



Legacy

Well, what a year it's been....the world is in ruins yet we still remain, patient and vigilant, waiting for our time to shine again. As I'm sure you're now fully aware this year has been a write off for our usual chapter rides & activities, we look forward with positivity since the recent government announcements that we can regain some shape of normality, and we can refresh ourselves, get back on our bikes, ride the roads and have some fun again!

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Director Ian Gornall to the position, I'm sure he has a bright future ahead. Our current secretary Barry Lambert, advancing to be Assistant Director. Rick Maddy will be our new treasurer too. We wish you all the best in your new roles!

With that, we would like to thank Richard Kitchen, stepping down from the Director position, for his passionate years of service to the chapter, while he remains a member, he is stepping away from the committee. We wish you all the best with all your new found spare time Rich!

We have a great bunch of enthusiastic people on the committee to represent you all. So don't forget to talk to them with your thoughts and ideas to help make this chapter the best it can be.

Within the chapter we have gained quite a few new faces this year (27 of you to be exact!), despite the challenges faced. To all of you, thank you, welcome, and know you will always have a home here.



Christmas Party 20 2.0

We have arranged for the Chapter "Virtually" a Christmas party for the Evening of Wednesday the 16th of December, there will be Prizes, competitions, a Christmas quiz, prizes laughs, and more prizes!

The event will be held on Zoom, see the Facebook page for details – if you aren't on facebook and/or don't have Zoom – email communications@rutlandchapter.co.uk and Chris will be happy to go through the details for joining in with the festivities!

November saw us try a few new things to adapt to the current times – our zoom meeting was also broadcast to Facebook -Live on the night, with a decent proportion of you joining us, so this will be continued, as our only way to congregate is using our technology. We all had a good natter and it was a very enjoyable evening – bring your drinks, settle in, the pubs moved to your living room!

RIDE OUT NEWS

Hi folks, I wanted to let you all know about what we are planning for our ride calendar for 2021. As you probably know, I asked via Facebook for suggestions from our members and have had some great ideas which we will use in our planning. We usually have a road captains meeting in February to plan the calendar but I'm going to bring it forward to mid January as it may take a little longer to produce due to social distancing.

We will be focusing on rideouts that are easy to do with social distancing, i.e. trips to outside venues, where there will be less chance of breaching any guidelines. That does mean that rides to indoor venues where distancing is more problematic will be less than before.

There is also a plan to involve members in solo rides that will be organised by the road captains should restrictions result in a lack of group rides. As you can see we are trying to have things in place so we can start the 2021 season back doing what we all enjoy and that is riding our bikes.

That's it from me but please if you do have any ideas for rides, let me know and we will see if we can get them in the calendar.

Happy Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year.

Craig Naylor
Head Road Captain

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The chapter will be asking for your input in the coming year, please step up, have your say in the events, rideouts, or anything chapter related, Shout out, give us ideas; This is All one big family... Fun and fellowship!



ROADS OF NOTE

Above is Winnats Pass in the Peak District. About 8 miles north-east of Buxton lies this astonishing, yet short pass. Gateway to the Hope Valley and the town of Castleton, this stunning stretch has beautiful vistas of verdant uplands, and at the bottom speedwell cavern - a former lead mine (now flooded) that leads to a limestone cave full of intricate stalactites and stalagmites.

If you have a suggestion for this section, email me on chris.collins@sycamoremotorcycles.co.uk for a chance to have it featured.

SYCAMORE NEWS

We would like to extend our best wishes and fond farewells to two long running and very popular members of the sycamore team; Both Todd from the service department and Stuart from the sales team have left us this year. We wish Todd all the best in his new career and Stuart with his big move planned taking him off to the sunny shores of Falmouth (not the Jamaican one though). Both have been assets to the business and to the chapter, we wish them both all the best in their future ventures!

Ladies: Emma in the clothing department wants YOU! Your opinions matter, and we want to know what clothing lines you would like to see at Sycamore HD. See Emma for more info when Sycamore opens once again...

Yamaha have joined the sycamore family, with massive renovation plans for the whole dealership. Both workshops and the secondary showroom are all to be transformed early 2021!

On A motorcycle,
nobody ever asks
"Are we there yet?"

anonymous

2020 Toy Run

Due to the restrictions in place, we will not be able to do the conventional Christmas toy run to Peterborough Hospital this year. We **ARE** still going to make a delivery to them, we just need to do it in a COVID safe atmosphere. So this year there are 2 slots for chapter members to help and escort the van from Sycamore HD, all those who request one of these slots will have their names placed in a hat and drawn on the final day we can accept toys into the shop. The final date for submission is Sunday the 13th, the delivery will occur on Sunday the 20th. Gifts **MUST NOT** be wrapped, for full details please see Pete Ward or contact a member of the Committee.

Uppingham Shop will be open for drop offs, Tuesday-Saturday, but please make someone inside aware you're leaving presents for the hospital children, we don't want any going missing!

HARLEY NEWS

End of an era:

2020 sees the final production year of the ever popular sportster range, as well as the street 750s; while nothing is yet in place to replace this almighty hole left by a legendary motorcycle, a reliable source has informed me that this will not be the case for long, so while its goodbye to the sporty, there are exciting times ahead!

Electric Dreams:

With the launch of the Long Way Up series on Apple TV, the livewire is hitting home as THE electric bike to buy, and leaving all "competitors" with a benchmark of not only what EV machines are capable of, but their versatility and capability in all sorts of environments.

Adventure Time:

Harley have announced that the 2021 launch for the Pan America adventure model will continue as planned, though price is yet to be publically announced, we have great expectations for the continent conquering water cooled beast.

More models have been teased for later launch, however further details on what and when are still elusive



Today, a little advise:

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes

See you all Zoom!

