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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, and welcome to the October edition of Pondlife.

I hope you all had a good September and got the chance to take advantage of the full ride calendar and enjoyed what was largely good riding weather. Certainly well into the middle of September the weather was holding up – as shown by our cover photo of our ride out to Takeley.

I'm writing this introduction a little earlier than usual in the month as I will shortly be disappearing on holiday for a few weeks. As a result we may have a few September rides that we are unable to report back on this month. But don't worry Road Crew – you can still submit your ride reports and I'll include them in next month's edition. You're not getting off that lightly!

Looking into this edition, whilst I mention the weather has generally been good during September, in his article our Head Road Captain, Ash, reminds us how quickly the weather can change and what we can do to be prepared, as well as some good tips for wet weather riding. It may be October, but this Chapter keeps on riding! Pam (with a big "Whoosh!" of course) gives us an update of what our Ladies have been up to and in Pam's ever organised world also gives an insight into what is being considered for 2025! Of course, before then we have Christmas, so look out for the flyers for the Christmas events taking place (hope you've all got your tickets for the Chapter Christmas Party). Also, we have guest speakers coming along to our October Natter Day (Saturday 26 October) to talk about the USA trips they organise, and don't forget the Biketrac talk we have arranged for the November Natter Night. Finally, I've included Carl's article from last month again re Ride 365. The deadline for getting details to Carl is 7th October.

As always – another packed edition of Pondlife.

Enjoy October and ride safe.

Tony H



DM

26th October



Come and join
us for a chat on
a trip to the USA
in 2026

Natter Night November 13th



Come and join us!

BikeTrac will be discussing security for your bike, both at home and while you are out and about. The aim is to ensure you have all the information to make the right choice for you and your individual circumstances. We will be answering your questions on trackers and hard security, and giving you some helpful tips and tricks.



DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Bloody Hell...!! Where did the Summer go?

Mother Nature threw a switch 10 days ago and it got cold and wet. Hopefully the weather still has plenty of good surprises for us before things start to get really cold and wet. The Autumn and Spring months are the most 'fluid' with Chapter Ride Outs as a good weather forecast usually prompts the Road Captains and Crew to add ride outs at short notice. Keep an eye on Facebook, TeamUp and (of course) the Chapter Website, where everything that's going on soon or even next year can be found. Kev Smith (Webmaster) has worked very hard on the website over the past months and it's really worth a regular visit. (www.lakesidechapter.co.uk) That said, we already have 10 planned Ride Outs and our 'usual' two Natter Socials in October.



By the time you read this Phill Hopper, Lynn Gunn, Kev Smith and Paul Harris will have completed their Road Captains Course bringing Lakeside Chapters total number of RC's well above that of most other Chapters in the UK. Our Head Road Captain, Ash will be looking for new Road Crew to support our Road Captains, so if you fancy having a go please let him know.

The 2024 HOG Officer Training proved to be 12 hours and 500 miles (round trip) too far away for most of the Southern Chapters (including Lakeside). Hopefully it'll move down South next Year.

October sees the **Ride To The Wall** event. If you've not been before I'd recommend it. Phil Hopper will be leading the Chapter there and laying a Wreath at this event.

The Billericay Round Table Fireworks evening is on Saturday 2nd November. We have been asked to assist with marshalling the 14K strong crowd at this family event. It's all for Charity and run by our friends at Billericay Round Table. There will be a short Ride in to Lake Meadows, but if you'd prefer to drive and meet us there, that's OK. We just need as many people as possible to help. I'll post on Facebook more details about the ride and event in the coming weeks.

Merchandising is back in full-swing with a fantastic range of Lakeside branded clothing as well as Chapter patches and badges. You can contact Ann directly at merchandise@lakesidechapter.co.uk or speak with her on a Ride Out or a 'Natter' social.

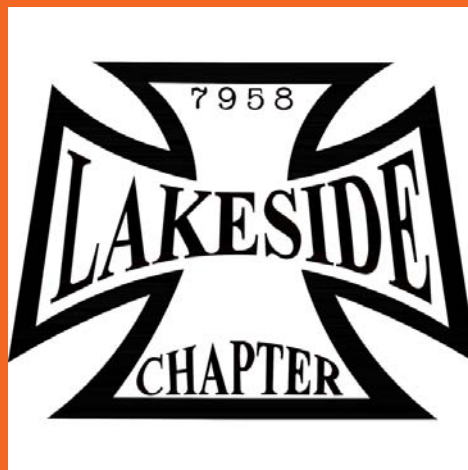
Don't forget that on 26th October's 'Natterday' we have Hadrian Tours coming to tell us about a possible trip to the USA in 2026. Also that BikeTrac are coming to our November Natter Night (13th November) to give a short presentation on trackers and bike security.

The Road Crew will be meeting in November to run through the 2025 Ride Diary, so if there was anywhere you really wanted to go, please let Ash know. headroadcaptain@lakesidechapter.co.uk

Lastly I have to say 'goodbye' to both my Harleys (below). They're now sold. I've bought myself a new StreetGlide....!!!

Ride safe everyone and hope the Sun keeps shining

Cheers, Phill
'Rainman'



REMINDER FROM OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Harley Davidson - HOG Ride 365

Ride 365 is the official mileage recognition programme for the official riding club of Harley-Davidson (Originally called Chapter Challenge & Mileage rewards). Ride 365 includes the existing Lifetime Recognition and two new programmes – Annual Individual Recognition and Annual Chapter Challenge.

Who is eligible to participate in Ride 365? Any H.O.G. member can participate!

The Annual Recognition programme recognises miles ridden from January 1st to December 31st. Your miles will also be added to your lifetime total and tracked as part of the Lifetime Recognition programme.

What do you get if you qualify?? – Pins, patches, and certificates (subject to availability from HOG) are awarded to H.O.G. members for riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycles; awards begin at just 1,000 miles, with additional awards earned at 5,000, 10,000 and beyond and if you have more than one Harley Davidson, you can enter both.

***** At present there are patches and pins available but, in the USA, they have gone over to Digital Badges so no promises *****

What is required?

First name

Surname

Email address

H.O.G. number

Vin number of your Bike

You must attach a clear photo of your current odometer reading.

All entries must be with me NO LATER than the 7th of October 2024 and I will do my utmost to convince a dealership to enter them.

Carl



HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



It's great to see our ride calendar is still bursting with rides, with 10 rides planned for October when many Chapters are finishing and putting their bikes away for winter....but not Lakeside Chapter!

However after a few months of relatively dry warm weather the last few weeks has reminded us just how fast the British weather changes; it's definitely time to find those waterproofs, (and for the softer members amongst us heated gloves, jackets and boots!.... I know my heated grips work as they are regularly turned up to max by someone!) so make sure all your wet weather gear is ready for action at short notice. Plus check Facebook and TeamUp as sometimes for safety reasons rides maybe cancelled at short notice. If Amber or Red weather warnings are in place, but where safe to do so the Road Captain will continue with the planned ride.

By the time you read this the Chapter will have four newly trained Road Captains, who I am sure will be of great value to the Chapter leading you to lots of new and interesting destinations over the coming year. As promised prior to their official HOG training in Oxford, I undertook a training afternoon with the four of them and Carl Webb ("thank you" Carl for your time and support) to go through different scenarios and answer any questions they had. Their feedback was very positive, and they agreed it was something we should look to do for all members...so watch out for training dates.

Tips for Riding in the Rain:

Wet weather significantly reduces traction, increasing the risk of accidents. To ride safely in such conditions, consider the following tips:

Ease Off the Gas - Maintaining a steady speed is crucial on wet roads. Avoid sudden acceleration and deceleration. Keep your gear changes and braking smooth.

Increase Your Space – Keep a greater distance between your motorcycle and the vehicle ahead to allow for longer braking distances. This extra space gives you more time to react to sudden stops or changes in traffic.

Avoid the Puddles: Puddles might conceal hazards or cause hydroplaning, where your tyres lose grip on the road. Steer clear of them to reduce the risk of losing control.

Brake Smoothly: Apply both brakes gently and gradually. Abrupt braking can cause your wheels to lock up, resulting in a skid. Remember, smooth actions are key to maintaining control.

Stay Bright: In rainy conditions, visibility is reduced. In addition to headlights being on, wear bright or reflective gear to enhance your visibility to other road users.

Gear Up for Rain: Waterproof gear, including a jacket, pants, and gloves, is essential for staying dry and focused. Additionally, a high-visibility vest ensures you're easily seen by others on the road.

Maintain Your Ride: Regularly check your motorcycle's tyres, brakes, and lights. Proper maintenance is crucial, especially in wet conditions, to ensure optimal performance. The bare minimum for your motorcycle to be roadworthy, inspect the tread wear indicators, tyres must have a minimum tread depth of 1.5mm in all principal grooves.

Keep Calm: If your motorcycle starts to slide, stay calm. Gradually reduce your speed without sudden movements. Look where you want to go and steer gently in that direction to regain control.

Adapt Your Riding Style: In wet conditions, aggressive manoeuvres are risky. Apply throttle, brakes, and lean gently to maintain control. Avoid sudden movements that could lead to a loss of traction.

Plan Ahead: Check the weather forecast before heading out. If possible, avoid riding in heavy rain or storms. Plan your route to avoid areas prone to flooding or with poor drainage.

See Clearly: Rain reduces visibility, so keep your visor clean and use anti-fog treatments. Slow down and scan the road ahead to anticipate hazards.

Double Your Distance: Stopping distances double on wet roads, so increase your following distance to give yourself more time to react to sudden stops or obstacles.

Watch for Oil Spills: After a dry spell, the first rain can make roads slick. Avoid puddles, painted lines, and metal surfaces, as these can be especially slippery.

Master the Brakes: Adjust your braking technique for wet conditions. Apply both brakes progressively, with a slight emphasis on the rear brake for better control.

Tame the Turns: Approach corners with caution on wet roads. Reduce your speed before entering the turn and maintain a more upright body position to maximize tyre contact with the road

Ride Safe and Have fun.

Ash



FUNDRAISING OFFICER

Hi guys and gals.

Not much has been happening in the Fund Raising front through the summer, but now the riding season is slowing down I shall be looking at a few things. I had looked at a poker night but this has fallen through unfortunately. I will be starting up the bus stops again so make sure you have change at natter days and nights.



We are looking at not doing the hospital toy run this year but possibly giving up our time working in a soup kitchen or some other good cause. So keep an eye out on our F/B and comms.

Until then, be safe and rubber side down.

Chris



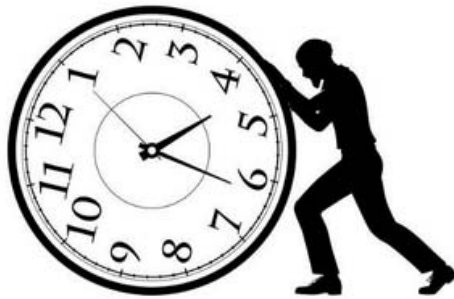
LADIES OF HARLEY



LADIES OF HARLEY

Welcome Ladies to October's LOH Pondlife article. I cannot believe I am sitting here writing to you and outside is dark and I have the lights on...it is only 6:45! Where have the light evenings gone!!

Speaking of evenings getting dark and the blue skies of summer fading; remember to turn your clocks back on the 27th October 2024, which marks the end of British Summer Time! Good news - means an extra hour in bed!



A huge thank you to all the 'Lakeside Ladies of Harley' for a fantastic night out to the 'Mamma Mia Show' at the O2. I have never danced and laughed so much, all whilst singing many of my favourite Abba songs. If you ever get a chance to see this show, grab it with both hands...it is a must see!! We all came out with lost voices, aching feet and still swaying to the music in our heads. What a fantastic evening!





Ladies, I need to apologies to you. I know I have tried to keep in touch with some of you through WhatsApp, but I have not been able to send out emails due to technical issues. These have now been resolved and I can once more send out email to keep you all updated with the Ladies of Harley events, information, and updates. Thank you for your understanding.

Next year is fast approaching and I have sent out a list of ideas, which I have collected from you all (still happy to receive even more ideas). Have a look through them, anything you wish to add, please let me know, the world is ours to explore and if there is anything you fancy doing or going to, just please give me a shout!

Ladies of Harley 2025 – Activities / Trips / Adventures!

Cold Water Swimming

Easter Craft Evening

Tribute Night

Alpaca Walking

Cooking Class

Christmas Glow-walk

Afternoon Tea

A Day at a Spa

Summer Picnic

Christmas Craft Evening

Christmas Market

A Show – at 'The Cliffs'

A visit to Hampton Court / Windsor

Brunch at 'The Inn at the Belair's

A walk in the 'Blue Bell Woods

A visit to the National Gallery

This is just to name a few and more ideas can be added!

Ladies, just to remind you we still have a few places left on both the Christmas Craft Evening on the 8th November and the Christmas Market trip, please just contact me if you or a family member would like to attend!

You can "WHATSAPP me – 07515881604 / email me or catch me at Natter Day or Night!

I have added the flyers to give you more information!

Lastly, I was asked to share a Christmas Cake Recipe, and yes that time of year has come around again to start the preparations. I have used this a few times and it make a fantastic Christmas cake indeed! If you have any recipes to share just email me! I hope you enjoy the recipe and send some photos of how you got on!

Classic Christmas cake

Ingredients:

1kg mixed dried fruit (use a mix of raisins, sultanas, currants, cherries, cranberries, prunes or figs)
zest and juice 1 orange
zest and juice 1 lemon
150ml brandy, Sherry, whisky or rum, plus extra for feeding
250g pack butter, softened
200g light soft brown sugar
175g plain flour
100g ground almond
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ tsp baking powder
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp ground cloves
100g flaked almonds
4 large eggs

Method:

STEP 1

Put 1kg mixed dried fruit, the zest and juice of 1 orange and 1 lemon, 150ml brandy or other alcohol, 250g softened butter and 200g light, soft brown sugar in a large pan set over a medium heat.

STEP 2

Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer for 5 mins. Tip the fruit mixture into a large bowl and leave to cool for 30 mins.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2. Line a deep 20cm cake tin with a double layer of baking parchment, then wrap a double layer of newspaper around the outside – tie with string to secure.

STEP 4

Add 175g plain flour, 100g ground almonds, ½ tsp baking powder, 2 tsp mixed spice, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, ¼ tsp ground cloves, 100g flaked almonds, 4 large eggs and 1 tsp vanilla extract to the fruit mixture and stir well, making sure there are no pockets of flour.

STEP 5

Tip into your prepared tin, level the top with a spatula and bake in the centre of the oven for around 2 hrs. After 2 hrs insert a skewer into the centre of the cake to test if it's done. If any wet cake mixture clings to the skewer, return the cake to the oven for another 10 mins then check again and keep cooking, checking every 10 mins until the skewer comes out dry.

STEP 6

Remove the cake from the oven, poke holes in it with a skewer and spoon over 2 tbsp of your chosen alcohol. Leave the cake to cool completely in the tin.

STEP 7

To store, peel off the baking parchment, and store in a cake tin. Feed the cake with 1-2 tbsp alcohol every fortnight, until you ice it.

STEP 8

Don't feed the cake for the final week to give the surface a chance to dry before icing.



Have fun, ride safe and see you all soon

Pam.

Christmas Craft Evening

8TH NOVEMBER 2024

6.00 - 6.30PM AT PAM'S HOUSE

- REFRESHMENTS AND NIBBLES
- RAFFLE
- MAKING CONKS / CHRISTMAS TREE
- DECORATIONS / CHRISTMAS CARDS /
- DESIGNING AND PAINTING A CHRISTMAS
- WINE GLASS

FULLY FUNDED BY LAKEVIEW CHAPTER
EVERYONE WELCOME!

PLEASE CONTACT PAM TO BOOK YOUR SPACE AT THE CHRISTMAS
CRAFT BENCH

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



Reply

Ladies of Harley Christmas Market 2024



The "Ladies of Harley" Rochester (Kent) (Dickens' Festival) Christmas Market Trip is taking place on Sunday 8th December 2024.

'Lakeside Chapter' have kindly contributed money towards the minibus, so we will not need to drive and we can all go along together! I know quite a few of you have already sent me a WhatsApp and/or Email to say you are interested and have paid your £15:00 to secure your seat. However, we have a few seats left on the mini-bus so if you would like to join me, please drop me a WhatsApp or email!

We will meet up and drop back at Starbucks at the Halfway House – (timing to be confirmed)!



Hope you can join me on this Lakeside 'Ladies of Harley' Adventure!

EVENTS



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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
FOR THE

*Lakeside Chapters
Christmas Party*

14TH DECEMBER 2024
ARRIVE 6PM CARRIAGES LEAVE AT MIDNIGHT.

OLDE PLOUGH HOUSE MOTEL IN
BULPHAN, BRENTWOOD ROAD (A128)

Three course meal £35:00
members £40:00 non-members.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE WITH
£10:00 DISCOUNT OFF ROOMS.- PLEASE CONTACT THE VENUE
01375 891592.

LAKE SIDE CHAPTER

MERCHANDISE 2024/25

For all enquiries and orders contact Ann at:
merchandise@lakesidechapter.co.uk



¼ Zipped Fleece £17.50
Sizes XS – 3XL



Men's track polo £22
Sizes XXS - 3XL



2 Tone Softshell Jacket
£22
Men's sizes S - 4XL
Ladies 8 - 18



Men's Polo £14.50
Sizes XS - 8XL



Zipped Hoodie £25
Sizes S - 5xl



Heavyweight Hoodie £30
Sizes XS - 3XL

Men's Chapter T-shirt £14
Sizes XS – 6XL
Also available as a long sleeve £16
Sizes S – 4XL



Wicking T-shirts £12
(Available in Black or White)
Men's Sizes XS – 5XL
Ladies Sizes 8 – 18
Long Sleeve Ladies £13.50

Knitted Beanie Hat £7



Ladies Skull T-shirt £15
Sizes 8 -16
This print is also
available in
Zipped Hoodie £25
Zipped Sweatshirt
£27.50



Ladies Chapter T-shirt
£14
Sizes 8 – 16

Ladies Motorbike/Wing T-shirt £15
Sizes 8 - 16

Also available

Sweatshirt £22.50
Sizes XS – 4XL

Unisex Long Sleeve Polo £15

Zipped Sweatshirt £27.50
Sizes S – 2XL

Chapter Cap £15

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.

CHAPTER OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Responsibilities:

- Assists the Sponsoring Dealer and Chapter Director in upholding the "Annual Licence for H.O.G. Chapters".
- Ensures that chapter members have current International H.O.G. memberships.
- Enrolls new members into chapter.
- Administers annual chapter member renewal process.
- Works with chapter secretary to ensure the annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release is on file for each member.
- Maintain membership changes online in the Chapter Officer Section of www.h-d.com

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

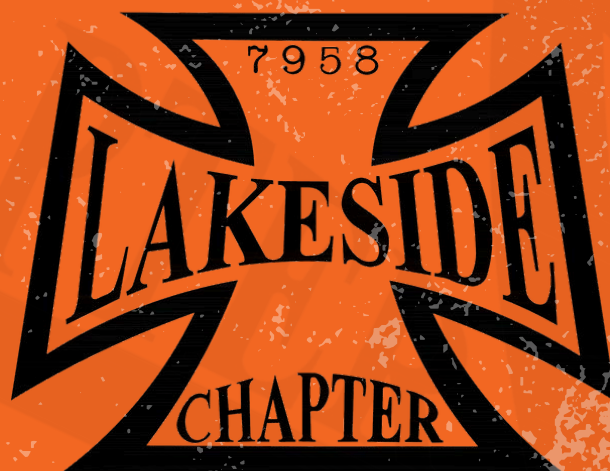
Guests are allowed to participate in Member Events if they are a current HOG member and pre-approved by a Chapter Primary Officer.

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



TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER: TARKA'S CAFE



Tuesday 3rd September 2024 saw a group of six bikes and seven members (would have been seven and eight had a nail not hitched a ride in a tyre), met at Battlesbridge for a ride towards Haverhill. The weather was not looking promising, but we were fortunate to miss any showers on route.

With the briefing held we were off through the highways and byways of Essex. We had a mixture of roads: A, B and country roads and lanes, which passed through various villages and hamlets and housing from the 16th Century to modern day housing. The farmland seems to be growing a lot of corn and sunflowers, a reminder of French fields.

We arrived at Tarka's café just before the lunch hour started but we grabbed a table outside and ordered some drinks and waited the short time before the lunchtime menu became available. While waiting we had a sprinkle of a shower, but putting up the umbrella kept us dry, and it was not long before the sun came out. Food was ordered and a chat was had for the next hour and a bit before we headed off home in the glorious sun.

Thanks to the members who came for the ride and for Neil for looking after the rear.

Mike



WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER: HARWICH PIER CAFE

On a rather grey Thursday morning, 10 members on seven bikes met at Starbucks for a jaunt up to the Harwich Pier and the Harwich Pier Café.

Neil led us through the briefing, adding in for good measure words of caution about certain junctions that we would come across. Then to crown it all he said that we would be using the buddy system and closed the briefing with “so let’s see who actually gets there!”. That’s Neil – ever the optimist!

Anyway, off we set and it wasn’t long before we were meandering through the lanes of Essex and winding our way up to Harwich. As we rode, the clouds gathered, but for the large part the rain held off. It was only on the last stretch that we had a spot of rain, but nothing too drastic.

The buddy system worked well, but this was largely helped by the pack being able to stay quite close together throughout the ride. Even the “silly isles” on the A12 north of Colchester were navigated with ease and we were soon on the A120 leading into Harwich.

Once at Harwich we were able to park the bikes up free of charge whilst Neil unfortunately had to pay for a parking space for “the car” as it wouldn’t fit on the pavement parking we’d all been able to use.

We found that the Pier Café was rather full, so a quick recce led us to “Patricia’s” tea rooms opposite. Although small, it was able to accommodate 10 of us in the rather eclectic tea room. As we sat, ate, chatted and watched the rain lash down outside Neil regaled us with tales of danger on the A120 due to rain and diesel spills that often occurred. So once we’d finished eating etc. we all set off for home – on the now wet A120. Thankfully everyone got home safe, although some of us did get pummelled with hailstones around Colchester and then caught a downpour at Ingatestone.

Many thanks Neil for leading the ride and Kevin and Paul for bringing up the rear.

Tony H



SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER: HEYBRIDGE BASIN

On a warm but overcast day 10 bikes and 12 members plus two guests joined me for a little jaunt to Heybridge Basin.

After giving a briefing and donning our hi-vis jackets off we trotted on a different route taking in twisty bendy things and a short period of duel carriage way. We adopted the buddy system which worked to perfection (pew).

Not much traffic was encountered and we arrived at Heybridge Basin safely, where we parked on gravel and Rainman stayed upright. The R/C decided to park his bike/trike/car (delete as preferred) across the landlord's drive to save taking up valuable parking space and was immediately asked to move it.

All in all it was a comfortable but short ride.

Chris

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER: THE COFFEE SHOP, TAKELEY



Thursday 19th September 2024, saw seven bikes and nine members gathered at Battlesbridge for a 37-mile ride to Takeley. It was an overcast start to the day - not the promised wall to wall sunshine the weather app said it would be.

With the briefing held, we were off along the highways and byways of Essex. The ride itself was a mixture of roads: a few A roads, B roads and lots of country roads and lanes with plenty of twists and turns, taking in villages, towns and hamlets along the way. A few hazards thrown in for good measure in the way of gravel in the centre of the road and potholes, but we all arrived safely an hour and twenty minutes later.

Whilst on route the sun came out and by the time we arrived it was blue skies and sunshine allowing us to make use of the outside seating. The food was good with the sausage rolls (most definitely home-made) being top of the pick for most of the members.

Thanks to the members for coming along and for Paul and Kev for looking after the rear.

Mike.



SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER: TEAPOT ISLAND

On another warm and sunny day I was joined by six bikes and eight members.

Once again after a briefing and donning our hi-vis we set off to encounter the dreaded Thames Crossing which was unusually quiet. We then left the M25 and found a nice route with again twisty bendy things. Again we adopted the buddy system and again it worked well.

Upon arriving at Teapot we parked our steeds near the café – well, other than the R/C as he couldn't get through the gap.

Vittles' were ordered and brunch was eaten. We all decide to then leave Teapot Island and headed to Maidstone H/D on an unofficial ride.

Chris

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER: THE HOTROD DINER, NORTHFLEET



We started as usual from Starbucks at the Halfway House. The weather wasn't looking too good but that didn't stop the hardened riders.

We had a pleasant ride through Kent's villages down to Cobham and Shorne. We passed though some extensive apple orchards before heading back up to Gravesend and Northfleet, with views across the Thames to Essex. From there we could even see Tilbury Port and what is likely to be the cruise ship the Ladies of Harley will be going on for their Christmas Party!

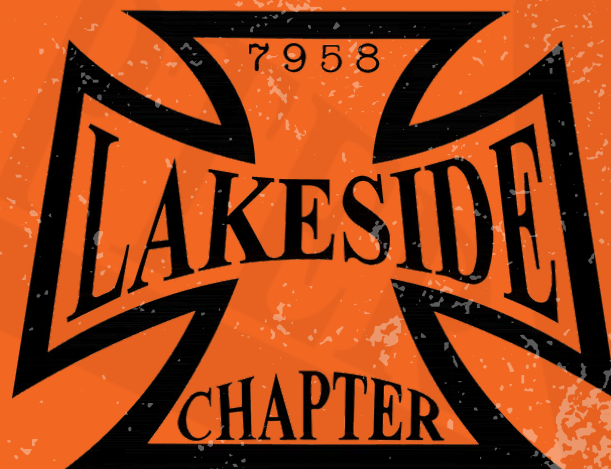
What was looking like a wet and dark ride turned out to be dry with some sunshine both there and home again, even to the point where sunglasses/sun visors were required.

The food at the Hotrod Diner was fantastic. Whether your choice was hot dogs, burgers, or in Mary's case mac'n cheese with roasted pumpkin, the food was hearty and good quality. All in all, a good venue, tasty food and friendly service - this is another one on the list to return to.

Ash



FUTURE RIDES



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



Future Ride Outs

We have a number of meeting places from which the Chapter begins its Ride Outs. The usual start points are as follows:

The Dog and Partridge, Brentwood Road (A128) RM16 3HU

Starbucks, by the Halfway House (A127, just at the turn-off for the A128), CM 13 3LL

Boreham Services BP (truck side), A12, just north of Chelmsford.

The Barge Inn, Hawk Hill, Battlesbridge, SS11 7RE (this is by the Battlesbridge Antiques Hall).

The Toby Carvery, Runwell Road, Wickford, SS11 7QJ.

Tom Horton's, Lakeside Retail Park, Grays, RM20 1WN.

Always check TeamUp, FB, the Website or weekly coms for most up to date information.

Ride outs starting 1 October through to November Natter Night :

Tuesday 1 October – to River Palace Café, Dobb's Weir. Meet at the Barge Inn at 10am for a 10.15 departure.

Saturday 5 October – the Ride to the Wall. See TeamUp/website for the various start points and times.

Saturday 5 October – Pizza on wheels ride. Details to be confirmed.

Wednesday 9 October – to Dee's Diner. Details to be confirmed.

Sunday 13 October – to 2TM Cafe. Details to be confirmed.

Thursday 17 October – to Bradwell Marina Meet at The Barge Inn at 10am for a 10.15 departure.

Saturday 19 October – to Brett's Country Tea House, White Roothing. Meet at Starbucks at 10am for a 10.15 departure.

Sunday 20 October – to Wapping Dock Market. Meet at Tom Horton's at 10am for a 10.15am departure.

Sunday 27 October – Brunch on Wheels ride. Details to be confirmed.

Saturday 2 November – Billericay Fireworks, Lake Meadows, Billericay. Meet at the Dog and Partridge 3.30pm for a 3.45 departure.

Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Day ride. Meet at Starbucks at 10.15am for a 10.35 departure.

Then we are at our November Natter Night in the evening of 13 November, the Dog and Partridge from 6.30pm.



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.

All Time Rider Awards

As at 21/09/2024 (Last ride included Tea Pot Island)

Member name	Total	Member name	Total	Member name	Total	Member name	Total
Poston Phill	272	Gleeson Sarah	66	Simpson Sian	16	Brown Heather	0
Keogh Michael	239	Wilson Pete	61	Cusack Alli	15	Brown Malcolm	0
Webb Carl	230	Ryan Paul	59	Szukalski Jozef	14	Keene Scott	0
Knight Vince	186	Yuill Steve	59	MacDonold Barny	13	Crane Jeffrey	0
Smart Ashley	183	Williams Mark	58	Rodriguez Francisco	12	Poole Martin	0
Bell Chris	166	Keenes Ken	58	Poston Bryony	11	Bulbeck Janet	0
Sturton Sue	156	Bint Julia	57	Drinkwater Ian	11	Flynn Laura	0
Curtis Colin	154	Poston Ann	56	Trower Lee	11	Cargill Martin	0
Shepherd Daryl	148	Belcher Adrian	55	Menzies Caroline	10		
Harris Paul	148	Crabb Adrian	54	Duarte Edgar	8		
Bint Robert	144	Watts Jerome	53	Smith Mandy	7		
Searle-Jones Neil	142	Williams Helen	52	Windsor Daniel	6		
Searle-Jones Dee	137	Hitching Tony	51	Bacon Peter	5		
Pike Colin	135	Griffin Malcolm	50	Williams Iain	5		
Smart Pam	128	Borrell David	50	Powell Wendy	4		
Holt Christopher	121	Mackenzie Philip	49	Riel Jim	4		
Revill Ken	121	Newbury Karl	45	Sellen Tony	4		
Reynolds Keith	115	Welsh Mick	44	Mills Gary	4		
O'Leary Stephen	112	Sneath Russell	35	Squibb Candice	3		
Smith Joanne	106	Yuill Nina	34	Barbiero Niccolo	3		
Gleeson John	106	Winters Shilpa	34	Page Mick	3		
Fluck Martin	100	Poston Sam	34	Bacon Caroline	2		
Metson Dudley	97	Andrews Robert	32	Wild Gareth	2		
Hopper Phil	93	Edwards Paul	31	Chandler Andrew	2		
Edwards Corinda	91	Shepherd Kim	31	Dymond Stuart	1		
Squibb Harry	91	Gibson Alan	30	Hush Steve	1		
Curtis Christine	87	Wakeman Les	28	Barnes Julie	1		
Harris Mary	86	Middleton Tony	24	Windsor Clair	1		
Winters Steve	82	Dawkins Tracy	21	Large Sarah	1		
Bandeira Joel	82	Metson Ann	21	Buttle Bradley	1		
Bell Lorraine	82	Johnson Paul	21	Borrell Sarah	1		
Smith Kevin	77	Ryan Jackie	20	Barnes Gary	1		
Collins Steve	76	Middleton Louise	19	Williams Yvette	1		
Dawkins Roger	68	Pinkerton Graham	17	Large Dave	1		
Gunn Lynn	66	Sneath Gillian	16	Hush Sue	1		

In August an error was spotted for some members who took part in the Papermill Lock ride and may have noticed that their award was missing. The award was inadvertently directed to other members who did not take part. This was an error in the centrally held tracker, not caused on the day, and has now been rectified.

As at 21/09/2024 (Last ride included Tea Pot Island)

Member name	Total
Harris Paul	66
Smart Ashley	63
Hopper Phil	57
Searle-Jones Nell	56
Searle-Jones Dee	56
Harris Mary	50
Smart Pam	50
Gunn Lynn	43
Smith Kevin	41
Poston Phill	37
Sneath Russell	35
Knight Vince	34
Webb Carl	32
Edwards Paul	31
Sturton Sue	25
Metson Dudley	24
Crabb Adrian	23
Welsh Mick	22
Hitching Tony	22
Pike Colin	22
Keogh Michael	21
Bell Chris	20
Keenes Ken	19
Belcher Adrian	17
Sneath Gillian	16
Wilson Pete	16
Simpson Sian	15
Watts Jerome	15
MacDonold Barney	13
Newbury Karl	13
Gibson Alan	12
Trower Lee	11
Poston Ann	11
Bell Lorraine	11
Curtis Colin	10

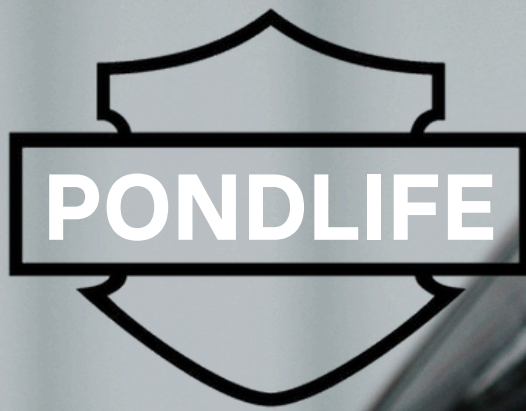
Member name	Total
Mackenzie Philip	9
Duarte Edgar	8
Shepherd Daryl	8
Andrews Robert	7
Smith Mandy	7
Curtis Christine	7
Poston Sam	6
Fluck Martin	6
Collins Steve	5
Williams Iain	5
Riel Jim	4
Borrell David	4
Reynolds Keith	3
Pinkerton Graham	3
Middleton Louise	3
Winters Steve	3
Bacon Peter	3
Bint Robert	2
Bint Julia	2
Powell Wendy	2
Bacon Caroline	2
Middleton Tony	2
Yuill Steve	2
Hush Steve	1
Large Dave	1
Bandeira Joel	1
Williams Yvette	1
Large Sarah	1
Drinkwater Ian	1
Hush Sue	1
Poston Bryony	1
Barnes Gary	1
Shepherd Kim	1
Barnes Julie	1

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