



# NEWSLETTER

## September 2020



Welcome to the September edition of the Chrome Hill newsletter.

Our lives are still affected by Covid-19 and so many of us are working in strange ways. From home, maybe remotely, and for those key workers for whom little has changed the worry of transmission still continues. One week, we are locked down, the next its different.

One thing is for sure, we have done our very best to make the most of things, with small rideouts, virtual meetings and just enough enthusiasm to carry us through to next year.

We also have a new Director, as Derek has moved to other challenges, and new Officers appointments. Paula has written a great introduction article. Please join me in wishing her every success in taking Chrome Hill Chapter to great things. Next year will be great, rallies will be back in our diaries, and trips booked for abroad going ahead too.

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# A word from our DIRECTOR...



HELLOOOO to you all.....

As we say a fond farewell to Derek and Viv (behind every great man is an extremely organised and proactive woman!) and look ahead to our Chapter's future, I personally feel a sense of pride at the



achievements Derek's leadership and our hard work has promoted over the last few years, and a trickle of excitement for all the wonderful things we will do in our future. I'd like to thank Derek for his support thus far (this has been in the pipeline for a fair few months!) And for his ongoing support to get us through our first year without him. This is all part of the ethos of HOG, the outgoing Director guides the incoming newby -

sooo I abdicate all responsibility for the first twelve months.....party....

On a more serious note while responsibility for Chapter matters rests with the Director, the path we take, places we go, Rallies we attend, parties we have, weekends away, European holidays even, etc. ultimately lie with us all collectively. No one receives any remuneration for the roles they perform and it is only by collectively taking some responsibility within the Chapter that we will achieve all that we want to. So please do step up if you are interested in taking an active role in the Chapter, we are not necessarily limited to one person per role and are actively looking for pro active members and potential Road Captains. Some of you will be equally happy sitting back and enjoying the ride, if this is you fantastic, happy smiling members are the most important ingredient for a successful Chapter.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year - 2020 has been something of a wash out and we haven't actively managed to do many of the things we had planned. This however is no one's fault and everyone is in a similar position worldwide. Since lock down was eased we have managed, weather permitting, to ride most Weekends and Wednesday evenings - huge thanks to Simon and Rich for your reliable Road Captaining and to everyone who attends for making the rides so much fun.

Our aim going forward is to continue with both these; to hopefully sneak in Simon's Macky D Challenge; we are planning to have a Chapter meeting in November; and the always popular Christmas Party

in December - pencil in your diary Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Jean is organising this and we will be in touch soon with more details - overnight stay is a must to really get the most out of this event! We have plans for some Lady of Harley rides & maybe some events at Harleyworld (involving CAKE!!) - I'm sure Jean will be telling you all about these once we have them finalised. Manoj is our Activities Officer so we are expecting great things from him next year, watch this space. And lastly, we will have our Annual General Meeting late March - this has historically been in late November and we have run the Chapter January to December. We feel April will work better for us, hopefully the weather will be improving, if we are not already riding we will certainly be thinking about it and it runs in conjunction with the end of the financial year. We plan to have some awards, some serious, some just a bit of fun, some recognition and a full itinerary of what will be forthcoming in the rest of 2021.

If you have anything you would particularly like to do or have included at any point in the year please do approach one of the Officers, we make decisions collectively and most of us are house trained and don't bite.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I am so looking forward to our Chapter flourishing in the forthcoming months and years.

Here's to US.....

*Paula*

Director

# Ladies of Harley

During this unpredictable year, I like many others have been looking to fill my time, keeping active physically and mentally to get through these difficult times. whilst self isolating as much as possible to protect my elderly mum (94) and family.

I began a clear out and searched through my storage cupboards to fall upon the attached pic of myself at a 3 day Fitness Convention in Blackpool. I have had a lifetime of fitness involvement as a passion and hobby, at that time, choreographing my own fitness classes in aerobics, step, yoga fitness and body conditioning. The glamour and name of the bike caught my attention and as it was on show I asked if I may sit on the bike. I was offered a jacket and beanie hat, which I was extremely happy to wear for the pic.



It is strange how a seed is unknowingly set! I researched this bike after finding the pic and I believe it is probably 2007.

Well 5 years later 2012, my husband, ticks off a bucket list randomly and purchased a Harley sportster 1200. I rode for the first time ever as a pillion, the rest is history.

Within weeks I enroll for bike lessons passed my CBT, Direct access and bought a Harley Sportster 883. I joined the local chapter, rode the bike for a year, before upgrading to my beloved Softail deluxe which I have ridden passionately home and abroad since 2014.

I would love to encourage all you ladies out there, if you have not done so yet, have a go. if you can ride a cycle, you will love riding on motorised wheels.

There are many local places that offer instruction for CBT, so why not give it a try. In my case, you are never too old to learn, practice makes perfect (well at least better )

If you are already riding, I look forward to meeting you on a ride out. if you are out there practising, I am also available.

If you need inspiration, take a look at Women riders for Harley Davidson. Wow, the first lady rider in USA was Bessie Stingfield still riding until her death aged 81. I may have to challenge that

Then there are the celebrities, Cher, Pink, Jillion Michaels - Biggest Loser (fitness) fame and Tricia Helfer.

The famous saying of 'its the journey not the destination' of life is all so true. I have met and continue to meet many people along my journey as well as wonderful places that without a bike I would have never seen.

I am so fortunate that my life has been enriched by my passion for Harley riding.

Take care everyone, looking forward to meeting/riding with you, despite the social distancing imposed at the time.

**Jean**



# 'CHROME HILL DO WALES'

Our intrepid trip to Baskerville Hall was initially planned as a team building weekend for Officers and Road Captains's, Bryan Hartshorne being the planner of the routes and a majority of the weekend in total. COVID played it's ace and we finally managed to ressurect the weekend in August and this time as a members only weekend, without Bryan's guidance.

A fabulous wet, off roading, ford crossing style, did I mention wet, ride out to Baskerville was the demanding first day of our weekend. That we were still smiling on arrival is testament to the resilience of the fantastic people on this trip.

The accommodation was lovely for some, not so for others and we will say no more than to mention 'ROOM 19'!

A bonus both restaurants booked for dinner were fantastic, the drinks flowed and 'ROOM 19' was etched in our memories forever.

Our ride on Saturday out to the Elan Valley was breathtaking, beautiful roads, single track twisties and just a pleasure to ride - huge thanks to Bryan for allowing us to utilise his planned routes and visit the Talbot Arms for lunch also on his itinery.

Our Sunday ride home had a fantastic stop included, a visit to Jayne's cousins very posh hotel. Afternoon Tea was way too posh for us bikers but we made a huge effort to do it justice! The rest of the route was lovely and the weather held, although we were flagging a little, after a couple of late nights, copious amounts of alcohol, Fantastic food, lots of laughs and a long ride home.

Here's to the next one!

*Paula*

Director









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