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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! Carl and I received the best early present from his daughter and her partner, our beautiful grandson Albert. He was actually due on Boxing Day, but surprised us by arriving a week early, so we had to have quick shopping session.

A massive thank you to all of you who donated for the Toy Run. I was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity, the amount of gifts donated by you and those also from Billerica Round Table was incredible, so thank you again. Lucky Lorraine Bell even got to sit on Santa's knee.

The ride calendar really starts to get going this month, so take a look and let's hope the weather stays kind and we can all get out there riding.

Wishing all our lovely members a happy and healthy 2023 and look forward to seeing you out there real soon.

Sue
Editor



DIRECTOR'S CUT

Hopefully this Christmas was better than the last couple of years having the flexibility to see and be with family and friends. 2023 promises to be a year of opportunity with some great Chapter rides and of course the Harley Davidson 120 year anniversary celebrations in Budapest and hopefully some events closer to home. It will also be H.O.G.'s 40 year celebration. Will update you as and when news is announced.

Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Chapter Toy Run in December as we were away with family at Lapland UK. From what we've heard and seen it was a great success. Massive thanks for the generosity of those that donated gifts and cash for the Toy Run.

Sign up day is being held on Saturday 4th March 2023 with the venue yet to be confirmed. Membership forms will be available in advance of the day and we would encourage you to complete these and bring along with you on the day to make the process quicker. If you are unable to make it you will be able to renew on line using the forms on the website and then make payment directly to the Chapter and we will confirm dates later. If you have any mates with Harley's why not encourage them to come along and join the Chapter.

It is a quiet time of the year, so take advantage of any good days we may get, if you can, as we recently found out on the Icy Blast ride.

There are several Rallies and weekends away in the Ride Diary which will need commitment, so please sign up early, to give the Road Captains an opportunity to plan.

Take Care, Stay Safe, and make the

Most of Every Day.

Malcolm



A WORD FROM THE HRC



Welcome to 2023, let's hope it's a good year despite the gloomy economic forecast. We still have a couple of quiet months before the rides start to build. Keep an eye on the calendar and comms in case there are last minute rides put on if the weather remains mild.

2022 saw seventy seven rides go ahead with a big thanks to the Road Captain's and Crew for their time and effort in making these rides happen. So far for 2023 we have sixty seven rides, not including the multi day rides to the Rally's. 2022 was also one of the warmest on record and predictions it will not be the last, sadly it does not mean it will not rain but don't let that stop you from getting out there and enjoying the rides. Hope to see some of you on the up and coming rides over the year, in the meantime Happy New Year and ride safe.

Mike



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LADIES OF HARLEY

Happy New Year to you all, I do hope that one of your New Year Resolutions included riding and enjoying yourself more than the previous year!!!!

My Christmas was a very busy one, visiting friends, family and enjoying far too much food and drink!! I know what you are thinking.....the diet is back on the cards!

Whilst in Wales this Christmas, (not on my bike) I did manage to pop into Cardiff Harley Dealership and picked up a bargain or two in their clothes sale! It was very empty, although the staff were very friendly, and we did meet the Harley Dealership dog!



I thought I would feedback on the heated gloves, not sure that I am over impressed, I seem to be having trouble with charging them enough to last more than about 20 minutes!! Further investigation is needed!



I did manage to get out, only once, over the Christmas period and that was to Finchingfield. It was a lovely ride, although we did encounter one or two large puddles and rivers across the roads along the way and a few tricky hill starts, which I need more practise at! However, like us all, I am looking forward to getting out on the bike and to the better weather!!!



Finally, please have a look at the flyer for the 'LOH Walk Over the O2!' This event is open for everyone and is being subsidised by our fantastic Chapter! I do hope you can make it! Take a look and if you have any questions just drop me an email!

Look forward to seeing you all soon.



Pam



Lakeside Chapter 7958 Monthly Committee Meeting Minutes 10 December 2022 09.00 am, Canvey Conservative Club

- ✘ Whilst minutes were agreed it was requested by the Assistant Director that a note be added to say that only the Director attended the October ROC training as it was felt from the two previous conferences that there was not enough content to justify sending anyone else.
- ✘ Director thanked Committee, for their work this year, think we have done a pretty good job after Covid.
- ✘ 85 riding - 36 Pillion = Total 121 – No change from last month. First Aid course, booked and paid for.
- ✘ Wreath Making - A great night was had by all, a huge thank you for everyone who attended.
- ✘ Thanks to the ladies generosity, we raised £60.00 from our raffle to put towards the Chapter funds.
- ✘ Spa Days - 4 ladies have paid their money for this event and 2 are hoping to book in January, if spaces are still available.
- ✘ Changed the 'Afternoon Tea' to 'Afternoon Picnic' and everyone will be welcomed.
- ✘ Contacted LOH from Watford, regarding 'International Female Riders Day' (Saturday 6th May 2023) awaiting a reply
- ✘ Hoping to sort the flyer out for the O2 and was wondering if the Chapter would be subsidising this event.
- ✘ Air Conditioning has been donated by Andrew Sykes Limited, via Carl, which will be used as a raffle prize during 2023.
- ✘ An Afternoon Tea has been donated by Stifford Hall Hotel to be used by the end of March 2023.
- ✘ Canvey Conservative Club will place a jar on the bar for two months in aid of Aaron Lewis Foundation. Will also organise a music quiz and Charity Officer will arrange a race night with funds raised going to the charity, will be an upfront cost, contact will be made to find out cost. Both events will be open to club members as well as Chapter members.
- ✘ Toy Run is arranged with the hospital for 17 December 2022, Charity Officer will purchase toys with money donated by Chapter members.
- ✘ Christmas Party went really well, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Hotel were pleased with the Chapters attendance and have donated an Afternoon Tea as a raffle prize for the Charity.
- ✘ Will check out Waldegraves re caravan bookings, and arrangements for the weekend in 2023.
- ✘ Will talk to Halfway House re Natter Night and Sign Up Day in 2023.
- ✘ Thanks were passed to Activities Officer for organising the Chapter Christmas Party. Provisionally booked the same venue for the second weekend in December 2023.
- ✘ Number of members active in November 21 Down 12 compared to October 0
Number of members new to Chapter and featured in last month's rides 0
Total historic current rider awards for all active members 5881 27 award increase MoM
Total for 2022 current riders active 90
RIDER OF THE YEAR 2022/23 Malcolm / Lorraine, RUNNER UP Ashley Smart, 3RD PLACE
Colin Pike
- ✘ Newly Awarded Pin 75 Colin Pike, 25 Vince Knight, 10 Adrian Crabb
- ✘ Discussion document regarding Merchandise Pond Life article had been circulated to Committee
- ✘ Thanks were given to Merchandise Officer for producing the document.

Meeting Closed: 10.14
Next Meeting: Saturday 11 February 2023, Canvey.

LAKESIDE RING

Back in October 2019 a concept sketch was produced by our Membership Officer (Carl Webb) for a Chapter ring. He promptly dropped it (like he does with most of his bikes), but then recovered and brought it to a Committee meeting to see if might be an interesting opportunity for Chapter members to show their support for the Chapter and their love of Harley Davidson Motorcycles.



Just a few weeks before lockdown the prototype was finished, (and is now firmly stuck on our Assistant Directors finger!!).



This prototype has been used to create a dye from which any number of duplicate rings can be produced. This unique piece of Chapter history is solid silver and each ring is cast as a one off piece by a professional jeweler and Silversmith.

The jeweler has cast 20 blanks ready for individual sizing.

The Chapter ring comes in two sizes. Bloody big and regular. The regular will cost you about £60. The bloody big, is about £120.

The jeweler, (Bill Murchie) has a shop in Ingatestone High Street, CM4 9EE.

He'd be happy to see Chapter members at their leisure for a sizing, you can then pick your ring up a week later. (If he's not too busy, he'll do it there and then for you).



A visit to his shop is also best if you'd like any one off changes or bling to your ring (I never thought I'd ever be writing that) or have a piece of jewelry of your own design that you'd like made.

If you wanted to call ahead, Bill's number is 01277 356950



Payment is expected when you take delivery of your ring.

Phill 'Rainman' (assistantdirector@lakesidechapter.co.uk)



As most of you will know we operate an Awards Programme based on the number of official rides you attend. When you sign in before a ride not only does it assist the Road Captain and Road Crew to know who is on the ride but it is used to log the number of rides you have completed. No sign in – no ride award! The ride is official if it has a Lakeside Road Captain and Crew and it has been briefed in accordance with H.O.G. rules.

A ride out run by another Chapter or Organisation does not count as an official Lakeside Ride although there may be an official ride to the start of such a ride (for example RTTW or the Essex Air Ambulance Run) Multi day rides normally count for a ride award per day ridden but check with the organising Road Captain for confirmation.

Once you have completed 10 Rides you are presented with your Ride Award Pin Badge and “10” stud. Next step is your “25” stud followed by “50” and so on. Each month we’ll publish the ride totals so you can see where you stand.

Ride totals published this month are until 31st December 2022



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Life Time Ride Awards.....

Member name	Total	Member name	Total	Member name	Total	Member name	Total
Seedhouse Malcolm	496	Bacon Caroline	55	Hitching Tony	17	Barber Reg	1
Seedhouse Lorraine	488	Ryan Paul	52	Szukalski Jozef	14	Renzi Elonora	1
Coghill Colin	337	Williams Helen	52	Cusack Alli	13	Curtis Christine	1
Keogh Michael	204	Griffin Malcolm	50	Harvey Martin	12	Page Mick	1
Poston Phill	194	Searle-Jones Neil	47	Harvey Karen	12	Powell Wendy	1
Robson Common Tony	162	Searle-Jones Dee	46	Welsh Mick	12	Contu Lorena	1
Webb Carl	159	Bint Julia	43	Strong Julie	12	Windsor Clair	1
Shepherd Daryl	130	Poston Ann	39	Gunn Lynn	12	Dymond Stuart	0
Bell Chris	128	Bransgrove Shilpa	39	Rodriguez Francisco	11	Borrell Sarah	0
Holt Christopher	121	Wilson Pete	38	Gibson Alan	11	Crane Jeffrey	0
Bint Robert	115	Mackenzie Philip	37	Hopper Phil	10	Sheeley Joan	0
O'Leary Stephen	111	Smart Pam	36	Taylor Paula	10	Brook Barry	0
Reynolds Keith	108	Watts Jerome	34	Crabb Adrian	10	Brundle Kirsty	0
Smith Joanne	106	Yuill Nina	34	Menzies Caroline	10	Kilby Graham	0
Gleeson John	105	Winters Shilpa	32	Dyson John	9	Cargill Martin	0
Sturton Sue	105	Borrell David	31	Potticary Ken	9	Cota Edwin	0
Mummery Colin	104	Collins Kathy	31	Joyce Bryony	8		
Revill Ken	104	Belcher Adrian	30	Pinkerton Graham	8		
Squibb Harry	91	Keenes Ken	28	Middleton Tony	8		
Fluck Martin	90	Shepherd Kim	28	Sheeley Robert	7		
Edwards Corinda	90	Wakeman Les	26	Drinkwater Ian	7		
Revill Samantha	86	Knight Vince	25	Windsor Daniel	6		
Bransgrove Gary	79	Wathan Stephen	24	Barton Val	5		
Bandeira Joel	78	Harris Paul	23	Luff Bradley	5		
Pike Colin	77	Wathan Jennifer	23	Curtis Colin	5		
Winters Steve	73	Dawkins Roger	22	Mills Gary	4		
Bacon Peter	72	Daniel Andy	21	Sellen Tony	4		
Collins Steve	70	Dawkins Tracy	21	Middleton Louise	4		
Robson Common Tracy	66	Johnson Paul	21	Smith Kevin	4		
Bell Lorraine	66	Newbury Karl	19	Squibb Candice	3		
Gleeson Sarah	65	Metson Ann	19	Wild Gareth	2		
Metson Dudley	61	Poston Sam	19	Moiso Marco	2		
Williams Mark	58	Taylor John	19	Newbury Christopher	2		
Smart Ashley	57	Ryan Jackie	18	Lloyd Andy	1		
Yuill Steve	57	Andrews Robert	17	Barbiero Niccolo	1		

At times, rides may be cancelled or changes may be made and with this in mind, we feel that it would be more beneficial to only publish the below link to the Ride Diary.





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.



MERCHANDISE

The Chapter has a range of branded merchandise that is available for members to purchase via the Merchandising Officer at anytime on

merchandise@lakesidechapter.co.uk.

The current Merchandising Officer is Neil Searle-Jones and merchandise is also available at Natter Nights and on some rides.

Patches and Pins are held as stock items by the Chapter, all other items are ordered direct from the manufacturers.

Payment for merchandising is simple it can be cash or card at point of sale. You can also pay by Bank Transfer, if you choose this method the following procedure applies:

Please pay the Chapter account.

Details are:
Lakeside Chapter
Sort code 20-34-69
Acct 83218481

Then send the Merchandising Officer a copy/photo of the payment confirmation and the items will either be ordered/from stock and sent to you.

Branded Merchandise

Branded clothing is available from the Chapter by ordering through the Merchandising Officer. The Chapter has teamed up with Premium Force a supply and printing company. Premium Force have a dedicated page on their website for the Chapter giving full details of the clothing currently available. PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT ORDER DIRECT FROM THE COMPANY. ALL ORDERS HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MERCHANDISING OFFICER.

WEB PAGE : <https://www.premiumforce.co.uk/your-business/businesses/lakeside-chapter/>





Lakeside Chapter Adults Cool T-Shirt



Lakeside Chapter Ladies Cool T-Shirt



Lakeside Chapter Adults Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Ladies Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Adults Zip Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Ladies Zip Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Adults Heavyweight Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Adults Street Hoodie



Lakeside Chapter Adults L/S T Shirt

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Lakeside Chapter Rugby Shirt



Lakeside Chapter Junior Cool T-Shirt



Lakeside Chapter Junior Hoodie



Lakeside Classic Adults Sweatshirt Jacket



Lakeside Chapter Adults Heavyweight Hoodie

Merchandise.....





PRICES

ITEM	COST £
Lakeside Chapter Adults Cool T	18.00
Lakeside Chapter Ladies Cool T	18.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults Hoodie (NO Zip)	40.00
Lakeside Chapter Ladies Hoodie (No Zip)	40.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults Zip Hoodie	45.00
Lakeside Chapter Ladies Full Zip Hoodie	45.00
Lakeside Chapter Junior Cool T	18.00
Lakeside Chapter Junior Hoodie (No Zip)	30.00
Lakeside Chapter Classic Adults Sweatshirt (Full Zip and no hood)	40.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults Heavy Duty Hoodie (No zip)	45.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults Heavy weight Zoodie (Full zip)	45.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults Street Hoodie (No zip + thumb holes)	45.00
Lakeside Chapter Adults long sleeve T shirt	20.00
Lakeside Chapter Rugby Shirt	35.00

Other Merchandise are available, prices on application.

Ladies Cool V necked T-Shirts and vests, branded buffs, branded beanies and branded baseball caps.

Please contact The Merchandising Officer for any other clothing items not mentioned.

There is also a facility for adding the Chapter logos to your existing clothing. Any clothing requiring this service must be cleaned if been in use.

Please contact the Merchandising Officer for further details.

PATCHES AND PINS

Here is a photo of the patches and pins available from the Chapter. There are also some photos of suggested positioning of patches on your Cut (waistcoat).

Whilst the Chapter does not dictate the type and style of patches worn the Committee brings the following to your attention.

Members are advised that the wearing of a rear bottom rocker below the Chapter and HOG patches on their Cut is discouraged as this could cause strife with certain motorcycle clubs who may consider this a challenge to their perceived authority. Equally the skull style of HOG patch available could be perceived to be too close to certain other Motorcycle clubs' insignia and may affront their members.





REF	Description	Size	Cost £
1	LAKESIDE CHAPTER GREAT BRITAIN	L	20.00
2	LAKESIDE CHAPTER GREAT BRITAIN	S	10.00
3	LAKESIDE CHAPTER MALTESE CROSS	S	3.00
4	HOG EAGLE PATCH BROWN	L	20.00
5	HOG EAGLE PATCH BROWN	S	10.00
6	HOG EAGLE PATCH GOLD	L	20.00
7	HOG EAGLE PATCH GOLD	S	10.00
8	LOH WINGS IN GOLD	S	8.00
9	LOH WINGS IN GOLD	L	15.00
10	HOG HERITAGE	S	10.00
11	REMEMBRANCE PATCH	S	12.00
12	LAKESIDE CHAPTER ORANGE MALTESE CROSS PIN (For year bars)	S	8.50
13	LAKESIDE CHAPTER BLACK MALTESE CROSS PIN	S	8.50
14	HOG PIN	S	3.50
-	PIN KEEPERS (PACK OF 12)	-	3.00



SUGGESTED PATCH LAYOUT

The following photos show the suggested patch layout of principal patches on your cut (waistcoat).

The Lakeside Chapter insignia is on the heart side of the cut with officer status or HOG information on the other.



Please note there is no bottom rocker on the rear of the cut.





FEATURE ARTICLES



ICY BLAST



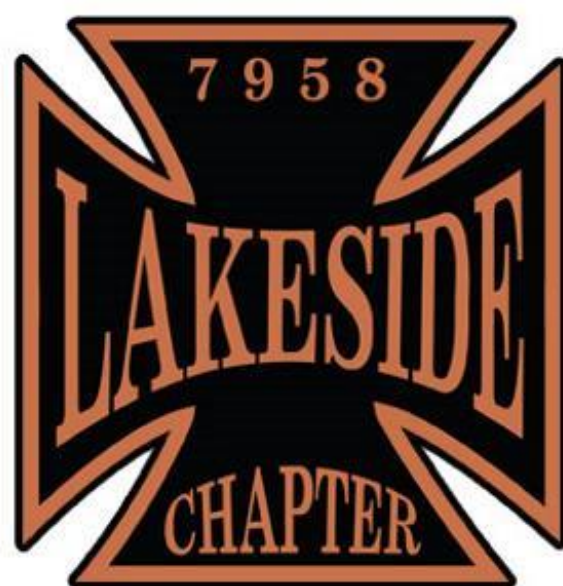
This year's post Christmas ride out saw 7 bikes, 8 members arrive at the Lakeside Retail Park on an overcast, breezy but dry morning and what better way to chase away the cobwebs with some cheerful conversation and friendly banter. After briefing we saddled up, and were soon travelling through the Essex countryside to Southend.



Despite rain the day before the roads were surprisingly dry. We took an indirect route via Chadwell St Mary, Linford, Stanford-le-Hope, Canvey, Benfleet, Hadleigh, Leigh-on-Sea and then to Southend-on-Sea. Once we had parked along the seafront we eventually found a pleasant café where lunch was enjoyed by all. As it turned out the following day was pretty horrendous, so we certainly chose the right day for a ride out.



Lorraine and Malcolm



**FEATURED
EVENTS**

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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





Ladies of Harley Event!!!

Let's Walk Over the O2 Arena Together!!!

Come and join us for an exhilarating outdoor climb over the roof of one of London's most striking buildings.

Date Sunday the 16th of July 2023.

This is a riding event and everyone is welcome and no climbing experience needed!

Meeting at the Half Way House - time to be confirmed!!



Our fantastic Chapter will be making a £10 concession towards the cost of this event per-chapter member, so don't miss out!!!!

The cost of this event will be £30:00. Full payment to be made to the Chapter account Ref: "LOH O2 Climb" - non-refundable by 28th February 2023.

Please note that climbers will be required to wear the venue's climb shoes, so socks must be worn.

Hope to see you all there!!

HARLEY DAVIDSON
120TH ANNIVERSARY
EUROPEAN RALLY



It has been announced that this Anniversary Rally will take place from Thursday 22 June to Sunday 25 June 2023 in Budapest. The specific venue has not been announced.

The Chapter are planning on attending and you should allow 4 days prior and after the event for travelling. It will be a trip of just over 2,000 miles.

Harley have stated that they will have accommodation available, but they haven't announced what, yet. Hotels will sell out, so you may wish to book accommodation that you can cancel if need be.

Please contact Malcolm at director@lakesidechapter.co.uk if you are serious about attending this event, so that I can keep you in the loop with any announcements and details of the ride to and from Hungary.

