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POND LIFE

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FROM *THE* EDITOR

Aye... It has been bloody brilliant these last few months as I've been doing the PondLife Magazine for you all at Lakeside Chapter, but my time as editor is coming to an end, this will be my last edition.

I may not be an actual member (or even have a bike) but I sure do try to come to as many functions that I can. These last few months of creating the 'New Look' for the PondLife Magazine have been great, we got some printed, which was a first for me to see an actual printed copy of something designed by myself (usually I just print photos.)

I need to say thank you to everyone who has written an article, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you Sue for helping with the editing of the words, this is a weak point for me so that really was a huge help.

As I pass it over to our next editor I look forward to seeing what they do with this great publication.

Callie Poston



FROM THE NEW EDITOR

.....and its “Hello from me”!

What is it they say? Never volunteer? Think I missed that lesson when I attended (sometimes) the University of Life.

“We need a new editor” they said, “It’ll be fun” they said, “You’ve written a few articles for Pondlife, it’ll be a doddle” they said. This is what they said. What they were thinking was “He looks like a sucker, let’s sell it to him”. The plan worked, as here I am – as from the Committee meeting on 27 January 2024 when the decision was taken – the new Editor of Pondlife.

To tell the truth, at present I’m more the Editor in waiting as Callie is kindly putting the February issue together, but as from the March edition the responsibility will fall to me. That’s when you’ll see all Committee members sitting there with their heads in their hands asking themselves “What have we done?”. My response? “You’ve only got yourselves to blame maties!”.

But honestly, I’m looking forward to it. Pondlife is there on our website showing the world what this Chapter is all about: the rides, the events, the charity work, and very importantly its members that make Lakeside such a great Chapter to be part of. During my time in the Chapter (I joined in 2020 – needless to say I didn’t get on many ride-outs that year) we’ve been lucky enough to have Sue, then Callie, carry the mantle of Editor. They’ve both set the bar high. Let’s hope I can keep it there. I’ll certainly try as I recognise that Pondlife has a role to play in maintaining and hopefully raising our Chapter’s standing and reputation.

I won’t say much more now as to say any more may spoil your already growing excitement of waiting for my first “A word from our Editor” article in the March edition of Pondlife. And in any case, Phil just asked me to write a few words for the February edition to introduce myself. So that’s it – a quick “Hello” from me.

Until the next time.

Tony H



DIRECTORS THOUGHTS

Thank heavens January's behind us. On the plus side we did manage to get one Ride Out, one Committee Meeting, one Road Crew meeting, one Natter Night and our first Saturday Social.

Welcome to Tony Hitching who is taking over as Chapter Editor. Please support him by getting articles in as regularly as possible, Editor@Lakesidechapter.co.uk

Also, welcome to Kevin Smith who is stepping up as our Webmaster. He'll be making sure that everything and anything can be found on the Chapter Website and is so up to date you'll never have to ask a question ever again. If you did have a question, Kev can be reached on Webmaster@Lakesidechapter.co.uk

We're still looking to fill the posts for Chapter Photographer, Safety Officer and Communications Officer. If you're interested please email me Director@Lakesidechapter.co.uk
Lastly, a massive thank you to Callie for looking after Pondlife for the last few months.

Well done and a massive thank you to Carl for a fantastic 30 minute presentation on Chapter & HOG group ride out police and safety. As was mentioned during the presentation, we all have a licence, we can all ride bikes, but there are some really important rules and guidelines about group riding that can and do make it safer for everyone and ultimately even more fun.

We'll definitely be doing more of these and back them up with short Ride Outs to reinforce the various methods in use when we're out group riding.

Looking forward it's fantastic to see our various Committee planning all sorts of events, rides and socials for the coming months and even further afield. Be sure to book these in advance if the organiser has asked. It really does help and if you decide to leave it one more week there is a very real chance it will be cancelled due to lack of interest.

This month I've asked the Road Captains to do a quick guide to the rides they're planning to lead, so if they've all remembered to get their articles in, you should have a very comprehensive guide to every single Ride Out planned for the rest of this year!

There are a multitude of rally's being advertised and hopefully the Chapter will be riding to some of these. If there was one you particularly wanted to attend and it's not in our ride diary then ask our Head Road Captain (or email HRC@Lakesidechapter.co.uk) and we'll see if we can add it to the list.

Don't forget that the Chapter Sign Up day is coming on Saturday 9th March. This year it will be at the Dog & Partridge. Please come along to renew your membership (see if you can't encourage new members), it'll be a good day. It always is. Any questions, contact our Membership Officer, Ash (membership@Lakesidfechapter.co.uk).

It was really sad to hear that in the last month Norwich Harley Davidson has closed. Our good friends at Icen Chapter are being 'Adopted' by Newmarket Harley Davidson. Also gone is Manchester Harley Davidson. Home of Mancunium Chapter. This makes a total of 6 dealerships gone in the last 6 months. These are difficult times for sure.

Interviews for the new Customer Experience Manager are taking place so we should know who our new HOG UK contact is in the coming weeks.

The weather is hopefully going to get better, the bloody gritters will disappear and we can get out and ride every chance we get.

I'm off snowboarding for a week. See you all at February's Natter Night I hope.



HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN & SAFETY

Hi all

How the flipping heck are we in February already.

We have had a few rides as the weather has allowed and I've been out a few times just for my own mental health, but please if the gritters have been out, don't forget to rinse all the salt off the bike before you put it away.

It is not until March the ride calendar starts to ramp up a bit but we will always try to put on some last minute rides if the weather looks good and Phil is out of the country lol.

The 1st Saturday Natter Day was well attended and it was good to see some new faces and some old that can't make the 2nd Wednesday night of the month. Carl gave a good presentation on how we are expected to ride as a chapter and it was well received, Thank you Carl.

That's about it for now but please keep an eye on Facebook and the chapter Comms for any ad-hoc rides that may pop up (we had 17 bikes on the last one)

headroadcaptain@lakesidechapter.co.uk

Above all have fun, ride your bike and if possible, EAT 😊

Vince



CHARITY OFFICER

As the year has now started there is not a lot to report, only that there was a great turn out for natter night and the charities we support.

A big thanks to Phill for picking up the mantle to present the cheques for me as I was in Ireland for a family funeral.

For those who couldn't make the first natter day on Saturday 27th Feb we had a great turnout and already looking forward to the next.

Below is a letter sent from the Aaron Lewis Foundation thanking the chapter for our continued support.

Well guys that's all for now ride safe and rubber side down.



CHARITY WALK

On 27th January I took part in the Ultra Challenge London Winter Walk. I opted to walk 26 miles (marathon), half marathon (13 miles) and 10K routes were also available (advance warning for next January!!!!).

The train journey up to the Oval Cricket Ground went smoothly, as did the registration process where I received my tracking lanyard, number and neck warmer. On to the coffee and biscuits to await my start time.

At 9:25 into the start area and the warm up exercises!! 9:30 off to do the eastern loop – 13 miles (21 Kms) through Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, back to Tower Bridge and over to Embankment down to Vauxhall Bridge and back to the Oval for midway food. After 30 minutes rest ready to set off on the second loop westward to Putney Bridge, then back along the other side of the river to Vauxhall Bridge and the finish line at the Oval.

Some stats:

Total walking time: 7 hours 42 minutes

Total walkers: 1,800

Finish Place: 322

The best stat of all being that I have raised over £600 to share between the Chapters charities – Wipe Away Those Tears and Aaron Lewis Foundation. I would like to thank everyone in the Chapter for their support and donations.



INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARY BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES

The Committee in conjunction with HOG UK have produced a set of Bylaws and Procedures by which the Chapter will be run from the 2024/25 year. These documents are not new, but consolidate those existing and unwritten custom and practice procedures in current existence. They are also to clarify and enhance the existing management of the Chapter.

When you enrol for the 2024/25 year the membership form will ask you agree to abide by the Bylaws and Procedures as a member of this H.O.G. sponsored Chapter.

Prior to the 2024/25 enrolment date the Bylaws and Procedures will be available on the Lakeside website in January 2024. Any questions please email the Secretary at (secretary@lakesidechapter.co.uk) with subject heading B&P Questions by 5 February. A consolidated Q&A will be published by 25 February.

Regards Secretary



LADIES OF HARLEY



LADIES OF HARLEY - FEBRUARY 2024

Hello ladies, I hope you are keeping well and are looking forward to Spring! I have seen Daffodils in the supermarkets and they put a smile on my face! I was more impressed that they are still only £1:00 a bunch, although I think the bunches are smaller!

I wanted to share some information about The Ladies of Harley Events that will be taking place over the coming year. I am hoping that if I can give you dates and events then you will be able to pencil them in your diary! I hope you can join us on the events that take your interest.

We have our wonderful 'Baking' for Sign-up Day', (9th March 2024) which I know quite a few of you have messaged me to tell me what delights you will be making, even a few requests have been thrown in!! Your wonderful Bakes are then available for our members on 'Sign-up' day for a small donation towards our charities! Arrangements to follow!



I know us girls all like a little bit of Abba, so why not come along to 'Mumma Mia Party on 7th September 2024!'

Mamma Mia! The Party takes place at Nikos Taverna on the beautiful island of Skopelos, where the first Mamma Mia! movie was shot. As the sun sets on the island, a secret romance is blossoming amongst the hustle and bustle of Nikos' family-run taverna and you won't have to leave your seat to watch the drama unfold. Unless you want to that is... Featuring ABBA's legendary music and a hilarious new story adapted by Sandi Toksvig you will be taken from dinner to dancing and find yourself lost in a fabulous dream world for the night.

A flyer explaining all will be with you in the next few weeks! Keep an eye out for those emails and WhatsApp's..! Put the date in your diary 7th September 2024.



Next on the list by popular request is our 'Vineyard Tour', where we can soak up the sun and taste a glass of wine or two. This event is on Friday 16th August 2024 at Saffron Grange Vineyard Tours & Tastings. More information on this event will follow!



The Ladies of Harley Rochester (Kent) (Dickens Festival) Christmas Market Trip, which is be taking place the weekend of the 30th November / 1st of December. (Dates to be confirmed) – the Chapter have kindly subsided money towards the coach, so we will not need to drive and we can go along as a group! I know quite a few of you have already sent me a WhatsApp and or Email to say you are interested, but if you haven't already, could you let me know by the 29th February 2024 so I can start pricing the transport. More information to follow!



Gosh that was a lot to take in, don't worry I will keep updating you with what is going on!

All I have left to say is.....

Happy Valentines Day to all the wonderful women in our chapter, it would not be the same without you!

You Are Great Women!

A great woman is true to herself, her words, and her actions. She holds an anchor of unshakeable faith.

Her opinions don't change instantly. She never falters or strays from her beliefs especially when she knows she's right.

Her loyalty is free from doubts and temptations. She has your back when the world turns against you.

Because of her strong sense of loyalty and commitment, she keeps her promises and works on them.

NEW WEBMASTER

Hi all, for those who don't know me, I'm Kev, your new webmaster! I've been with the Chapter for 18 months now having started riding again after a 36 year break. You'll also see me sometimes in hi-vis at the rear of ride-outs now, as I have also recently joined the Road Crew.

I don't see much wrong at all with the current website so please don't expect to see much in the way of change, but if you've got any ideas I'd be only to pleased to hear them and consider making changes. You can email me at webmaster@lakesidechapter.co.uk

My aim is to help keep communication flowing through the website to existing members, and to ensure that we continue to promote our chapter to the wider Harley community.

It never ceases to amaze me how inclusive and friendly our chapter is – it is so nice to belong to a group of like-minded people, where egos are left behind and everyone is treated as an equal. Long may that continue.

Ride safe and see you all soon.



EVENTS



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Well, we have all made it through January and I don't know about you but wow what a long month this has been now I'm looking forward to the days getting longer and hopefully the weather warmer.

So, what have we got coming up. Firstly, there is the Chinese meal, which is on Friday 23rd February at Song's Chinese restaurant, Bond Street, Chelmsford, this is an all you can eat for £18.99 and yes, there is still time to let me know if you would like to come along.

Also, I am looking to book Romford Dogs for Friday 15th March so if you fancy a flutter and you never know it could be your lucky day, why not come along, price is £14 for the party package which includes admission, race card, one drink and a fast-food voucher. Payment to be made to the 'Chapter' – ref 'Dogs' this is non-refundable.

Thirdly, axe throwing @ Nuclear Wild Forest, Parsonage Farm, Ongar Road, Brentwood CM15 0LB on Saturday 6th April @ 11.30am. This will be a 90mins session for £30, they will have a fire pit so we can huddle around there and keep warm if it's still a bit chilly. You will need to sign a disclaimer on the day, and they will take payment upon arrival. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

In September there is the Cambridge Dragon boat racing and I'm hoping to organise a ride out to this event, where we can cheer on the boats.

I'm hoping to get some more events in the diary for May onwards. So if you have any ideas of anything you would like to do please do get in touch.

events@lakesidechapter.co.uk

See all you soon.

Lu



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More is coming in 2024...



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VACANT OFFICER POSITIONS

CHAPTER OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

SAFETY OFFICER

Responsibilities:

- Assists the Chapter Director in upholding the Annual Licence for H.O.G. Chapters.
- Organises accredited motorcycle safety courses for Road Captains, Road Crew and members.
- Organises, formulates, promotes and delivers Safety and Rider awareness.
- Assists the Road Captain in educating members about group riding techniques.
- Ensures all Road Captains and Road Crew are First Aid Trained.
- Ensures First Aid qualifications are in date.
- Organises First Aid Training courses when required.
- Informs and updates the committee with relevant safety information.
- Maintains the incident report file.

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CHAPTER OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

PHOTOGRAPHER

Responsibilities:

- Assists the Sponsoring Dealer and Chapter Director in upholding the "Annual Licence for H.O.G. Chapters".
- Takes and organises chapter photos for chapter publications, HOG® magazine and a chapter history album.
- Submits chapter photo to HOG® magazine when requested.

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CHAPTER OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Communications officers play a critical role in the establishment and promotion of an organization's brand. They create, coordinate and execute communication plans to increase internal and external awareness.

Responsibilities for Communications Officer

1. Develop, write and edit marketing and communications materials, including blog posts and social media content.
2. Promote communications through appropriate social media channels.
3. Track successes and failures of communications.
4. Ensure that all communications align with Harley Davidson brand standards.
5. Maintains, monitors and amends social media posts and material to ensure they meet with H.O.G Charter.
6. Work with committee members to conceptualize and implement communications strategies and campaigns.
7. Respond to media inquiries and perform media outreach to achieve brand placement in publications.
8. Develop escalation protocols for managing communication crisis, should they arise.

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RIDE-OUT GUIDELINES

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. Chapter members. There are three categories of activities, identified as follows:

Member Event – (Rallies, Multi-day)

Member Events are events that are only open to Chapter Members or to other HOG Members *with approval of a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.*

Open Events

Open Events are open to Chapter Members and others. *Guests must be approved by a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.*

Closed Events

Closed Events are open to Chapter members and one guest per member. *Riding guests will need approval of a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.*

Chapter Primary Officers

Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary.

Guest Policy

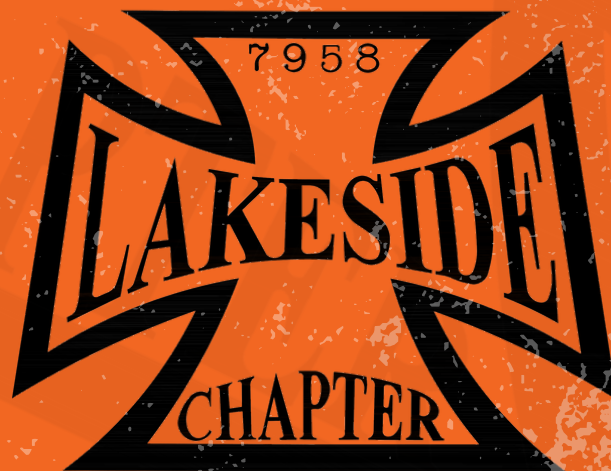
Guests are allowed to participate in Member Events if they are a current HOG member and pre-approved by a Chapter Primary Officer.

An Open Event Guest is permitted at the discretion of one of the Chapter Primary Officers.

Each Chapter member is permitted to invite 1 guest, per event, to participate and may only have the same guest on 6 occasions in any membership year. If the event is subsidised then the guest will need to pay full cost.

Each guest must sign a Ride Disclaimer and the host Chapter member must take responsibility and must ensure that the guest abides by the Chapter rules.

RIDE OUT ARTICLES



POULSON CREATIVE (6TH JANUARY)

First Chapter ride of 2024

So on the 6th January eleven brave members braved the puddles and chilly weather for the short ride to Poulson Creative where we enjoyed a hot coffee and cake to catch up on everyone's Christmas and New Year celebrations.

I think it was unanimous that we are all looking forward to warmer and dryer weather and the many interesting rides planned for the coming year.



NORTH WEALED (3RD FEBRUARY)

With the prospect of a dry and possibly sunny day a last minute ride to North Weald was organised, as it was only put out on Facebook and Teamup on the Wednesday I wasn't expecting a huge turnout....how wrong was I!

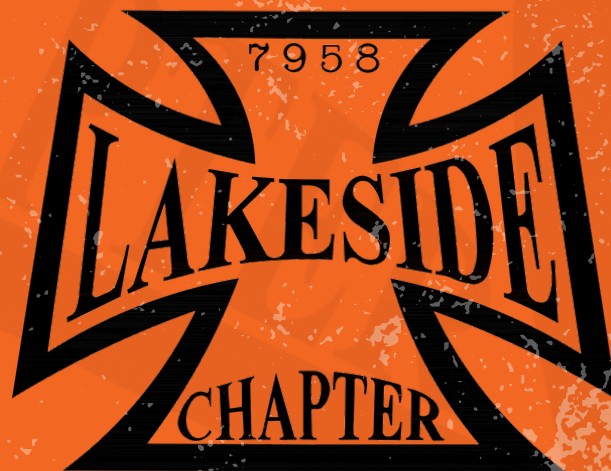
We had 17 members turn up for a short bimbble out via Blackmore over to North Weald aerodrome. Where we decided amongst the group to try out Rosey Lea cafe and what a great choice it was.

It just goes to show how eager everyone is to get out on their bikes. So fingers crossed for more good weather between now and when the main riding season gets underway in March.

Ash



FUTURE RIDES



ASH'S 2024 RIDES

9th March – Post sign-up ‘Fish & Chip Ride’ to the ‘Estuary’. Meet up at the Half-way House at 4pm.

The Estuary Arches Seafood and Grill is a restaurant located on Southend’s promenade, closest to Southend’s pier. They offer a wide range of dishes, including fish and chips, burgers, and full English breakfast. The restaurants are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and aim to be operational all year round. You can enjoy the amazing, uninterrupted view of the Thames Estuary while sipping a refreshing glass of wine or a warming cup of tea.

7th April – Bikers Tea Hut Epping; Meet up at the Half-way House at 10am.

Nestled in the heart of Epping Forest you can find the Original Tea hut. Starting from its humble beginnings in the 1920’s it is still today a popular place for people to stop off and enjoy a proper cup of good old-fashioned loose-leaf tea or one of our speciality coffees and to eat from our surprisingly large menu of quality food.

13th April – ‘The shed’ Sawbridgeworth; Meet up at the Half-way House at 10am.

We all need somewhere to go. Somewhere we can switch off, relax and indulge in a bit of nothingness. The Shed can provide you with a (seriously good) coffee, Danish pastry, freshly prepared roll or a full breakfast or lunch. Also there is The Maltings where you can find three floors full of antique’s, curiosities and unique décor.

19th May – ‘Abberton Reservoir; Meet up at the Half-way House at 10am.

Abberton Reservoir is a pumped storage freshwater reservoir in eastern England near the Essex coast, with an area of 700 hectares (1,700 acres). Most of its water is pumped from the River Stour. It is the largest body of freshwater in Essex. The reservoir is important for its breeding cormorants, wintering, and moulting waterfowl, and migrating birds. In the spring there is the unusual sight of Cormorants nesting in trees, one of the few places in Britain where they do this. Late summer brings the spectacle of large numbers of swans and ducks moulting – replacing their worn-out feathers – on the reservoir.

Facilities

Visitor centre, Bird hides, Toilets, Shop, Cafe/refreshments, Picnic area and free Wi-Fi.

30th June – ‘Custom Café’ Bexhill On-sea Kent; Meet up at the Half-way House at 10am.

The Custom Cafe is a popular meeting and stop-off place located on the A259 between Bexhill and Eastbourne. It is a lovely welcoming Americana style diner serving freshly cooked breakfasts, hot hearty homemade food from local suppliers, with free range meat and eggs (always), good coffee, cold drinks, alcohol, homemade cakes, deserts and ice-creams! The cafe has indoor and outdoor seating, free wifi and regular meetups and events and BBQ’s, on a Sunday you’ll also normally find a live band playing to tap your toes too.

20th July – ‘Smith & Weston’ Tunbridge Wells; Meet up at the Half-way House at 10am.

The Smith & Western restaurant in Tunbridge Wells is an American-themed restaurant that serves classic American dishes as well as international favourites and a hearty cowboy breakfast. The restaurant is housed in the original Old West Station, which has been restored to its former glory. The building is a 19th-century, Grade II listed building. The restaurant is named after Native American tribes, and the rooms at the Smith & Western evoke the Old West with bedside lights in the shape of antlers or cowboy boots, and blankets inspired by Native American designs.

5th October – ‘Ride To The Wall’: Meet up at the Half-way House at 6am.

RTTW is a unique motorcycling event which gives motorcyclists an opportunity to gather together at a place of remembrance, to pay their respects to our serving and fallen service men and women and in doing so, raise funds solely for the purpose of perpetuating their memory and recognising the sacrifice made. If you ask anyone who’s been they will all say what an amazing experience the whole day is.

I will also be adding on additional rides to ‘Bike Nights’ – please keep an eye out on the ‘Lakeside Chapters Facebook Page for those last minute rides!’

PAM'S 2024 RIDES

Hi everyone, I hope you are all ok, and getting out on a ride when you can!

I am so excited to share a little of what is on offer, both to 'The Ladies of Harley' and to all other chapter members! Where do I start??? I will keep you posted of all the other rides I have planned for 2024.

Ride and Roast: Sunday 21st April 2024. Starting at 11:00 at the Half-way House; we take a ride through the lanes of Essex, enjoying the sensory world around us. Then after all that input and hard work of riding, it is off to the 'Dog & Partridge' for the best Sunday Lunch ever. There will be a choice of 'lamb, beef, chicken & turkey'. Costing £14:00, however, you will need to pay the chapter (reference Sunday Lunch) a £5:00 deposit to secure a seat at the table! This event is open to non-riders who will meet us at the 'Dog and Partridge' around 12:45pm. I will need your deposit in by the end of February 2024! (I know some of you have paid me already!!!!) Any questions just give me a yell!

Tewinbury Farm and Gardens: Sunday 26th May 2024. Starting at 10:00 from the Half-way House: Good food, good company, good riding – join me on a ride over to Hertfordshire to a fantastic little place in the country side, where you can relax get a bite to eat, take a walk or just sit and chat to friends. There is plenty on offer at this beautiful picturesque location, take a stroll down to the water's edge of a flowing river, seat back and have a brunch in the café', visit the farm shop or take a coffee and pastry from the 'Horse Box Café'. Believe me you will not be disappointed!

Maldon Bike & Boat Ride: Step aboard a vintage sailing barge for a memorable river cruise. Sailing Barges 'Thistle' built in 1895 and 'Hydrogen' built 1906 were once part of the East Coast's traditional fleet of cargo vessels; two of over 2,000 barges then. Today only a handful survive. A gentle cruise on one of these vessels allows you to enjoy the beautiful and peaceful rivers of the East Coast in a memorable and interesting way. More information to follow – So pencil in Saturday 15th June 2024.

Lavender Fields: Saturday 22nd June 2024 –Please join me on our return visit to the Lavender Fields by popular request! This stunning ride takes us over to Kent where we travel through beautiful countryside to the amazing fields of lavender, where we rest, eat, and walk amongst the sweet-smelling fields of Lavendar. You will have a chance to visit the farm shop, lavender shop, take a walk down by the river or just rest in the sun amongst good friends. A ride not to be missed! More information to follow – look out for that flyer!

Beth Chatto's Garden Ride: Saturday 3rd August 2024 – Starting at 10am from The Half-way House; During her lifetime, Beth Chatto OBE VMH won countless awards for her garden design. She exhibited and won Gold many times at one of the most well – known horticultural shows; the Chelsea Flower Show, and these gardens are her life's work in plants. Transformed from challenging terrain into beautiful gardens that provide a living demonstration of how plants thrive when they are grown in the conditions that suit them best. Explore and be inspired! A café' for a well-deserved brunch! A ride not to be missed! More information to follow– so look out for that flyer!

Paper-Lock Mill Ride & A Visit To The Tea Rooms: Saturday 17th August 2024 – Starting at 10am from The Half-way House; WHILE AWAY THE HOURS AT PAPER MILL LOCK – Enjoy a refreshing drink, some cake and watch the world go by. I hope you can join me on this summer ride, with the sun shining, a chance to relax and a catch up with friends.

These are just a few of the exciting rides and event which I hope you will join me on throughout the riding session! But be-prepared I have many more rides and events for you to look forward too!

Cannot wait to ride with you soon! Take care and ride safety.

Pam XX

NEIL'S 2024 RIDES

March, April, May and June – Lost in Essex series.

The rides are part of a set to be held one a month over the next four months that are based on circular routes around Chelmsford. The intention being to reduce the distance traveled from the destination to the start point. They will start at Starbucks (Halfwayhouse on A127) meet at 1000 hrs for 1015 hrs off and culminated at a cafe for refreshments. Each ride is approximately 50 miles and duration one and half hours. Each ride will contain at least three quarters of the mileage unique to that ride.

Wednesday 13 March

The first ride is to Dee's Cafe in Hatfield Peveral.

They offer a great selection of hot and cold food, including Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps & Jacket Potatoes.

Wednesday April 10

The second ride is to 2MT

2MT Cafe is a small and modern independent cafe, serving breakfast, lunch, brunch, daily specials and excellent coffees and cream teas. They use locally sourced produce for our freshly made delicious food and cater for our vegetarian customers as well. 2MT Cafe is a new addition to Chelmsford, that proudly brings a homage to a big part of Chelmsford's history for being not only the 'Birthplace of Radio' but also the 'Birthplace of (British) Broadcasting'.

Wednesday 15 May

The third ride is to the Snug at High Easter, an independent cafe serving very good food at a reasonable price.

Wednesday 12 June

The forth and final ride in the series is to the Museum of Power.

Housed in a former Water Pumping Station, the Museum contains a fascinating collection which ranges from a working overhead machine shop to a petrol powered iron. The jewel in our crown is the 'Lilleshall' triple expansion steam pump now back on steam after 50 years.

On NON event days there is a small CHARGE for entry to the Museum, however it is FREE for you to explore our riverside walks or enjoy a cream tea in our Steam Pump Tea Room. There is plenty to do and see for adults and children alike at the Museum of Power.

PHILL'S 2024 RIDES

Saturday March 23rd. Rykas Café –

Meet at Tim Hortons (RM20 1WN) at 10am for a 10.30am depart. A blast around the M25 and then a sedate ride along the A25 through the lanes, villages and towns to the Big Cock roundabout and right to Rykas. A favourite Biker Cafe' for many, many Years especially our heavenly Chapter Brothers Big Pete, Royston & Marc Watson. It's a 45 mile ride and should take about an hour and a half. The parking at Rykas is perfect and the Cafe' and food is terrific.

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th April A weekend with 1066 Chapter –

Meet at Tim Hortons (RM20 1WN) at 9am for a 10.30am depart. 1066 Chapter have invited Lakeside Chapter to spend a weekend with them at their Dealership (Sykes Harley Davidson) and on a Ride Out with them exploring the lanes, villages and towns of Southern England. We've then been invited to stay the night at a nearby Premier Inn and have a bit of a party in the local Pub/Restaurant. After breakfast on Sunday morning we'll do another Ride Out with 1066 and then head home in the afternoon.

Link for hotel

https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/east-sussex/eastbourne/eastbourne-polegate.html?cid=GLBC_EASPOL

Sunday 11th May Thorpness Kitchen & Peter Pan's boating lake –

Meet at the Boreham Interchange at 10am (Depart 10.30am) for a ride to Thorpeness on the Suffolk Coast. 'The Kitchen at Thorpeness' is directly opposite the boating lake which inspired Neverland in the Peter Pan novel, with it's Islands and hiding places. I just know we'll be splashing around in the hire boats searching for Captain Hook before long !!?? When we've all finished playing there's always time for a spot of lunch in the Pub before a ride home. If the weather is on our side, this will be a wonderful day out. If not, we'll throw Vince to the crocodile !!

Sunday 23rd June Tea & Cake at Lavenham –

Meet at the Boreham Interchange BP, CM2 5PY (Truck Stop Side) at 10am for a 10.30am depart. A leisurely ride through the Essex country lanes over in to Suffolk to the picturesque, Medieval Village of Lavenham to have a wander around taking in the historic Architecture & shops. There are numerous Cafe's, Pubs and restaurants so I'm sure we'll have a bite to eat before heading home.

Meet at 10am Depart 10.30am

Sunday 1st September Copdock Bike Show –

One of the biggest Charity Bike Shows in the South of England is the Copdock Bike Show. There something for just about everyone at this spectacular event. There are too many Bike Stalls, Retail and Dealers there. More food choices than even Vince Knight can manage, and so much to see and do. (It's easier to look at the website to appreciate how much is happening). The Chapter will meet at the BP (Truck Stop Side) at Boreham Interchange at 10am and depart at 10.30am. I'd strongly advise you get tickets in advance of attending this ride, although tickets can be bought at the gate (although a little more expensive). Its a great Biking Day Out..!!

Saturday 2nd November Billericay Fireworks –

We've again been asked to help the Billericay Round Table boys to Marshal the 16K crowd t this Charity Fireworks display. They quite simply couldn't do t without us. As usual there will be a short ride (about 6 miles) to Lake Meadows in Billericay on the Saturday evening. There is secure parking for the bikes. You'll get a Hi-Vis and a walkie-talkie (a safety brief) and be responsible for ensuring that the (mostly) families attending have a wonderful evening. At 7.30pm about £25K of fireworks go off and by 8pm it's all over. The crowd usually take an hour to disperse and the roads are clear by 9pm. EVERY penny profit from this event is donated to local charities. The Round Table gave us £300 for helping at the 2023 display. They joined us at Basildon Hospital on our Toy Run and this collaboration is working out nicely. You don't have to Ride to this, you're welcome to meet us there by 4.15pm.

The Ride leaves from the Halfway House (Starbucks) at 3.45pm (meet at 3.30pm).

We really need numbers to make this work, so if you can make it you'd be making a big difference. You also get all the burgers, chips and hot dogs that haven't been bought for FREE at the end of the night..!!!

There are various channels of communication regarding ride-outs and upcoming trips, either local or abroad – Pondlife, the Chapter Website, Facebook and TeamUp.

At times, due to circumstances beyond our control, rides may be cancelled/changed/postponed at very short notice.

If requests are made for you to show your interest in a particular event, please only do so via the requested means and please do so within the time frame requested. This is very important and will enable the road captains to accurately and efficiently plan the upcoming ride/event



Cider Rally 2024

We are riding to Weston-Super-Mare for the 2024 Cider Rally.

Leave at 9am on
3rd May 2024,
returning on
6th May 2024.



Please email : headroadcaptain@lakesidechapter.co.uk

H.O.G. Euro Rally 2024

We are riding to Senigallia for the
30th H.O.G. Rally in Italy.

The ride will take 5 days to get there,
3 days at the Rally and 5 days to return.



I need numbers of those interested ASAP.

Leave approx. on the 1st June 2024,
returning to the UK approx. 14th June 2024.

Please email : headroadcaptain@lakesidechapter.co.uk

**Lakeside Chapter 7958. Monthly Committee Meeting 107
Saturday 02 December 2023 @ The Dog and Partridge, Brentwood
Road, Orsett, Grays RM16 3HU**

- 1)** Welcome - Director welcomed all to the meeting and proceed to the Agenda.
- 2)** The previous minutes 106 - 11 November 2023 agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting
- 3)** Directors Update
 - 1.** Director thanked the Committee for its work over the past year.
- 4)** Treasurer
 - 1.** Total Chapter funds stand at circa £6,100.00 .
- 5)** Secretary - Bylaws and Procedures have been Proof Read and will be uploaded to website and sent to HOG.
- 6)** Membership Update - Total 125 members, comprising 91 Riding, with 34 Pillion/ Non-riders.
- 7)** Ladies of Harley Update -
 - 1.** New LOH WhatsApp group up and running
 - 2.** Ladies brunch to be arranged for February
 - 3.** Participation in the Seals trip going well
- 8)** Charity Update – Charity Officer advised:
 - 1.** Toy run to be 17 December at 1430.
- 9)** Website Update –
 - 1.** Photos have been uploaded to Website
 - 2.** All Committee requested to check emails saved as limit before extra charges being reached.
- 10)** Activities Update – Activities Officer:
 - 1.** Xmas party 49 confirmed going 11 short of break even point.
 - 2.** Options for next year being considered are Dragon boat racing and a Summer picnic.
- 11)** Historian -
 - 1.** Complete Ride Award update has been provided to Director
- 12)** Merchandise Update -
 - 1.** Merchandise Officer advised a 2023 anniversary T shirt or hoody was being progressed.
- 13)** A.O.B -
 - 1.** Thank you to Joel in December Pond Life.
 - 2.** Next Road Crew meeting 27 January 2024
- 14) Next meeting Saturday 27 January 2024 @ The Dog and Partridge, Brentwood Road, Orsett, Grays RM16 3HU**

LAKESIDE CHAPTER RIDE AWARDS

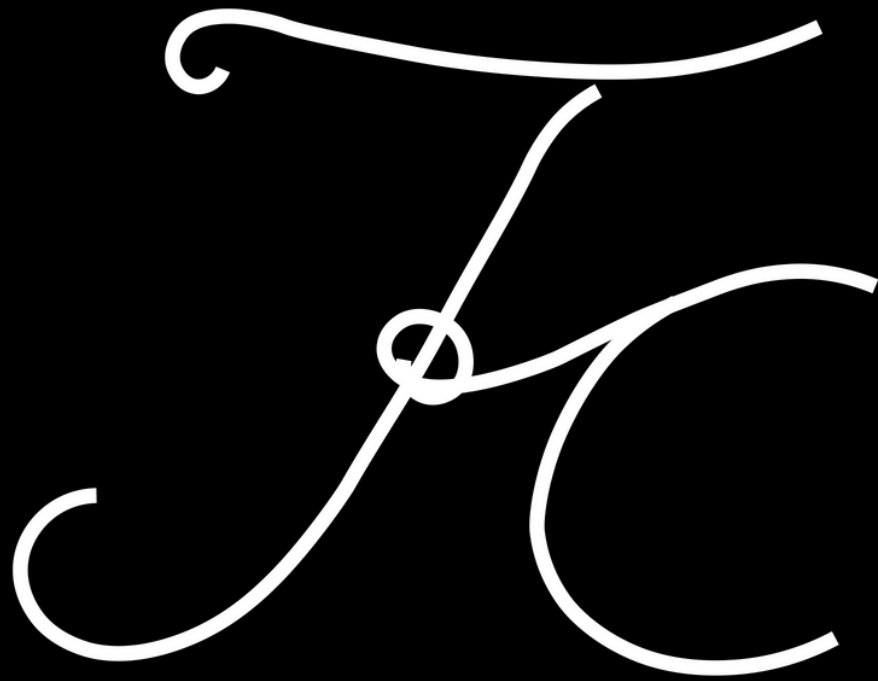
Lakeside Chapter operated a **Ride Out Awards Program** based on the number of Official Chapter Rides each member attends. You must ensure you 'Sign-In' with the Road Captain each time you attend a Ride Out. This helps the RC know the number of Members on each Ride and will be recorded by the Chapter Historian on the Ride Awards Spreadsheet (displayed on the next Page).

Multi-day Rides and Rally's may count for more than one Ride Award. Check with the RC for this.

Ride Award Pin Badges will usually be awarded at Natter Nights for 10, 25, 50, 75, 100 (and so on) for completed Rides.

There is an All Time Total Ride Award Page and a Total Number of Rides completed (so far) this Year so you can track your Progress.

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