both my parents were bikers - Dad rode an Ariel Leader and Mum had a BSA Bantam. In fact, you could say my very first ride happened before I was even born: Dad took Mum to the hospital on the back of his bike for my grand entrance into the world!

From day one, the biking life was in my blood. As I grew up, I spent countless hours helping Dad strip down bikes, service them, and put them back together.



Back in the 1950s and '60s, everyone maintained their own bikes - no fancy dealerships then! They carried spares and offered advice, but that was about it. So, I grew up with oily hands and dirty fingernails (and I still smile at that memory).

When I started school, Mum would take me there on her BSA and pick me up on it too. No crash helmets in those days - I still miss not wearing one! I rode my first motorbike at just seven years old: a very beaten-up, tatty little BSA that I rode around the back streets of London, where I was born and raised. Hardly any cars back then - only one in our street, not like today!

I passed my test at 17 on Mum's bike. The test was simple: twice around the block while the examiner stood on the corner with his clipboard, then an emergency stop, one question on the Highway Code, and two signs to identify. That was it - I passed!



Jeff Cont...

Back then, you could take the test on any bike up to 250cc and then ride any size bike after passing. Mum gifted me her BSA Bantam - my first legal bike.



At 18, I joined the Army, but needed Dad's permission because the age of consent was 21. Dad didn't want me riding the Bantam from barracks to home, so I traded it in for a second-hand 1969 Triumph Bonneville 750.

I had that for about four years during my Army career, then swapped it for a Honda CB550. It had electric start, indicators, no oil leaks (a big deal!), disc brakes instead of drums, and it went twice as fast as the Bonny!

After 12 years in the Army, I left still riding Japanese bikes and moved to Bristol. My switch to Harley-Davidson came about by accident in 1987. At the time, I had a Suzuki GSX1100 and was planning a trip to London when the head gasket blew. A friend lent me his 1200 Harley-Davidson Panhead Hydra-Glide. I wasn't keen - always thought



Harleys had poor brakes, bad handling, and were slow. But reluctantly, I borrowed it...and how wrong I was! Yes, it still had a kick start, an advance and retard lever, and a side shift, but what a smooth ride! The throbbing engine, the comfortable riding position on a big buddy seat (for those who don't know, that's a single sprung seat, wide at the back for a pillion), it was everything I didn't expect. It reminded me of my early days on the BSA. I fell in love with it, swapped bikes with my friend, and had my first Harley-Davidson.



Jeff Cont...



Since 1987, I've ridden Harleys ever since. Over the years, I've owned a Heritage Softail, Dyna Low Rider, Nightrain, Dyna Glide, Springer Softail, Street Bob Special, and my current bike - a Softail Custom I've had since 2008. It's reliable, comfortable, and I love it.



So, I've had a long and interesting biker life and still enjoy every moment. I've never tired of riding motorbikes. I started legally at 17, and now at 69 (70 in March), I still get that buzz of excitement every time I fire up my Harley. Long may it continue!



Dave Lucas

A Life on Two Wheels

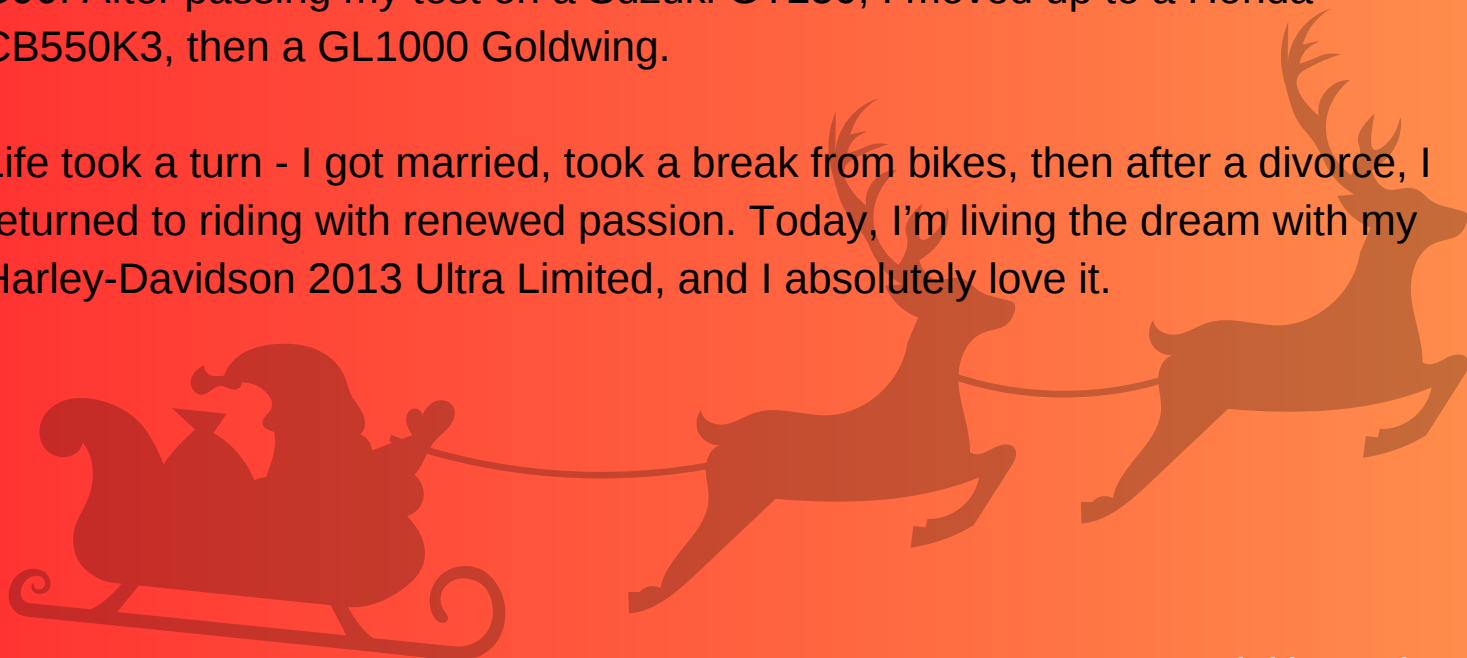


I grew up in a family where moving was part of life. My dad served in the Army for 28 years, so we were always on the move.

My passion for motorbikes started by watching road racing on TV. I was captivated by legends like Phil Read, Barry Sheene, and the great Mike Hailwood. I remember thinking, "That looks fun!" - and that was the spark.

My biking journey began at 15 with a humble Puch 50cc, followed by a Honda C90. After passing my test on a Suzuki GT250, I moved up to a Honda CB550K3, then a GL1000 Goldwing.

Life took a turn - I got married, took a break from bikes, then after a divorce, I returned to riding with renewed passion. Today, I'm living the dream with my Harley-Davidson 2013 Ultra Limited, and I absolutely love it.



Dave Cont...

Type of Riding:

Touring and sightseeing are my favorites. I've completed the iconic Route 66 (and would love to do it again!) and have my sights set on the NC500 and riding across Europe.

Events & Community:

I attend the Cider Rally every year when possible. Meeting people is something I enjoy, even though I'm naturally a shy and quiet person.

Customisation:

I prefer bikes in their standard form, though I appreciate the beauty of custom builds, they're just not for me.

Notable Rides:

Route 66 tops the list as my most memorable ride so far. It was an incredible experience, and I'd love to repeat it.

Current Bike:

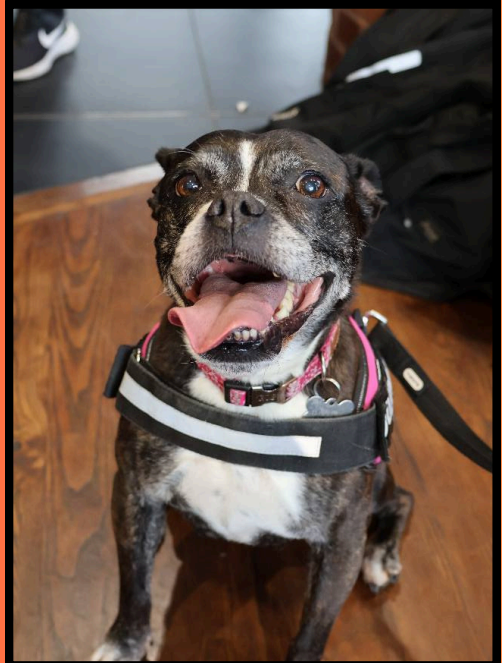
Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited (2013) – my pride and joy.



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Motorcycle Live



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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2026

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FREE T-SHIRT

3 NIGHTS HALF BOARD
ACCOMMODATION
£125 PP

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Clive
New Members Rep

Our Road Crew 2024

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Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas.
love from us all on the Committee

