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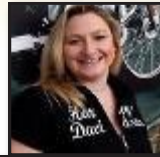
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We all travel in different directions and from time to time, our paths tend to cross those of others and eventually we all end up going in the same direction again.....

Not making sense?? Well, think about it.....

We are a Chapter with members from all walks of life, but we all have one thing in common : We love to ride! At times we like to go off on our own, in a group or just as a couple. Some members have personal situations that might take up a bit more of our time, others have jobs that take up a lot of time. But one thing is sure.... When we get together and go out on a Chapter ride, we are there for each other, we laugh and joke.....(a lot!)sometimes at each other or with each other.

Grant and I have both made a change direction in our professional lives, but we will still ride with the Chapter and enjoy every single mile.....

The memories (and photos) are a constant reminder that being a HOG member and a Lakeside Chapter Member, is just great and we love every minute!

See you around

Stay safe and have fun

Olive



Now that the school summer holidays are over we can probably look forward to some decent riding weather. We have recently returned from Thunder in the Glens (TITG), one of the largest rallies in Europe, and not only was it another great event, the weather wasn't half bad either.

There are still plenty of rides and events still in the calendar for you all to enjoy throughout the coming months, so let's make the most of it before winter arrives.

As you will read elsewhere in Pond Life, Grant our Head Road Captain has taken the difficult decision to stand down after 4 years in the role. This is due to personal reasons. I would like to thank Grant on behalf of all of us for his hard work and dedication in the role. He has always encouraged the Road Crew to ensure that we have provided a comprehensive and varied Ride Calendar.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mike Keogh will be taking over from Grant as our new Head Road Captain. Mike is a well-respected and a very knowledgeable member of the Road Crew and has many years of riding and ride planning experience. I look forward to working with Mike in his new role, he will also continue as Safety Officer. Grant and Mike will work on the 2020 calendar and then Mike will take full responsibility from January 2020.

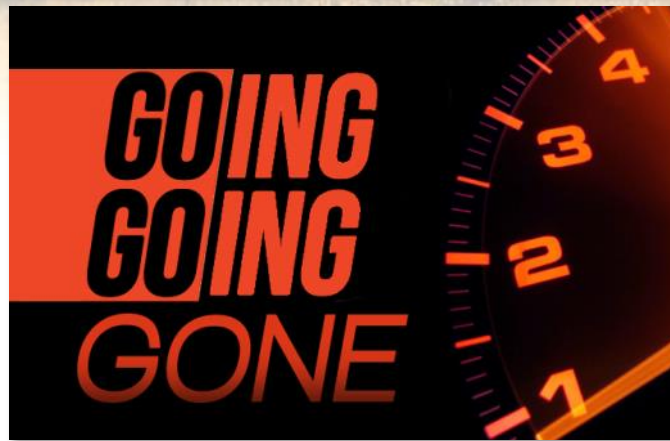
I am pleased to advise that we have now received applications for the position of Editor, Comms Officer and Merchandise Officer. I will be discussing these with Heather and the Committee and will hopefully be in a position to advise you next month.

It's great to see that our membership numbers are increasing and we now have more members than we had at the end of the last membership year.

As always if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Chapter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Stay safe and have fun
Malcolm





I have had an absolute blast serving as the Chapter HRC and Chapter Road Captain. Yes you have read that correctly, both here and in the Director's cut. I am standing down due to work commitments as I change jobs and get stuck into a new role.

Exiting times ahead for me, rather sad to be pulling back from what has become a large part of both mine and Olive's lives, but it is a testament to the comradery within the Chapter and the adopted family we have within the Chapter and the HOG family at large. Although both Olive and myself are standing down, neither Olive nor myself will be going anywhere and we will still be members of the Chapter and will be joining as many rideouts as we can. And yes you will still need to watch out when there is a camera in either Olive's or my hands :)

A big thanks to all my fellow Road Captains and Crew members that have made extrardentary efforts to put on a full and varied calendar year on year for the past 4years. Without the Crew and Road Captain's assistance I doubt we would have accomplished so much, considering every member of the crew is a volunteer, their feats and selflessness is even more enviable. On average we have achieved over 90 riding events per year.

To the committee, keep up the good work and let the good times roll.

I have approached Michael Keogh to take over from me and Mike has graciously accepted to take on the role as the new Chapter HRC. Mike will continue as the Chapter Safety Officer.

I could not think of a more qualified and well respected Road Captain to take over the role and know he will make a great success of both his roles.

On to the good stuff....

This past Sunday at Crew Meeting, the crew has spent over 4 hours thrashing out next year's diary. If you take a gander at next year in the Chapter Calendar you will see that it has been populated with rideouts and adventures for all. Although details are on the light side, this should give you a good view on what's planned for next year. As details are supplied by the Ride Lead of each rideout these will start to take shape. We hope to have this all concluded by the end of next month.

Please support the Road Crew by offering at least a few words of thanks from time to time. It is always nice to get the occasional thank you.

Thanks everyone

See you on the road

Grant



CHAPTER NOTICES



AARON LEWIS
FOUNDATION

The Aaron Lewis Foundation is an all-volunteer charity set up in memory of Lieutenant Aaron Lewis and is committed to transforming lives through sport and community action in the local area and nationally for service and ex-service personnel

info@aaronlewisfoundation.org

Lakeside Chapter

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Specification

Nominal cooling duty 2.1 kW
Typical cooled area 70 m²
Noise level (max) 63 dBA @ 1 metre
Dimensions (L x W x H) 315 x 395 x 770mm
Control Remote control with automatic thermostat

Air flow (Max) 320 m³ /h
Power supply 230 V 1ph 50 Hz Run 4.2 A
Weight 24 kg
Exhaust duct 1.5 metres x 152 mm dia
Average power consumption 0.72 kW/h

R.R.P £449 + Vat

Contact Peter King, for details on how to get your ticket for a chance to win this fabulous prize, kindly donated by Carl Webb

charity@lakesidechapter.co.uk



Charity Update

We are coming to that time of year when we start to think of the charity that we would like to support for the next 2 years. We have always felt that we should support local charities.

If you have any nominations please let me know, by end September, so that I can let the membership know in October's Pond Life.

You will then have the chance to select your preference. The Charity with the highest votes will be the one selected for the next 2 years.

Pete
Charity Officer
charity@lakesidechapter.co.uk



Chapter Challenge & Your HOG Mileage 2019

Once again Lakeside Chapter is supporting the HOG Mileage and the Chapter Challenge....
If you gave me your Mileage at the end of last year... then that same figure has been input as your opening Mileage for 2019....

If you're new to the Chapter, didn't take part last year.. or just can't flippin' remember... please find **Phill Poston 'Rainman'** in the Dealership.. on a Ride Out, at a Natter Night.. or via e-mail (assistantdirector@lakesidechapter.co.uk) and let me know your name, your bike VIN number and the current mileage.... (I will need to check it myself on your speedo at some point).



At the end of the year... (In HOG terms, that's September 30th)....I will need your mileage again.. That will be logged as your closing mileage... (& re-submitted as your opening mileage for 2020).

Your total mileage for the year will then be entered into the HOG system and you'll be entered into several prize draws.. both Nationally, Europe-wide.. and (the ones you're most likely to win)

the Lakeside Chapter Mileage Prize Draw.... This has 3 Mileage 'Groups'... so even if you've only managed to do 500 miles in the Year.. you're still in with as much of a chance as Malcolm and Lorraine..!!??!!

The Mileage will also go onto your Total HOG Miles.. for which you'll get your Mileage Badges & Patches directly from HOG.



As most of you will know we operate an Awards Programme based on the number of official rides you attend. When you sign in before a ride not only does it assist the Road Captain and Road Crew to know who is on the ride but it is used to log the number of rides you have completed. No sign in – no ride award! The ride is official if it has a Lakeside Road Captain and Crew and it has been briefed in accordance with H.O.G. rules.

A ride out run by another Chapter or Organisation does not count as an official Lakeside Ride although there may be an official ride to the start of such a ride (for example RTTW or the Essex Air Ambulance Run) Multi day rides normally count for a ride award per day ridden but check with the organising Road Captain for confirmation.

Once you have completed 10 Rides you are presented with your Ride Award Pin Badge and “10” stud. Next step is your “25” stud followed by “50” and so on. Each month we’ll publish the ride totals so you can see where you stand.

Ride totals published this month are until 31st August 2019

At times, rides may be cancelled or changes may be made and with this in mind, we feel that it would be more beneficial to only publish the below link to the Ride Diary.





Ride-out Guidelines

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. chapter members. There are three categories of activities, identified as follows:

Member Event – (Rallies, Multi-day)

Member Events are events that are only open to Chapter Members or to other HOG Members ***with approval of a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.***

Open Events

Open Events are open to Chapter Members and others. ***Guests must be approved by a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.***

Closed Events

Closed Events are open to Chapter members and one guest per member. ***Riding guests will need approval of a Chapter Primary Officer prior to the event date.***

Chapter Primary Officers

Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary.

Guest Policy

Guests are allowed to participate in Member Events if they are a current HOG member and pre-approved by a Chapter Primary Officer.

An Open Event Guest is permitted at the discretion of one of the Chapter Primary Officers.

Each Chapter member is permitted to invite 1 guest, per event, to participate and may only have the same guest on 6 occasions in any membership year. If the event is subsidised then the guest will need to pay full cost.

Each guest must sign a Ride Disclaimer and the host Chapter member must take responsibility and must ensure that the guest abides by the Chapter rules.



Chapter Merchandise

Please see the order form below for the full range that we offer.
Samples of patches are shown on the display in the customer area at the Dealership.

Description	Size	Price
Black Chapter Logo Hoodie (S,M,L,XL,XXL)		£40.00
White Chapter Logo Long Sleeve T Shirt (S,M,L,XL,XXL)		£20.00
Black Chapter Logo Long Sleeve T Shirt (S,M,L,XL,XXL)		£20.00
Black Chapter Logo Polo Shirt (S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL)		£25.00
Chapter Logo Cool Polo Shirt (S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL)		£22.00
Chapter Logo Cool T Short Sleeve (XS,S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL)		£18.00
Chapter Logo Cool Ladies V neck (S,M,L,XL,XXL)		£18.00
Chapter Logo Cool Ladies Vests (S,M,L,XL,XXL)		£15.00
Black Chapter Logo Buff		£10.00
Chapter Logo Beanie Black or Pink		£10.00
Chapter Logo Baseball Cap		£10.00
Black Chapter Logo Pin		£8.50
Orange Chapter Logo Pin for Year Bars		£8.50
Lakeside Chapter HOG Pin		£12.00
HOG Eagle Brown Pin		£8.00
Pin Keepers (Pack of 12)		£3.00
Lakeside Chapter HOG Flag		£30.00
Flag Pole (Tour Pak or Sissy Bar)		£15.00
Lakeside Chapter GB Rocker	Small	£10.00
Lakeside Chapter GB Rocker	Large	£20.00
HOG Eagle Patch Heritage (Old Design)	Small	£10.00
HOG Eagle Patch Brown (New Design)	Small	£10.00
HOG Eagle Patch Brown (New Design)	Large	£20.00
HOG Eagle Patch Gold (New Design)	Small	£10.00
HOG Eagle Patch Gold (New Design)	Large	£20.00
Lady Of Harley Patch	Small	£7.50
Lady Of Harley Patch	Large	£15.00
Remembrance Patch	Small	£3.50
Orange Chapter Logo Patch	Small	£3.50

Orders can be placed at merchandise@lakesidechapter.co.uk
or see Lorraine and Malcolm

It seems that Spring might truly be upon us. Now's the time to get your Chapter Hoodie to keep you nice and warm on all those forthcoming rides or even just out and about. Also available as Full Length Zippers, with or without hood.



Front



Back

Available in all sizes and many colours, only £40.00 each.

Also available Chapter Beanies, with or without Turnup. Available in Black with Orange embroidery or Pink as shown.
£10.00 each.



Orders can be placed at merchandise@lakesidechapter.co.uk
or see Lorraine and Malcolm



FEATURE ARTICLES

Chapter Picnic – Sunday 14th July

The Chapter Pic Nic was revived this Year after a couple of Year's rest..... The opportunity to get everyone messing-about together off of the Harleys for any length of time is always a blast..!!



Fifteen Bikes and 21 brave souls turned-up at the Dealership ready to give it a go.... An early morning rain shower (downpour) at 8am might have frightened off a few of the feint hearted... but with goodie-bags full of food & drink that had been prepared the day before and sitting in the fridge all night.. a little damp patch wasn't going to put us off....

A direct route to Ingatestone was just 20 minutes... but we managed to keep off the main roads and 45 minutes later arrived at Seymour Field in the sunshine....

There was a private Car Park (just for us)... The Football Pavilion had just received a full re-fit.. and the facilities were made immediate use of, as a great many of the group got changed into their Pic-Nic attire...

Carl, our intrepid Events Manager had arranged for a number of party games to be deposited in the Pavilion, and as these were set-out everyone made themselves comfortable, and got stuck into lunch....

Big Pete, (taking no chances) headed straight back into the Village and returned with half of the Co-Op deli counter... which he ate..!! Royston couldn't resist the Giant Jenga.. and he and Keith had everyone in stitches of laughter with the gravity defying blocks... (Royston lost..)



Dave Bo almost killed 3 seagulls with the archery kit.... and I'm secretly pleased that no one found the tug-of-war rope..!!

There then ensued a game of Rounder's which has to go down in the Annuals of Sport as the most entertaining and all-round bloody good fun game of all time... Royston (again) had us all laughing uncontrollably, while Carl volunteered anyone younger than him to 'run' on his behalf. To be fair.... You'd expect the chaps to be good at this.. but the girls really did show us up... I can't believe it lasted an hour.. I guess time really does 'fly' when you're having this much fun.



A couple of boxes of donuts, and a ball of string, plus a goal post shouldn't really add-up to a game.. but donut-eating with no-hands.... worked..!! It did resemble a public execution..... Steve Winters showed us how to do it properly, and Didi and Sarah Bo showed us how not to..!!???!! Once again, everyone's sides hurt from laughing so much.

I have no idea what time we finished... I think it was around 4pm.... (leaving plenty of time to get home and drink Beer..!!)

I'm certain this will be a regular on our Calendar from now on..!! Really good fun...!!!



Natter Night Talk

August natter night, saw a short talk by the Chair of Essex Advanced Motorcyclists Group along with one of the observers. For those who could not make it here is a short outline of what they do.



Essex Advanced Motorcyclists Group

Group Night
19:30 on the First Tuesday every month at
Channels Estate, Little Waltham, CM3 3PT

Training Events

Associate Group Training (AGT) Held on the First Sunday after Group Night 09:15 at Longmeads House, 12-14 Redwood Drive, Writtle, CM1 3LY	Slow Riding Training For ALL Group Members Held twice a year at Ford's Dunton Test Track. See Events Diary and Forum for details and dates	Full Member Training (FMT) A full day's, 2-to-1 training with an EAMG Observer holding RoSPA Gold. See Events Diary and Forum for details and dates
1-to-1 Observed Rides Our primary training facility for Associate Members, with your EAMG and RoSPA Gold (or above) qualified Observer	Associate Member: £55 pa (£40 + £15 books) Full Member: £25 pa 2 months Free Trial Membership fee includes: AGT's plus Social Rides for Associates & Full Members TUG bi monthly magazine	Further Training for Full Members (FTFM) 1-to-1 training with an EAMG Observer holding RoSPA Gold. Contact the Observer Coordinator
Flexible Observed Rides Complements 1-to-1 Observed Rides (above) if you are keen to expedite your training. Contact the Observer Coordinator	£10 (fuel) per ride paid to Observer: 1-to-1 Observed Rides Flexible Observed Rides FTFM & Observer Training Slow Riding Training: £5 Full Member Training: £45	Observer Training Become an EAMG Observer Develop your skills further and give something back to the Group. Contact the Observer Coordinator

Social Events

Associate Social Rides Typically one per month. Also open to Full Members. See Events Diary and Forum for details and dates	Group Social Rides Open to all Members and Guests. See Events Diary and Forum for details and dates	Full Member Social Ride Typically three per month. After each AGT (above) Others are listed in the Events Diary and Forum
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For more details see: EAMG.ORG.UK - EAMG.ORG.UK/FORUM
[FACEBOOK.COM/EAMG.ORG.UK/](https://www.facebook.com/EAMG.ORG.UK/) - [TWITTER.COM/ESSEXADVMCGROUP](https://twitter.com/ESSEXADVMCGROUP)

"Promoting Motorcycling Excellence" since 1982

(EAMG Welcome Flyer 20/11/2018)

Whether you want to just have some practical advice on your riding skills, or you want to take your advanced IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) or maybe bronze, silver or gold RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

A few members have already joined prior to natter night and have found it very beneficial. It is money well spent and could improve your riding skills.

Mike Keogh
Safety Officer.

Thunder in the Glens

TITG: so what's it all about? Well imagine the most romantic setting; monolithic mountains, green valleys and babbling streams and then add the roar of 1000s of Harley's.... I just loved it from start to finish. I want to set your pulse racing and wet your appetite for next year. TITG IS AWESOME!!!

Having already a love of Scotland I'd wanted to go back there since getting my Harley and to TITG in particular since last year. I mean just the name is enough to make you want to be part of it! As a single girl rider the thought had been a bit of a challenge but that's where being part of a Chapter comes into play. You're in a Harley family with your brothers and sisters so you're not a single rider at all. You're not alone!

I set myself a wish list: experience a long ride for the first time on Florida, for those of you who haven't met her she's my beautiful Sporty, experience a rally and see a Scotsman riding a Harley in his kilt...all achieved. Having said that I saw some very interesting costumes being worn on the big ride out which all added to the fun party feel.

The Dunedin Chapter are an amazing proud friendly tartan wearing people, Kilts and tartan cuts...it's Braveheart on a bike. it just made the experience even more special. Every August Aviemore gets taken over by Harley's - I mean come on...what's more intoxicating than that? As far as the eye can see every model customised or standard to feast your addiction on. Makes you want to move there!

You feel like your part of an extended family- these are your Scottish relations - everyone welcoming you and making sure you enjoy your stay.

Haggis neeps and tatties ...it's a strange language and cuisine but come on you're in the heart of the land of the free and it's all about experiences, so dive in.

Apart from the music, mirth and merchandise of the rally itself to soak up if you get the chance to ride out and see the majesty and extraordinary magnificence of the highlands take it - you most certainly won't regret it. Riding your Harley through this land of legend and beauty is a breath taking experience and one you'll never forget. You just want to record everything you see to replay it again and again.



You're one with your bike as you ride through the awesomeness of towering mountains or round the corner and there's Loch Ness or Loch Lomond to feast your eyes on. It's just gorgeousness personified. You can't beat it! It was so emotional. And you're with family to experience it together. People who understand completely what you're feeling.

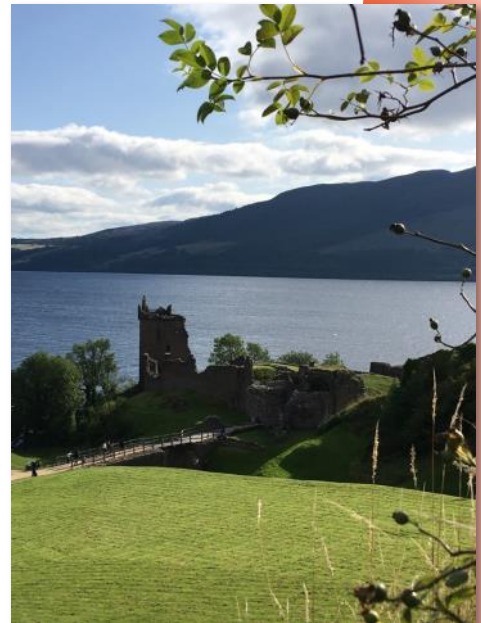
Getting a Harley was the best decision I ever made. I hadn't realised that I was becoming part of a huge family. The love and camaraderie shown and stories shared have brought me closer to the chapter members I rode with. (What goes down in Thunder stays in Thunder...you know the stories and you know you are sworn to secrecy) Do it... you won't regret it and it'll be part of a memory to treasure forever.

I want to thank in particular Lorraine and Malcolm for organising the trip and for being so unbelievably kind along with Julie and Clive.
Roll of Thunder next year peeps

Kind regards,

Didi Gadenne





Archery

A great turn out with 15 bikes, 18 members and the sun was shining - even with Rain-man (who actually has officially broken his spell), so well done Phill. After a short run to Witham we met with Brud Luff, who had organised the day with his archery club. After being introduced to our teachers, being told the do's and don't's they decided to let us loose with bows and arrows.

As we started there were a few loose arrows passing by the target, when out of the blue Julia hit a gold (bullseye) well done girl, this was followed by others getting their eye in.

After having 3 rounds each we had a short break for tea and coffee, Brad's wife had baked cakes for the occasion which were very tasty - thank you Carol!

We were then told there would be a little competition and highest score wins. As we approached, the nerves were starting to kick in as we all fired our 6 arrows. Unknown to us all we had a ringer, out of a maximum of 60 they scored 54 well done that man (name withheld to save embarrassment Mario) A good day was had by all with a few getting sun burnt and we will be arranging another day next year.

Chris



Borde Hill Gardens - Inter Chapter Ride

Last year we received an invitation from 1066 Chapter to participate in an Inter Chapter ride with themselves and other Chapters in the area to a Harley Bike event at Borde Hill Gardens. Unfortunately we received it too late as there was already something in the calendar, but we did add it in for this year.

Sunday 01 September was the day and thankfully after the rubbish summer we have had the weather was fine and sunny. 14 members on 10 bikes arrived bright and breezy at the Dealership for an early ride to Pease Pottage Services on the M23 where the ride was starting from.

There were around 40 bikes in total and it was great to be able to chat with members from other Chapters to see what they had been up to this year. A short 10 mile ride through the lanes of Sussex saw us arriving at the Gardens and receiving VIP entrance into the grounds. There was a two man band playing and singing and loads of people just sitting around soaking up the atmosphere and looking at the bikes. The grounds are very big and there is plenty to see, together with the obligatory cafes and snacks, great cake by the way.

All in all a good day and one that's in the calendar already for next year.



Lorraine and Malcolm



**FEATURED
EVENTS**



There are various channels of communication regarding ride-outs and upcoming trips, either local or abroad - Pondlife, the Chapter Website, Facebook and TeamUp.

At times, due to circumstances beyond our control, rides may be cancelled/changed/postponed at very short notice.

If requests are made for you to show your interest in a particular event, please only do so via the requested means and please do so within the time frame requested. This is very important and will enable the road captains to accurately and efficiently plan the upcoming ride/event





Scrabble Run

1st place 25% of the 'pot', 2nd place 15%

Join Lakeside Chapter on a Charity Scrabble Run on Saturday 21st September

This will be an event to support this year's charity

We will leave the dealership on a 2.5 hour jaunt to Bewl Water - includes stoppage time on route

Bewl Water is a reservoir in the valley of the River Bewl, straddling the boundary between Kent and East Sussex. It is about 2 miles south of Lamberhurst, Kent



Rules (other than have fun)

Entrance of £10 per player, per word - no limit to how many words you wish to play with.

At key locations a letter will be supplied at random to each player and recorded for your eventual use to create a 7 letter word, as per the rules of Scrabble, starting with The Pond.

The highest scoring arrangement according to the standard rules of Scrabble wins, followed by a runner up position.

Letters supplied for each word are not interchangeable, i.e. If supplied a letter for your first word, this cannot be used in the second word you are playing with, etc...

Meet @ 10:30 Saturday 21st September for some twisty windy routes through north Kent into Sussex.

Café restaurant on site

We are planning a ride out to the Ghost Bus Tour in London (details below) later this year. Approximate cost is £28 per person based on 35 people (excluding food and drink). We will ride to Greenwich where our bikes will be secured, and then onto the bus for a 1 1/2-hour tour round London.

Please can you register your interest at events@lakesidechapter.co.uk



Welcome to the UK's most exciting Ghost Bus Tour company! The ONLY comedy-horror theatre experience on wheels. A fiendish surprise awaits in London so prepare yourself for an experience like never before.

From the Body snatchings of Burke and Hare, to the Tombs of Westminster Abbey, to the Ghouls of London, beware, for the Necrobus approaches, unearthing terrible truths as it makes its wicked way across the United Kingdom's best loved cities. Indeed, this vintage 1960's Routemaster double-decker was itself once a funeral bus and has an eerie history entirely of its own to confront and exorcise.

With fa-BOO-lously trained on-board actors and terrifying technical trickery, there cannot be any doubt that our bus is THE tour bus for your spook-tacular sightseeing night out. Sites of phantom possession are truly marked on the map by a creepy, comedian conductor who craves your cries. Come, traveller, open your eyes to the horror of days gone by.

Carl Webb
Events Officer

Blazin' Fifties 2019



Dates are Friday 27 to Monday 30 September 2019

**Details can be found at: [http://
www.newforesthog.co.uk/rally2019/](http://www.newforesthog.co.uk/rally2019/)**

Tickets sell very quickly so you will need to act fast if you are wishing to attend.

Saturday night is Fancy Dress for those who wish to participate....majority do. Sunday night is themed around visiting a seaside resort and their local hostellers and entertainment, certainly something different.

2018 was a Blast, why not join us in 2019?

Make sure you put it in your diary.

Please advise Malcolm at; director@lakesidechapter.co.uk if you are attending this rally so that you can be updated as and when necessary.

About Ride To The Wall - RTTW

RTTW is a unique motorcycling event which gives motorcyclists an opportunity to gather together at a place of remembrance, to pay their respects to our serving and fallen service men and women and in doing so, raise funds solely for the purpose of perpetuating their memory and recognising the sacrifice made.

RTTW Mission Statement

That motorcyclists may gather together and ride as a group to a place of remembrance to pay their respects to our serving and fallen servicemen and women and in doing so raise funds for the National Memorial Arboretum, solely for the purpose of perpetuating their memory and recognising the sacrifice they made.

RTTW Core Values

- ✘ RTTW is founded on the principles of Remembrance and Respect.
- ✘ To remember those that can no longer ride by our side.
- ✘ To give all motorcyclists an opportunity to pay their respects to the memory of the fallen and express our gratitude for their sacrifice.
- ✘ To show support for the Armed Forces currently serving both at home and abroad.
- ✘ To raise money for the upkeep of the venue that serves to perpetuate the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Registration for this event is now open and you can book at: RTTW.ORG

We as a Chapter, are using the "NORTHAMPTON SERVICES" meeting point, so be sure to tick the appropriate box when registering.

On the morning of the 5th October 2019, we will be meeting at **SOUTH MIMMS** Services at 06:30am. We will be leaving South Mimms at 07:00am and proceed to NORTHAMPTON SERVICES., to arrive at approx. 08:00am. At this point, our Chapter Ride officially ends, as this is one of the RTTW meet points. The RTTW portion of the ride will leave Northampton Services at 09:00am and proceed towards the Arboretum, where the RTTW event takes place.

Some of the Chapter members prefer to return home after the event. A few of us are over-nighting in the general area and returning the next day. A few of us have booked at: **Premier Inn, Lichfield North East (A38)**. There are several other hotels or B&B's in the area, but if you intend staying over, it is suggested that you book as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment. There will be a return ride, leaving from Premier Inn Lichfield North East on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions, please contact Grant - headroadcaptain@lakesidechapter.co.uk



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Lakeside Harley Davidson Chapter have been asked by **Billericay Round Table** to return again this Year and help out at their Charity Fireworks display....

The event is at Billericay Lake Meadows (off Radford Way), about a 5 minute walk from Billericay Station. Whilst the Fireworks are handled by a pyrotechnics company, and Radio Essex Roadshow (and performers) are all professionals... the Round Table boys, and everyone else that helps over the weekend are all volunteer's. For the last 3 Years the event has sold out (18,000 tickets)... people even had to be turned away from the gates on the night...

Billericay Round Table only has 20 members.... They rely on help from local Scouts, Rotary & Lions clubs and local Air Cadets.... These groups bolster the number of Marshalls on the night, but the majority are youths. The event is billed and run as a 'Family' show. There has very rarely been any trouble, but with such large numbers of people at the park, the more visible help that is available, the better.



We've been asked to help out again as '**Arena Crew**' at this Year's display. This will involve us working in pairs... and basically being as visible as possible in the Main Arena.. making sure everyone has a good time.

The gates open at 5.30pm... The Bonfire explodes at 6.30pm and the fireworks go off at 8pm. The display lasts 25 minutes, so at 8.30pm the music stops and all 18,000 people leave the park. The surrounding roads are usually gridlocked for about an hour afterwards. For the past two Years, several of the Burger vans were happy to give anyone in a Stewards 'vest' free burgers after the show had finished. We've been asked to arrive at Lake Meadows by 4.30pm on Saturday (3rd November). We'll Ride-in from The Halfway House..... We will again be parking the Bikes in a Secure section of the Car Park, and there will be a couple of people staying with the Bikes all evening.... We'll hopefully be away by 9.30pm as the roads clear.

The Bonfire is built, and the park and surrounding area is set-up on the **Friday (1st November)** and all day Saturday...

If anyone can come along and help during either of these days.. it would be most appreciated. Building the bonfire and putting up the miles of fencing is a monumental task.... Volunteers arrive at the Park from 9am (I get there at 10am).. and leave (on Friday) before 4pm.... Saturday is the same.. except we'll leave around **3.30pm to get to the Halfway House to meet up with the Chapter for the Ride-In.....** (The Round Table boys are back on the Sunday to clear everything up..!!). If you help out during either day, Round Table will buy you a 'something' & chips lunch.. If you go back on the Sunday.. they all end-up in the pub by lunchtime.



EVERY PENNY raised from the event is deposited in the Billericay Round Table Charity Account and given away over the following 12 months to 'local' worthwhile causes and charities.. (They've donated money towards our Christmas Toy Run in the past....). While Round Table won't promise or even imply that they'll give financial 'reward' for our assistance, they usually have a great deal of cash to 'donate' to supported charities after the event... If you know of a person, group or charity that might benefit from Billericay Round Table assistance in the future, please let them know any time..... I expect 'Big Pete' will also make them aware of our nominated Charity....