



Re-awakening

With all the horrors of 2020s beginning over and things settling back to some form of normality, the committee thought it would be a nice idea to start bringing the newsletter back into circulation... every quarter to begin with, just to bring a little more back to you the members of our beloved Rutland Chapter.

With this newsletter, we will be relaying any relevant info about the chapter, rides, and events happening, or recently happened. We will also try to include any interesting stories, and tips/tricks/hacks and other fun stuff that could benefit you as a rider, motorcycle enthusiast, or as a human being.

So I would like to formally welcome you all back to Harley Owners Group—Rutland Chapter!



As I'm sure you're all aware that things within the chapter have been shaken up a bit lately, Richard will be continuing as Director, David Hibbitt has decided to take a break from the Committee, but has offered to help with the 2021 'Proud to be Rutland Rally'. We would all like to thank Dave for his contribution to the committee and the Chapter. Ian "Ice" Gornall will be stepping up to assistant director and treasurer.

Barry will remain secretary, with Julie stepping up to merch officer as well as her former duties with memberships. We would like to thank and welcome those newcomers who stepped up to the committee too, with Richard Maddy, Ian "Snowy" Snowdon, Paul Jackson and Colin Thornborrow taking roles as activities officers.

Chris at the dealership is also stepping up as communications officer; mainly writing this but also aiding Andrew at Uppingham, logging mileages for those on the scheme, and being a liaison between you fine folk and the dealership!

RIDE OUT NEWS

With lockdown rules still mildly in effect; we have been required to inform those joining the organised ride outs that all attendees must be booked in advance and be free from COVID-19, and not have had any known contact with anyone who has or has shown symptoms of Corona virus. Anyone who is present for the ride who hasn't been logged before the event begins must leave.

Please maintain social distance guidelines, stay within your ride groups at all times, and if anyone shows symptoms up to 14 days after the event, please inform your road captain and Richard ASAP.

Your safety is our priority at all times.

With that bit out of the way, the committee is busy arranging loads of great ride outs for us all, after the success of the rides so far to the bubble car museum, bomber command and RAF Spanhoe, with the next being a trip to the Bike Shed London on the [5th of September!](#)

The plans so far is to arrange as many small trips as possible to involve as many of you as possible, so get those names down.

We only have a finite number of Road Captains and with groups limited to 6 *people* per group this means one group could be just 3 bikes. Don't be too upset if you aren't able to make it or if you aren't selected; **there will be more rides**; and we will probably be doing them again on another date; those who haven't been out in a while will have priority.

Dealer Stuff

Fancy some new shiny bits for your bike?

Give Luke a call; with all the genuine HD catalogue at his fingertips, as well as Parts-Europe's massive selection of everything from fenders to engine mods,

There will be something you undoubtedly need.

And enjoy up to 10% off with your HOG membership!

If there are any places you think would be suitable for a ride out please let one of the Committee or Road Captains know and we'll see if we can arrange an event!



ROADS OF NOTE

Every issue we will be looking at some of the most interesting or beautiful roads Britain has to offer; with a small description of where it is, and why its so special. If you have a suggestion for this section, email me on chris.collins@sycamoremotorcycles.co.uk for a chance to have it featured.

Above is the B4391 between Llangynog and Bala in north Wales. This beautiful road also known as The Milltir Cerrig (Mile of Stones) is a pass over the Berwyn mountain range, which winds its way up the side of a deep valley, over the top of the range with stunning vistas over the moorlands to the Snowdonia national park.

Life is not about
weathering the storm,
its about learning to
ride in the rain

-anonymous

HARLEY NEWS

Harley Davidson Re-Wire, the radical refocus of the Brand

Harley Davidson has partnered with Hollywood Star: Jason Momoa, a keen motorcyclist/Harley enthusiast to write and direct some films for the Re-Wire campaign. The tagline of which is **United We Will Ride**. These short films are about 6 individuals and their families, to inspire the world to ride new roads, seek adventure, rediscover our love for motorcycling and riding our Harley-Davidsons.

The Films use stunning filmography with intimate views into what makes motorcycles such a special and important part of our lives.

If you wish to see them, they are available on Harley-Davidsons Facebook page, as well as Youtube. The videos are only about a minute or so each, but their message is clear, that even with the world in disarray, United, we will ride...



August saw the (brief) return of Sycamores Masterpiece the Brass Monkey; so if you missed it first time around, drop in to have a look the bike that was crowned King before it goes to its new home.

I'll sign off with a terrible joke:

I went into a store to buy some books about turtles. "Hardbacks?" asked the shopkeeper. "Yes," I replied. "And they have little heads, too." See you on the Road!

