



End Of Year Statement

Hi everyone, who would have thought that after starting the year with a great night at the Village and a well attended new members/first ride out of the season we would end up being locked down twice with riding our bikes being restricted. Every rally ended up being cancelled and many are not planning anything for next year, I'll keep you posted when I have any updates.

During this turbulent year everyone in some way has faced difficulties which others may or may not be aware of and its important that we support each other and not use Facebook as a tool to criticize or poke the bear. Myself and the committee welcome input of any kind but please email or even better call to discuss this, as the written word can sometimes not come across in the right context, all our email addresses are on the website.

As with everything else the charities we support are struggling, we handed over a cheque to the YAA on the 18th January for £3460 and they held a virtual balloon race on the 25th October to celebrate their 20th birthday which we, Aire Valley supported, unfortunately we came 168th but it's a great charity and every little helps. Another charity we all support is Ride to the Wall which had to be cancelled but was filmed and was a virtual service of Remembrance unfortunately this has meant that they have not been able to collect donations on the day however they have an online merchandise shop which Martin has told me they have new things for this year and we can all support this charity, the website is www.rttw.org

We have 5 members who joined the chapter in 2011 so this year they get their 10 year pins these are:

Ursula Hobkirk, George Hobkirk, Vyv Patterson, Maddie Anne Speight and Andy Underwood.

Virtual applause

Sandra will post these out to you.

To celebrate finally being able to ride we had the flag ride on



the 4th July, to comply with covid regulations we had 3 groups of 6 meet at various places in Ilkley and ride to Leeds Harley-Davidson to present the flag. In appreciation of all who took part I have a pin for each of you which I will

leave at the dealership as soon as I'm back and the dealership is open to all. Virtual applause

Once we could ride again in a fashion, I asked for volunteers from the road captains who were able (not shielding themselves or family) and happy to plan and organise small ride outs to step forward and I would like to thank them all especially Neil Walmsley who volunteered to coordinate the rides, which turned out to be very fluid as more and more people wanted to join but the rides were full, he then tried to get more than one ride out on the day



so we could include more riders, some of these were successful and some not mainly due to the lack of people to lead the rides.

In appreciation I would like to award the following these HOG plaques:

Neil Walmsley, Rob Hammerton, Andy Fairhurst, Steve Cirrell, Steve King.



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Come the new year we are going to launch a new Chapter Challenge based around an "a to z" treasure hunt, this will run from Jan—October 2021. You will need to have the "what 3 words" app on your phone to log each position. This can be done on your own or small groups so will be covid safe. Once everything is finalised I'll post it on Facebook. We will need a coordinator to collate the information so if anyone would like to volunteer please contact me. Don't forget to log your mileage with the dealership for Ride 365 to run alongside the Chapter Challenge.

We will be having the Road Captains meeting in the new year, I'm hoping February or March, or as soon as we can all get together.

A word from Rob our assistant director

Hi everyone I hope you are all doing ok. Well it's been a very strange year and now the riding season is coming to the end for a lot of us I know we haven't been able to do lots of the things that we enjoy so much as a group but we did have some small but fantastic ride outs. We went to some great different places and everyone that got involved seemed to really enjoy them. I would like to say a big thank you to the road captains that did lots of hard work in planning the rides and to Neil for doing the organisation and to everyone who came on them too. It felt like a bit of normality in this crazy year. Let's hope next year we can all get together more and get back to enjoying our motorbikes. Stay safe everyone.

Air Ambulance Fund 2019/20

18th January Andie presented a cheque to the Air Ambulance for £3460 These were proceeds from Roar on the Moor, Monthly Raffles, Pie Run, Poker Run, Coffee Hot Dogs & Cakes at the Dealership. Plus donations made to Allan Ward & Andy Dorsett We did have raffles in November, December, February & March amounting to £209

Membership 2019/20

We end the year with 131 members.

We have two members under 16 years both in HOG and have voting rights.
Ronnie & Sienna Roche

We have Dealership & HOG Officials with free membership.

All past Directors and their partners have free life membership and full voting rights

Mike & Sandra Gaunt

Mark & Julie Hemingway

Sohail Khan

Paul Moody (Tooty)

Marjorie Rae

Eddie & Helen Wright

Andie & Phil Hannam

Andrew Jones

Rob & Dot Mitchelmore

Burt Perry

Jonny Swallow

The accounts

Aire Valley UK. (9695)

Balance 31st October 2019. £6874

Incomings

Membership. £2210

Merchandise £120

Village. £1975

Roar on the Moor 2020. £945

Air Ambulance. 209. total Incoming £5459

Outgoings

Air Ambulance. £3460

Village. £1850

Director. £265

Roar on the Moor 2020. £540. Refunds

Roar on the Moor 2020 £324. Pins

Roar on the Moor 2020. £99. Flyers

Postage. £228

Website. £160

Merchandise. £520

A V 20 yesterday Pins. £257

Pie & Peas Night. £66. total outgoing £7769

Balance 31 October 2020. £4564

Activities Officers—Mick & Sue's plans

Well its been a funny old year hasn't it? No social activities for us to enjoy together I'm afraid due to the restrictions with numbers.

We would like to say a big thank you for Neil Walmsley for keeping the riding side of the chapter going in our groups of six. We had the pleasure to attend a few and they were all enjoyable with plenty of the usual well meant banter and the occasional coffee stops socially distanced of course.

To complete this year Sue and I have appealed to your charitable instincts as we have done in the past and thankfully have been well supported. This year as well as supporting St George's Crypt with donations of male toiletries and clothing, and we all have things that have shrunk in our wardrobe haven't we? We also hope to support the Salvation Army with its toy collection. Our grandchildren have more than they will ever need but there are a lot of children out there who won't be as fortunate. The Salvation Army have local officers who know the families that deserve support so PLEASE donate a toy, unwrapped. It doesn't have to be new, good used ones will give hours of pleasure to a child in a home that cannot afford Christmas presents.

Both appeals can be left at the dealership where Alan Dodds has agreed to put all the items in his office for Sue and I to collect and pass on. Just leave any donations outside the dealership door and they will take them in

So what are the plans for 2021?

Firstly, a big Party when we can all get together again, maybe at The Village, the place where we had our 2019 Christmas Party. Once things get back to normal that will be our first function.

In the meantime, we should be optimistic and aim that rallies etc will go ahead as normal. When the dates come in they will be added to the calendar as well as plans for 2021 ride outs.

Whitby 28th-31st May 2021

There is no reason for us not to make plans for our club weekend away and at this stage its good to know that members are remaining positive and have booked hotels, b&bs and guest houses, cottages and campsites. For new members who aren't aware how this works basically you book your own accommodation, (you can get these on booking.com with free cancellation), and then get together take place throughout the 3 days with ride outs, meals out and pub trips all communicated by Whatsapp. We have done this for 5 years now and it works great. If anybody wants any further information do please call Sue on 07762005783.

Proposed Trip to Ireland

There has been a suggestion that instead of returning to France in 2021 we do a Trip to Ireland instead. We have quite a few Aire Valley chapter members in Ireland and their hospitality and Guinness is famous. In our role as Activities Officers we are here to investigate requests from members and The Wild Atlantic Way has been one suggestion we think is worth following up. June seems a good month for it and we do have a suggested route and locations. If you think you might be interested do please contact us so we can get an idea of numbers.

CAEN chapter visit

As many of you know Sue and I have built up good relations with foreign chapters in both France and Spain. Last year we took 18 club members to Normandy where we were looked after by Cote de Nacre Chapter and their Director Jean Pierre Postel. Hoping to reciprocate we were to host them here this year, (which regrettably had to be cancelled because of Covid) but having spoken to Jean recently they still want to try for next year and include Thunder in the Glens. As we write we are trying to determine their preference of location for when they dock in Hull. As soon as we know we will publish these details of a planned weekend away with them followed by an escorted ride towards Aviemore.

We had several members booked to head down to Brittany and meet up with Rennes Chapter, many have postponed rather than cancelled the trip with the hope that we can go ahead next year.

This is also a possibility.

All the events that we publish are open to all members.

All members are welcome.

LOH from Vyv

I am hoping that we can get back out there properly soon and I am looking forward to being able to arrange some outings. Sadly just lately its been very difficult because of the 6 person rule, but hopefully as we go into the New Year we will have lots of opportunities to get out there.

Words from Doc

Hi, I spent the first lockdown updating the website which is now open for all so non members can see what we get up to. HOG now do a Chapter website compliance audit which we passed and for this and all the paperwork being in place we received £200 which I know Andie has used for rally prizes.

Summary of 2020 seasons official ride-outs and ad hoc rides.

Ride Coordinator: RC Neil Walmsley.

15 March 2020.

The riding season started well with a 'lunch-stop' ride lead by **HRC Allan Ward**. A circular route eventually took us to Wormold Green for a fine lunch at The George Inn. There were about 16 bikes left the dealership, which was still opening on Sundays. Little did we know then that this would be Allan's last ride-out as HRC and the last official ride-out for the next 3 months. It was also going to be the last Sunday when we could actually leave from the dealership.

What followed was not only extremely disappointing for those who love riding out together but Rally's and Meets all over the country were being cancelled one after the other, hardly anyone dare venture out for fear of being stopped and questioned. One notable exception was a solo ride by **Kolly Coltart** who represented the whole chapter when he escorted the funeral procession of a dear friend and riding buddy **George Jeffrey** on 12 May who had died after contracting Covid-19, well done Kolly! Good man.

There was little or no riding activity during the 3 month lockdown, lots of Facebook activity though as we all tried to find humour and solace in sharing silly and naughty videos and pictures, I'm sure it helped.

As lockdown was eased and smaller groups were going to be the way forward we decided to try and organise some kind of riding format and ride-out calendar that would give everyone the opportunity to ride together to the usual destinations. Normally driven by the RC's this year's ride-out calendar was different and challenging with several of the RC's either 'shielding' themselves or those they live with or just simply needing to step back from the role during these difficult times.

We got underway in June with the first of the smaller 6 people ride-out groups:

- 15 June – Bridlington – **LRC Neil Walmsley.**
- 5 July – Masham – **LRC Andie Hannam.**
- 8 July – Hollingworth Lake – **LRC Andy Fairhurst.**
- 12 July – Yorkshire Dales – **LRC Steve Cirrell.**
- 12 July – Flamborough Head – **LRC Rob Hammerton.**
- 26 July – Snake Pass – **LRC Steve Cirrell.**
- 26 July – Hawes – **LRC Neil Walmsley.**
- 26 July – Crackpot – **LRC Steve King.**
- 01 August – Yorkshire Dales – **LRC Andy Fairhurst.**
- 02 August – Peak District – **LRC Rob Hammerton.**
- 23 August – Peak District – **LRC Andie Hannam.**
- 30 August – Sandsend – **LRC Neil Walmsley.**
- 06 September – Yorkshire Dales – **LRC Andy Fairhurst.**
- 13 September – Manifold Vally – **LRC Rob Hammerton.**
- 20 September – East Coast – **LRC Steve Cirrell.**
- 20 September – Kirkby Lonsdale – **LRC Neil Walmsley.**
- 27 September – Kirkby Lonsdale – **LRC Neil Walmsley.**
- 11 October – Snake Pass – **LRC Steve Cirrell.**
- 18 October – Yorkshire Dales – **LRC Steve Cirrell.**

Only 3 ride-outs were cancelled due to bad weather, both 'Summer Evening' rides were a washout and 1 other to Kirkby Lonsdale.

In addition to the 'official' ride-outs several of our members were able to get out together in small groups and enjoy their love of riding and socialising. I don't have the details of each ride but it was obvious on FB that everyone who wanted to was getting out and making the best of it as much as possible, so well done for that. Let's hope that next year is very different.