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**Committee Meeting**

Tues 27th May 25 @ 7.30pm

Attendees. Dennis, Arthur, Keith, Selwyn, Geoff, Mike & Jo.

Committee members present: Dennis, Keith, Selwyn, Geoff.

Apologies: Everyone else.

- **Director's Intro:** Meeting date changed last minute due to funeral at the venue.
Informal meeting held.
- **Accounts**
 - Main Account: £ 1013.09
 - Charity Account: £ 1006.50
 - PayPal: £ 6.66
 - Food & Raffle tonight: £
- **Events and Rides**
 - Rideout Sunday to New Brighton. Pete to lead.
 - Stone Carnival Tues 3rd June. Chapter to attend.
 - Mini Iron Hog planned for 5th July*. Please let Pete know if you wish to attend.
* possibly 12th July
 - Information on the Llangollen rally google Deva Legion rally. Tickets are still available, dates are 4th to 7th September. Tickets include caravan/
Motorhome pitch with electric hook up.
- **Charity Fundraising**
- **Merchandise**
- **Dealerships**
- **AOB**

Next Meeting,. Thursday 26th June 2025 @ 7.30pm.

Please all try to be there, and let Dennis know if you have any agenda items.

Chapter / Hog News**Members' News**

Roy has now returned from his round the world trip, and is keen to resume his role as Webmaster. Unfortunately, his bike suffered from lack of cleaning and maintenance while he was away. (I told you that you should have let me ride it for you!)



Meanwhile, Dave and Jane had a glorious week on their bike touring the Yorkshire Dales and moors, and Chris and Jackie Hall attended the Cider Rally in Weston-Super-Mare

The Cider Rally 2025- starring newlyweds Chris and Jackie Hall

Our annual pilgrimage to the Cider Rally this year started off really well, we managed to leave home on time for a change (which in itself is a miracle) along with a lovely bit of sunshine to keep us company.

Our first comfort stop was at a Dobbies Garden Centre just off of junction 9 on the M5 (can't beat free coffee and cake with a Dobbies card birthday treat) strangely enough 4 other Harleys pulled in just after us also going to the rally, unfortunately I can't recall which chapter they were from.

After a short break we set off down the M5, only to get as far as junction 14 before the traffic started to back up (flippin holiday makers).

Unfortunately, this was a long traffic jam, it went from junction 14 of the M5 all the way to just before the turning for Weston Super Mare junction 21, this meant filtering for about 20 miles or so, consequently a journey that should have taken 2.5 hours from home to the rally actually took nearly 4.5 hours.



Arriving at the rally we were greeted by the security folks who dished out the wrist bands for the weekend's entertainment, we parked the bike outside of our room and proceeded to go and book in and get our room key.

The reception room just happened to be next door to the bar, so Jackie forced me to have an obligatory pint of Guinness....

As with the previous Cider rallies, 5pm till 8pm was feeding time, the usual all you can eat self service counters were fully stocked with 4 choices of main meals, as well as the salad bar (whatever that is...lol) not forgetting the abundance of Gateau's etc for dessert.

After a hearty meal it was time for a little walk around the Harley stall from Bristol HD, not as many bargains this year, which was a blessing really as we were tight on luggage space.

The evenings entertainment was a couple of bands blasting out some great tunes, along with more of the compulsory Guinness.

About 11pm, we left the "young ones" to carry on the party and headed off to our room, which I must admit was very nice and comfortable and recently refurbished.

Breakfast was 8am till 10am, again all you can eat, various cereals along with fruit and yogurt, the traditional fry up was available if that is what you fancy, all of which tasted really good.

There were 4 ride outs planned by the Bridgwater chapter, going to various destinations all leaving at staggered times to avoid too much confusion.

This being the day of our wedding anniversary (39 decades... sorry years) Jackie and I decided to do our own thing and pop off to the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, I planned a lovely route avoiding the motorway as much as possible. Again, we were blessed with beautiful weather, we had an amazing time along with more coffee and cake, and I even managed to get a window seat overlooking the Donkeys in the fields.

After getting back to the rally, I decided to give the bike a little wipe down, unbelievably it wasn't dirty at all thanks to the great weather, just the usual couple of hundred dead flies on the windshield.

Dinner time soon appeared, and more food ensued, so off for another walk along the sea front this time, then it was back into the main building for more music and drinkies..



Sunday morning after breakfast, a parade ride along Weston Super Mare sea front down to Burnham on Sea was the order of the day, rumour has it that there were about 300 bikes in total.

We stayed for about an hour then headed back to the rally, this gave us plenty of time to load up the bike and check everything over ready for the following morning.

Another wonderful meal was provided, "roast dinner" this time (plus other options).

The Sunday night's entertainment was the DJ and some silly games, we stayed for a little bit and headed back to the room, as it was still relatively still early, I decided to go and have a couple of game of snooker and darts in the games room (open 24hrs) which just happened

to be right next to our room, unfortunately the swimming pool wasn't open at that time of night, so no skinny dipping this time...lol

After yet another hearty breakfast on Monday morning, we handed in our room key and set off home. Thankfully traffic was almost extremely light, we made great time getting home (no speeding, honest officer). As mentioned before, it usually takes about 2.5 hours for the trip home, but we managed it in 2.5 hours including a comfort stop, and also chatted to some others HOG members for 15 minutes who'd also been at the rally.

All in all, an excellent weekend, in fact, we have already booked again for next year.

Regards Chris and Jackie.

Chapter Ride-outs

May the 4th 2025 Chesterfield HD

Only 3 of us for this Star Wars Day celebration ride, due to Cider Rally, Bank Holiday weekend away, awaiting spares, still down under, Spanish wine and Kidney Stones.

We met up at Leek, and had a ride up to Hassop Station for breakfast via Bottomhouse, Hartington, Monyash and Ashford, then on to Harleyworld, where we met a small group from Chrome Hills chapter. Although Selwyn's credit card was burning a hole in his pocket, he managed to resist several impulse purchases. Headed back via Longnor and Leek. Enjoyable day, thanks to Selwyn, Chris H and Pete. May the force be with you!

18th May 2025 – Carsington Water

Great turnout of 8 bikes for the ride to Carsington Water. Good to see Keith back in the saddle again. We took the long way round, via Blithfield Reservoir and Abbots Bromley, where we managed to shake off Dennis and Dave, then up to Darley Moor Chequered Flag café for a short stop. We reached Carsington Water in good time to order food before the Deva Legion arrived. Lovely laidback atmosphere at the Visitor's centre, and a good chance to meet and mingle with the Legionnaires.



We all set off for a brief ride along the Via Gellia Road to Newhaven, where we parted company with the Devas. Thanks to Phil for some amazing drone photos, and to Dennis, Dave, Jane, Dougie, Chris S, Keith, Selwyn Mike, Jo Pete and the Deva Legion for making it a lovely day out.

25TH May 2025- Mid Wales Airport ride-out and meet up with Black Mountain Chapter

Stoke Chapter met up at Tern Hill petrol Station on a pleasant day for riding. First stop was Ellesmere Lake for a coffee and chat, then on to the Mid Wales airport where we had lunch on the veranda overlooking the airfield where we met up with members of the Black Mountain Chapter. Pleasantries were exchanged. Dennis looked on enviously and choose not to indulge in any food due to personal reasons. (vest too tight) He took some stick. !!!!

We also witnessed the air ambulance take off.

This was followed by a ride with the Black Mountain Chapter in line of sight formation around the Shropshire hills before parting our ways in Shrewsbury. All in all a great day's riding in good weather covering 150 miles.

Credits to Arthur.

Thanks to Dave for leading the ride, Jane, Dennis, Arthur and Paul for their support.

Right: Dennis makes an emergency call to Deliveroo, and the Air Ambulance immediately sets off for McDonalds.



Future Chapter Events

- Unless stated, all ride outs are closed events. However, members may bring guests providing a disclaimer is submitted.
- Rides will go ahead unless cancelled by road captain the previous day at the latest. Please check WhatsApp before attending for any changes/updates.

Date:	Day	Event	Description	Road Capt	Meet at:
1st June 25	Sun 10am	Ride	Seaside Run: Pack up your speedos, we are off to the seaside at New Brighton. (just like Blackpool, but no tower and not as posh)	Pete	Longton Rugby Club, Stanley Mathews Way, SD4 8WG
3rd June 25	Tues 6pm	Display	Stone Carnival Two wheel Tuesday: Park up in Stone and grap some fish & chips, and view all the bikes.	Dennis	Longton Rugby Club,
7-10th Jun 25		Rally	The Gathering- Hunter's Quay		Pete, Paul, Dave & Jane B attending
14th Jun 25	Sat 9am	Parade	Newport Carnival- Parade through Newport, and stay awhile at the Carnival	Dennis	Longton Rugby Club,
15th Jun 25	Sun 10am	Ride	Over the border run: Yes, leaving England and travelling to Ruthin in deepest Wales. Fantastic roads taking us to the Chain and Sprocket Café (this place is great)	Dave	Longton Rugby Club,
20-22 Jun 25		Rally	Oak Tree Rally- Carmarthen		Dennis, Arthur, Chris attending
21-23 Jun 25		Rally	Roar on the Moor: Aire Valley Chapter Ilkey Rugby Club		
26th Jun 25	Thurs 7.30	Meeting	Chapter Monthly Meeting	Dennis	Longton Rugby Club,
28th Jun 25	Sat	Event	Manchester Harley Davidson 1st Anniversary. Bikes, Bands and Burgers. Join Manchester H-D and other chapters celebrate the 1st Anniversary.	Dennis	TBA
29th Jun 25	Sun 10am	Ride	Hope Valley ride: A chance to ride through some stunning countryside and visit the Grindleford Station Café	Pete	Longton Rugby Club,
30th Jun 25	Mon 6pm	Parade	Bat out of Hell: Opening night parade in Hanley with Deva Legion chapter	Dennis	TBA

Club Meeting Dates 2025- Now the last Thursday of every month26th June 202531st July 202528th Aug 2025**Future HOG Events**

It's time to start planning your rallies for 2025. Plenty to choose from. Please let us know if you book, as other members may wish to join you. 😊

Check out the Hog Pod for more event details.

<https://hog-pod.com> and look at events. The magazine is pretty good too!

- the Gathering - Clyde Valley Chapter- 7-10th June 25*
- European HOG Rally 12 – 15th June 25 in Medulin, Istrian peninsula, Croatia. 1270 miles from the Longton Rugby Club. (1212 avoiding motorways but may be some B roads!!). We'll need to depart early May! Book early to get great deals.
- Rumble Rally-Great Western 13-15th June 25
- Black Mountain Oak Tree Rally -Carmarthen 20-22nd June 25*
- Horseshoe Rally-Rutland 27-29th June 25
- Roar on the Moor – Aire Valley 21-23rd June 25
- Wake the Lakes – Red Rose 3-6th July 25
- Medieval Rally - Sherwood Chapter 11-13th July 25
- East of England Rally – Fenlander Chapter 24-27th July 25
- Hogs 'n Bogs Rally – Belfast Chapter 1-3rd Aug 25
- Heart n' Soul Rally -Morpeth- Geordie Chapter 7- 10th August 25*
- Hogsback Rally – Cirencester 15-16th Aug 25
- Thunder in the Glens – Dunedin Chapter 22-24th Aug 25
- Rally in the Valley - Deva Legion 2025 4-7th Sept 25*
- Hogs-around the Rock -Jersey 12-14th Sept 25
- Concursum IV - Lindum Colonia Lincoln 12-14th Sept 25
- Dragon Fever - Welsh Dragon Chapter 12-14th Sept 25

***Chapter members attending.**

Future Open Events

Stone Carnival Tues 3rd June 25- evening

Newport Carnival Sat 14th June: Parade around the town.

Beartown Bikers Last Bear Standing weekend-Harrington Arms, Bosley, 27-28th June.

Bike4Life – Sun 20th July 25, 9am-4pm Weston Park: <https://www.facebook.com/Bike4LifeFest>

RTTW: --Sat 4th October 2025 https://www.rttw.org/ride_information.php



For Sale**Squire/Watsonian D21 motorcycle luggage trailer**

I have reluctantly decided to sell my Squire/Watsonian D21 motorcycle luggage trailer. This trailer can be towed behind a motorbike as the drawbar swivels. It's only had one owner from new and has been looked after and well cared for by myself. The trailer has only covered about 1200 miles and tows like a dream. The original concept trailer holds the Guinness world record for being the fastest trailer towed by a motorbike 139MPH (that's how stable it is).

If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be looking for an amazing luggage trailer please get in touch, and I'll send on anymore information and photos.

I'm looking for around £575. This trailer cost £2160 in 2007, and 12 months later the same one cost £3000. Contact Chris Hall for details.



Tech Talk**Frying Tonight!**

Pete had an Engine light and Battery light weakly displaying on the speedo of his 2009 Dyna Superglide (56,000 miles). Bike started and carried on going, until he arrived home. On arrival, battery voltage was 11.5 volts, the fault codes showed a low battery charge, and also a volt overload on the ignition switch terminals. There was no voltage indicated from the stator connector with engine running, and no increase in battery voltage when RPM increased. The battery recharged up to 12.8 volts off the bike, and held its charge.

After removing the inner primary case, the stator was found to be well fried. (it was still smoking and smelling a bit!). I ordered a Drag Speciality Stator and Rectifier from Hog Parts, and the usual long list of gaskets and bolts from Manchester HD. Cleaned the two ground points behind the battery box and on the transmission, and replaced the ignition switch, and dismantled and cleaned the old ignition switch terminals. All the parts should be here by the weekend, so fingers crossed!

**Useful Contacts**

Harley **Manuals** and Parts Book PDFs can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1465028990466294>

High Pressure **Fuel pipes** and **hydraulic hoses** can be manufactured or repaired by:

Auto Hose & Restoration, 9 Bagnall Rd, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 7AY Tel: 01782 542486

<https://classiccarwebsite.com/item/auto-hose>

Motorbike **repaint & repairs**:

Farrount paintwork, Broadhurst Lane, Congleton, CW12 1LA. Tel: 01260 271221

https://www.farrountpaintwork.co.uk/Site/Contact_info.html

Motorbike **repairs/servicing**-Harleys included:

Steve Wheeler - https://www.facebook.com/shdstoke?locale=en_GB Tel: 07970 851973

Promoto UK, Unit 13, Daneside Business Park, Riverdane Rd, Congleton CW12 1UN Tel: 01260 413411 <https://www.promoto.uk/>

[Electrical Connectors](#)

MC Connectors, Harley electric connectors and pins: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/mcconnectors>

If anyone would like to contribute to this newsletter, with either bike related stories, previous bikes, projects, adventures, repairs, items for sale, photos, jokes, events etc please let me know.

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*****Thanks to all those members who contributed to this month's newsletter*****