

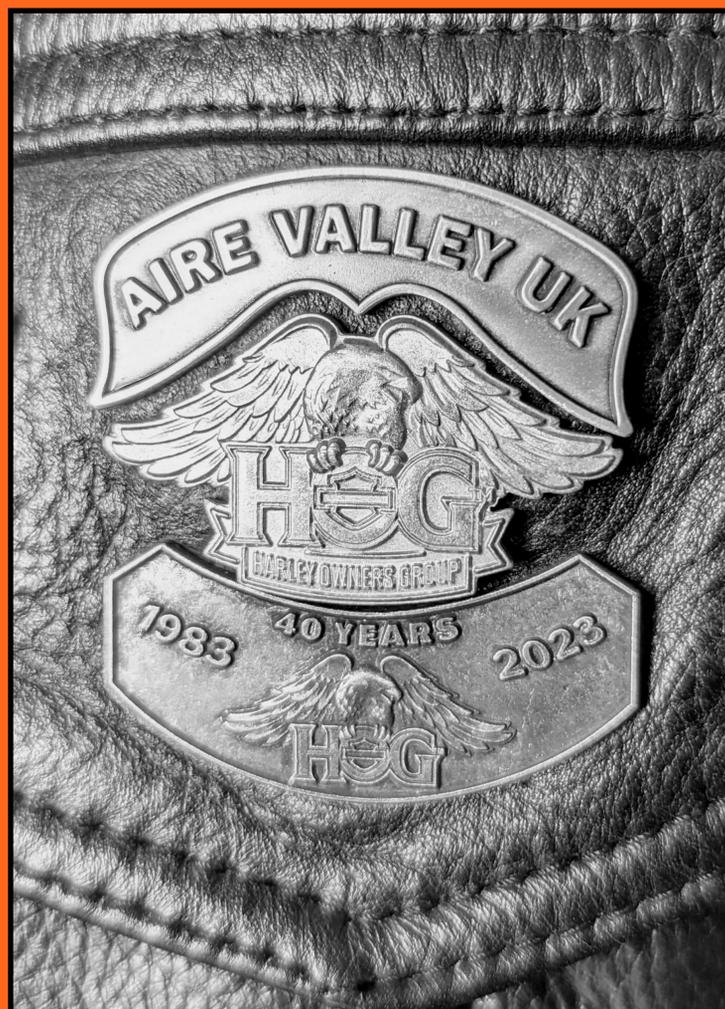
VALLEY TORQUE



SUMMER!
2023



EDITORS INTRO



Summers here and what a difference!

I think its fair to say that the sun's brought a few changes and a renewed passion for riding for many of us.

We have decided to align the newsletter issues with the seasons, meaning that going forward we will be able to get 3 issues to cover the full riding season (Spring, Summer, Autumn), leaving one over Winter.

Apologies for the odd timescales, life gets in the way sometimes and with work, family and of course AV life, it has meant that this issue is later than I would like it to be normally.

But what a start to the season! Great rides and lots of new faces.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter, I will continue to change it in line with feedback and suggestions, so keep them coming.

Emails to: editor@avhog.co.uk

“Doc” Martin (Thanks for the name Neil).



A WORD IN YOUR EAR..

Hi I'm Rob, for those that don't know me, I'm the new director for Aire Valley (AV), I started riding motorbikes at around 8 years old when my Dad bought me my first motorbike for Christmas and I've been interested in anything with an engine ever since. It's probably the reason that I got into the profession that I did. I've been a HGV Mechanic for 30 years and these days I'm the Garage Manager.

I bought my first Harley in 2015, when one of my friends turned up at my house on one and straight away I knew I wanted one. I went to Leeds Harley Davidson, bought a 48 Sportster and loved it. When I bought my new Harley I received a year's free HOG membership so I joined HOG in 2015.



When Leeds Harley Davidson delivered my new bike the guy delivering it told me that he was the Head Road Captain for AV and asked me if I'd like to join them on a rideout on the following Sunday. And so, I went on my first rideout to see what it was all about. I instantly fell in love with riding in a large group of Harleys, joined AV and I've attended most of the rideouts from that point on!

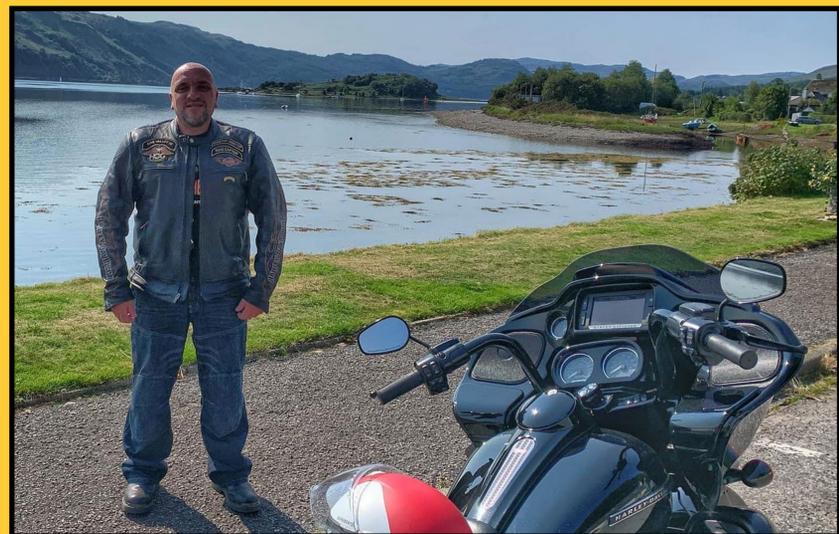
Over the years my Harleys have gotten bigger, from my 48 to a Heritage, then to a Road Glide Special and on to my current Road Glide Special, blacked out in Snake Venom paint.

AV has played a big part in my life since I joined. I've ridden some amazing roads and seen places that I wouldn't have without AV. I've enjoyed many HOG chapter rallies and trips away and made many great friends along the way.

Earlier this year the previous Director, Andie Hannam, informed me that she would be stepping down and asked me if I would take on the role as Director of AV (being the then Assistant Director).

I agreed to take it on as AV has given me so much over the years through the good times and bad and now I had the chance to give something back.

We have a lot of great rideouts and events planned this year. My favorite Chapter rideout is our annual pork pie run.



Going forward in my new role as Director I want to keep the events and rideout calendars full with a wide range that will suit all members and grow our presence on social media platforms i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Youtube. We are also updating our website and in turn trying to grow our Chapter and work hand in hand with our sponsoring dealership Leeds Harley Davidson and to ride and have fun.

Rob

...WHO IS...

Name:

Derek Hunter

Based:

Barnsley

Job:

Retired

Hobbies (Other Than Bikes Obvs!):

Just Bikes!

Favourite Music:

The Rolling Stones, Jimmy Hendrix, AC/DC and the 80's

Favourite Place:

Spain or Pembrokeshire

Current Bike:

Breakout

Last Bike:

Suzuki B King

Dream Bike:

I'm Riding it!!



AND INTRODUCING...

Name :
Jonathon (Jon) Gallant

Based:
Castleford

Occupation:
Distribution Manager

Bike(s):
Road King Special
Honda Africa Twin Adventure Sports

Dream bike:
Road or Street Glide CVO

Hobbies:
Walking
Running
Beer - I love a good brewery
Obvs - Bikes & buying things for them!

Favourite Music:
80's / 90's Rock

Favourite place:
Scotland Highlands

Next big bike adventure:
Switzerland

Interesting fact about me:
I prefer cats to dogs!

Name:
Vicky Gallant

Based:
Castleford

Occupation:
Office manager

Bikes:
I have never owned a bike

Dream Bike:
I'm quite happy being on the back of the bike enjoying the ride.

Hobbies
Astronomy / star gazing
Walking
drinking beer and wine with great people
(and the hubby)

Favourite Music
90s music
Pink
George Ezra

Favourite place
Scotland (with the hubby)

Next big adventure
Switzerland (with the hubby)

Interesting fact about me:
Come and have a chat and get to know me :-)

...AND



...AND...

Name:

Alan "Sam" Routh

Based:

Leeds

Job:

Retired HGV driver

Hobbies (Other Than Bikes Obvs!):

No Hobbies (apart from pipe smoking)

Favourite Music:

Country & Western and Meatloaf

Favourite Place:

The Yorkshire Dales

Current Bike:

Sportster Iron 883

Previous Bike:

Moto Guzzis

Dream Bike:

I'd love to own one of my old bikes, a 1970 Motor Morini 350

Interesting Facts:

You'd never know it but Sam is our oldest member! He's been married 3 times and has "loads" of children, grandchildren and 2 great grand children (what was that about no hobbies!?)



DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMANS RIDE 2023

Thank you to each one of you that took time out of your weekend to not only join the DGR this year in Leeds but to be a huge part of the event.

This charity event wouldn't be able to go ahead without this kind donation of the most precious of resources - time.

You guys were punctual and professional in how you handled the ride marshaling responsibility. I have had nothing but great feedback from the participants - who tend to be forthcoming with any constructive criticism. This year there has been no such emails.

Sincerely, thank you

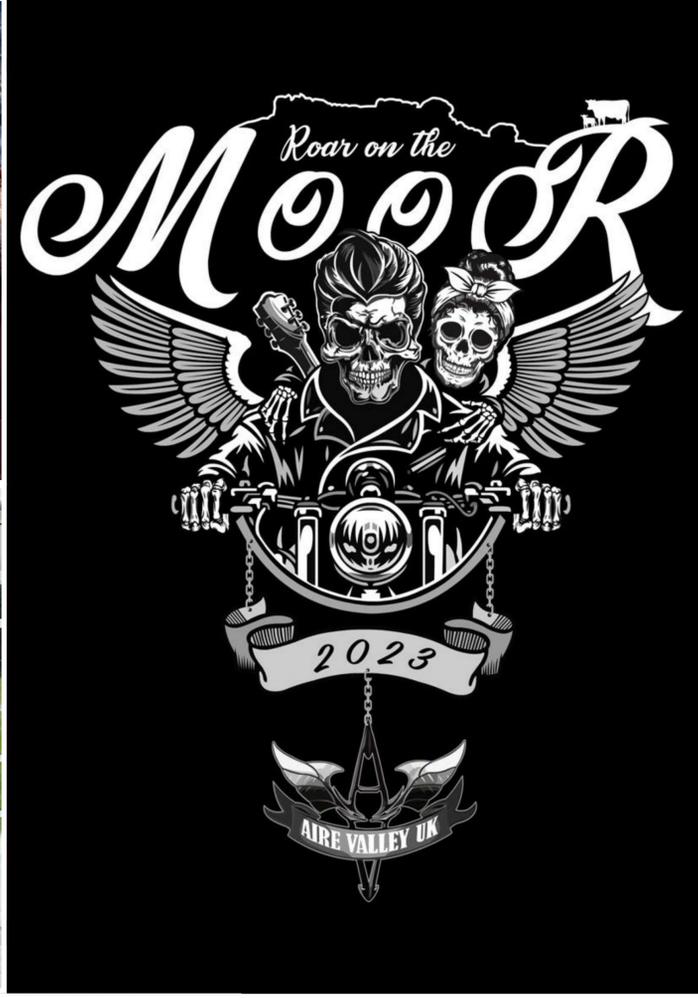
Some high level planning has already commenced for next year's event; and at this stage, I would love to reach out and ask if this would be something that Aire Valley HOG would like to be a part of again next year?

My humblest thanks to all of you.

Andy from DGR



ROAR ON THE MOOR



(ROAD) CAPTAINS' LOG!

LR=Long Ride SR=Short Ride
LRC=Lead Road Captain

Saturday 8 July PORK PIE RUN, LRC- Tony O'donohoe -LR

Sunday 9 July Harley Experience NY500 Pickering, LRC- Neil Walmsley
& Phil Macdonald -SR

Friday 14 July Caen Chapter Visit, LRC- Mick Pierce & Neil Walmsley -SR

Saturday 15 July Caen Chapter Yorkshire Dales, LRC- Mick Pierce
& Neil Walmsley -LR

Sunday 16 July Caen Chapter escort to Manchester, LRC- Mick Pierce
& Neil Walmsley -SR

Sunday 23 July Sandsend via Stokesley, LRC- Neil Walmsley -LR

Sunday 30 July Wensleydale Cheese Factory, LRC-Andy McHale -LR

Saturday 5 Aug Lytham St Annes, LRC- Mark Hickey -LR

Saturday 12 Aug Scarborough Fair, LRC- Phil Macdonald -LR

Saturday 19 Aug Saddle Up Saturday, Lds HD, LRC- Trevor Phillips -LR

Sunday 20 Aug Barnard Castle, ext. route, LRC- Hamid Ghadamian -LR

Sunday 27 Aug Baildon Harley Weekend, Marshalls, LRC- Neil Walmsley

LADIES OF HARLEY (LOH)



Ladies

With the riding calendar fairly booked up for the summer, I've managed to grab a date for us lovely ladies to get together.

So if you fancy an end of summer get together for a fun evening with a meal and a drink or two, Harvey Nic's have a Summer Dining menu which is available for £30 including a 3 course meal and a glass of wine.

There is also an alternative menu which is on their website but is subject to change.

<https://www.harveynichols.com/restaurant/leeds-dining/fourth-floor-bar/>

A £20 pp deposit is to be pre-paid. This is non-refundable however fully redeemable from the bill on the day.

If you would like to join me could you let me know as soon as possible so I can secure a table.

For the deposit could you please make the payment to the Aire Valley account
Ref: Harvey Nichols

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Could you also let Sandra & I know you have paid a deposit.

Looking forward to seeing you

Michelle

CAEN VISIT

In 2019 it was suggested that we visit Normandy and the WW2 battlefield sites. It was the 75th anniversary so it was going to be busy. In the end we ended up using Eurocamp and 14 members stayed at Houlgate near Cabourg in Normandy. This gave us the opportunity to link up with Cote de Nacre Chapter from Caen who we had met a few years earlier on a previous trip.



Jean-Pierre, their then Director worked out a rota for each of our 5 days there and every morning French Road Captains turned up at the site to escort us around their “patch”. They really looked after us.

The routes they arranged for us took in all the well known allied invasion sites, plus some that we had not known. As you would expect, all of their outings had a good lunch stop planned.

Caen are visiting us next month and we are hoping that you will support us and reciprocate their hospitality.

They will land on the south coast at about 5a.m on Friday 14th July. They then plan to ride up to Chesterfield and take the snake pass over to the Manchester dealership before heading to Leeds and their hotel, Britannia in Bramhope.

Here is the current plan:

1. 14th July - Caen Chapter travel to Yorkshire. It would be great to have a good turnout to meet and greet them at a location and time as yet to be determined. It may be that the Mancs chapter bring them over so it would be a good ride on a (hopefully) summers evening.
2. 15th July - We will arrive at their hotel after breakfast and take them to the Leeds dealership. They want to have a ride in Yorkshire, maybe take in a pork pie or two and visit York.
3. 16th July - They head of to Scotland so it would be good to lead them out of Yorkshire.



Further details will be provided nearer the time as plans firm up. If you are interested in supporting AV with this, contact Mick Pierce on 07734301268.



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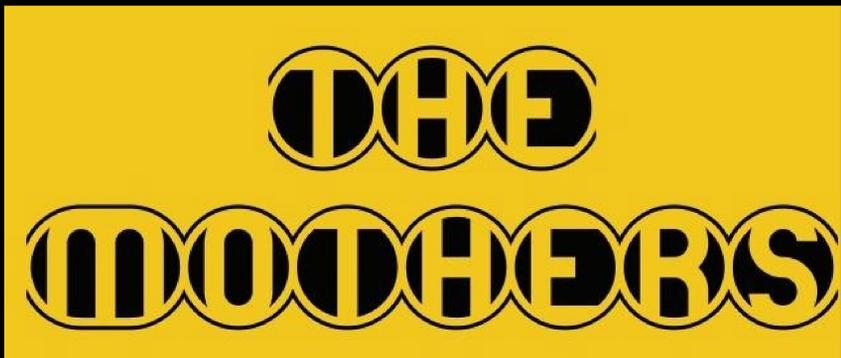
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OF PEOPLE...**



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SAD PEOPLE**

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