

STOKE CHAPTER



- Part of the worldwide Harley owners group

CHAPTER AWARDS 2020. Unfortunately this years awards could not be given out in the usual fashion, so instead each recipient has kindly sent in their own photos to share.



Pete
Bentley



Dave
Mason



Steve
Sutton



Toni
Kirkland



Simon
Douthwaite

Dates For Your Diary

Chapter Meeting Dates.....

We are looking forward to being able to re-start meetings just as soon as Government guidelines allow.

Please keep checking the website and Facebook pages for updates.

All monthly meetings will be held at 7:30pm at Longton RUFC, Eastern Rise, Trentham Lakes, Stoke on Trent



North Coast 500 Road Trip

When: 04.09.2021 approx. 7 days (tbc).

The North Coast 500 brings a route of more than 500 miles of stunning coastal scenery around the North Coast of Scotland. Please contact Dennis Rawlingson or Arthur Emanuel

Over to you....

This is a new section to the newsletter and hopefully will include stories from different members. This month we are delighted that Arthur has very kindly offered to share his story with us.

Name: Arthur Emanuel
Chapter Member Since: 2013



I am 65 years young and I have been riding motorcycles for 13 years from the age of 15 until 18. I took a break from motorcycles for a number of years for two main reasons:

1. I could not afford a decent bike. Family with kids and a hefty mortgage took priority.
2. I lost good friends who had fatal accidents on motorbikes.

I resumed in 2010 at the age of 53, when, to help out my youngest son, Michael, who wanted to sell his Vespa to raise some money, I stepped in and offered to buy it from him. So after a break of 35 years, I found myself the proud owner of a Vespa.



My first bike however, was a Honda 50, which I purchased at the age of 15 for the sum of £20. I saved up my dinner money just to buy it and I remember buying it from Kings of Oxford in Bucknall at the bottom of Limekiln Bank. I used it to commute to school along the canal towpath or go scrambling in the local fields with the fairing off!

In total I have owned four bikes and one scooter. I still have the Vespa PX 125 along with my Harley Softail.

I've had:

Honda 50 1970 -1972
Triumph Tiger Club 1971-1973
Vespa PX125 2010- present
Harley Davidson 883 Sporster 2013-2015
Harley Davidson Softail 1690cc 2015-present

Whats the most dangerous thing that's ever happened to you on a motorcycle? While riding Route 66 in the USA, I was negotiating a bend and managed to travel about 20 meters off road on gravel, before managing to get the bike back onto tarmac. This really made me realise that we are certainly not immortal. It also helps that my wife, who was riding pillion at the time has never let me forget it either!

What is your best day ever on a motorbike? Its got to be riding a Harley Davidson Electra Glide to Monument Valley again in the USA.



What is your dream bike? I always said that once I retired from work, which I did at aged 56, then God willing, I would own my dream bike. In 2015 I got that wish and brought the Softail.

Have you made any modifications to your current bike? I have fitted Stage 1 Vance and Hines exhausts, heated grips, crash bars front and rear, LED indicators, eyelids and a rear mud flag.



A very big thank you to Arthur for sharing his story with us. If you would like to share your own story in the next newsletter, please contact me either via WhatsApp / Facebook or email kirklanddominos@gmail.com for further details.

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What is Ladies Of Harley (LOH)? Ladies of Harley (LOH) is a program sponsored by the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) to support women motorcycle enthusiasts for both riders and passengers. It is not a separate organization within H.O.G., but was established to encourage women to become more active in H.O.G. and their local chapters. You don't have to have your own bike to be a LOH member. LOH encourages women to participate in chapter events as well as functions specifically for the ladies.

How do you become a member of Ladies of Harley? You must first be a member of the National H.O.G., then you can join your local chapter. You can be either a full or associate member. Ladies of Harley membership also allows you to participate in all LOH activities at various H.O.G. rallies and events. There is no additional fee to be a Ladies of Harley member.



Ladies of Harley

Although many of our ladies of Stoke Hog are pillion riders we are excited that one of our members now has her own trike and we are hoping that she will start to fly the rider flag.

Stoke Hog is an all inclusive club and we welcome people of all ages and genders. But going forward we would as a Chapter like to welcome Ladies of Harley and with HOG UK and Ireland promote women in our chapter. Let's 'Sparkle' forward and 'Twinkle' into the future.

Just For Fun.....

Photo Caption Competition



This photo will also be published on the website. We are looking for the three best captions to be judged by Chapter Director; Dennis Rawlings. The winners will be announced on the website.

Ride Outs

2021

Upcoming Events

Ride To The Wall 2021

Registration for this years RTTW will open on Friday 30th April anyone wishing to sign up.

CHAPTER RIDE OUTS

Our Events Officer, Simon is asking for ride out suggestions. Please send your first and second choices directly to Simon. Let's try to get a good mix of short and long rides to fit in with everyone's different schedules. Of course all this is Covid permitting but, rest assured that we will be taking all necessary safety precautions to ensure a safe and happy riding plan for all.

Additional Ride Out dates and ride information will follow in future update's

THE OFFICIAL



**DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS WE ARE
UNABLE TO HOLD OUR EGG RUN FOR
2021.**

**WE ARE SETTING UP COLLECTION
POINTS AROUND THE CITY &
SURROUNDING AREAS WHERE PEOPLE
CAN DONATE EASTER EGGS AND FOOD
TO OUR EASTER APPEAL.**

**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD
LIKE TO BE A COLLETION POINT PLEASE
CONTACT THE STAR BIKERS
AT;**

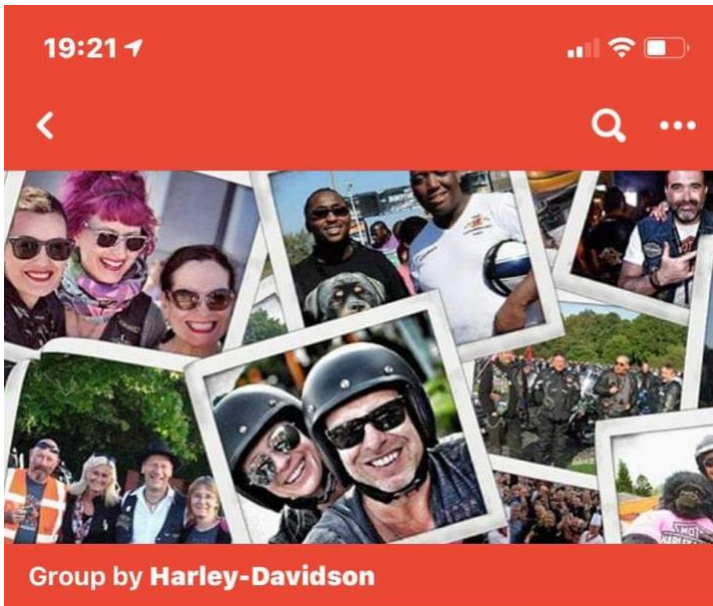
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**You have until 1st March 2021 to register to become
a collection point. For more information, please
view our website: stokebikeruns.co.uk**

Website Information

www.stokehogchapter.co.uk

Don't forget to regular check out our web page and Facebook for latest Chapter updates and information.



For those of us who like to follow social media sites, there is a new Official Harley Davidson UK and Ireland Facebook Group.



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Ireland Facebook Group** >

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