

## **Subject: Aire Valley UK (9695) Chapter Meeting 4 August 2021**

Andie Hannam Chapter Director opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking the members for attending. This was the first meeting that we could hold since the restrictions had prevented group gatherings

Andie had supplied face masks, sanitiser and dry wipes for all who attended

The meeting was held at The Queenswood Social Club on Queenswood Drive Leeds LS6 3LJ which had been sought by Mick & Sue Pierce after Yarnbury was unavailable due to refurbishment. Yarnbury will not be available until the October meeting so next month will be at Queenswood Social Club from 7pm

All members had been asked to confirm attendance as we needed to be aware of numbers this will continue for the September meeting as we have a number of vulnerable members in Aire Valley that still need to adhere to social distancing

The Dealership, Leeds Harley-Davidson was represented by Dealer Rep Chris Higgins and his minder Julian Marshall

The Committee members that attended were Andie Hannam, Rob Hammerton, Neil Walmsley, Sandra Gaunt, Mick & Sue Pierce

Andie thanked the Committee for all their hard work during the lockdown. HOG had been very organised behind the scenes organising Zoom Meetings to cover a huge range of topics and all the committee had attended several

Chris Higgins spoke about the Dealership and how successful the Birthday Bash had been and it was great to see so many members of the Chapter for the first time in ages and was looking forward to the Unity Ride on Friday 13th August. He also said that the Dealership had decided that as the Chapter had lost a good year in being able to do anything that Andie would continue in her post for another year so there would be no election in October at the AGM

Andie thanked Chris and went on to discuss the Unity Ride. 6 people from Aire Valley have bought a raffle ticket which are available from HOG at €10 per ticket. If any one else would like to purchase one they are still available this will be drawn on Tuesday 10th August 1pm at the Dealership and the winner will ride from LHD 3pm Friday 13th August to the Angel of the North and meet up with the Geordie Chapter and ride to Gateshead HD to hand over the Baton to Barry Gillespie.

HOG HD Panamerican Bike is now in the UK travelling Chapter to Chapter from Plymouth  
This event was devised by Martin Dickinson & Barry Gillespie and the Baton which is hand carved was made by a member of the Geordie Chapter. The link for tickets is [donate.thegreatrelay21.com/Aire-valley](https://donate.thegreatrelay21.com/Aire-valley)

The raffle for riding the Pan American is a HOG led Charity. Two Wheels for Life (Paramedics on Bikes) Full details are on the HOG website. Aire Valley will raise money for this as a one off event as we have agreed as a Chapter to continue to support the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Andie then handed out patches to

Neil Walmsley. Head Road Captain/Safety Officer

She thanked Neil for his organisational skills throughout the lockdown with the groups of 6 situation and for all the help and support he'd given to her personally throughout

Sandy Greenham Ladies of Harley Associate non Committee position  
Hamid Ghadamian Photographer  
Andy Waller is a Health & Safety Officer and will now deal with our Risk Assessments in future

Neil Walmsley. Head Road Captain

It's a privilege and honour to accept this. My respect and grateful thanks to Allan Ward an unknowing role model and my unwitting mentor. I'll give 100% to the Chapter. We can now ride out without having to book a place

In 2020 we had 19 Rideouts, mostly 6 people groups until August, as much as we've ever done before including the Easter Egg run to the school in Seacroft

In Whitby we had two groups of 18 people. We've had a further 19 Rideouts this season so far. We've also had a training day, the Pie Run was a great success. We've had Rideouts Saturday & Sunday. Going forward we've had something every weekend and intend it to continue. I'd like to thank all the Road Captains I couldn't plan the co-ordinating without them. Thank you to everyone.

The 2nd Rider Drop Off speaks for itself. Hi Vis if they wish, anyone can wear yellow as now the leader and marker are in orange

Mick Crossland is leading this weekends ride to Saltburn on the Sea

Neil distributed Rideout Protocol cards to all

Mick Pierce. Activities Officer

Mick started by explaining the reasons for weekends away and finding locations near enough for people to be able to come after work on the Fridays to join in. Fun weekends away with rides in different locations and meet up with other Chapters. These weekends are open to all members and not by special invitation

Club Weekend at the Best Western Oaks Hotel Burnley BB10 2LF

Dinner Bed & Breakfast. Free bar 6 till 11pm all branded drinks

Friday 20th August LHD to Southport and then on to the hotel for check in.

£145 per room

Saturday 21st August. Andie leading ride from LHD to hotel to meet up with Red Rose for combined ride out back to hotel £165 per room

Sunday 22nd August. Mancunian Chapter to meet up and Rideout 11am to 12 noon from hotel Hotel £119

Saturday 18th September. Camping Night at Esholt before Rideout to Humber

The location has been altered since the meeting please see Sue Pierce Facebook post relating to the full details

Mick then went on to mention events planned for 2022

Christmas Party

Brittany Trip.

Ireland West Coast Trip.

Evening Meals/Mid week meals out maybe when the biking season ends

He is also thinking of restarting the Zimmer Club rides mid week so keep an eye on the Facebook page if the weather is good

Andie then announced there were no members that had served 20 years the the Chapter but presented Maddie Anne Speight with her 10 year pin and thanked her for all she does in the

Chapter. Also pins will be sent out to Ursula Hobkirk, Andy Underwood & Vw Patterson who also achieved 10 years. Andie apologised for the lateness as these are normally given out in December

Chris Dunn National Observer & Local Observer Assessor and Chairman at WYAMs began his presentation and answered questions from the members

Andie Hannam. Director

Leeds Harley Davidson are providing two memorial benches with named plaques for members of Aire Valley and St Leger that have sadly passed There will be a celebration of life Rideout Date to be advised

I had arranged for Trevor Phillips presentation about his Bike Trips but as it's quite late he has agreed to reschedule for October so thank you Trevor and once again my apologies

Raffle winners tonight

Dave Keep, Carol Holroyd and Roger Widdup

57 attended. 9 apologies

Thank you to all who have attended tonight safe journey home

It was a long meeting so I didn't have time to display patches, pins, t shirts etc but they will be available at the September meeting

Sandra Gaunt

Secretary/Treasurer

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