

14 March 2021 Members Minutes via Zoom

Andy welcomed Members to the Zoom meeting – 21 Members were present. Steve and Jane Biglin send apologies plus George and Sheila. George has been in hospital and is now awaiting an operation. The Members wished to send George their very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Rally 21 - Rally refunds have been completed. Members thanked Andy

Rally 22 - Rally 22 will have the same theme with a play on the 20 and 21 cancellations on the t-shirts.

Chapter Rally 2021 – Rose & Crown Holbeach, Hurn has been suggested by Jackie and Jeff as a potential venue. Pete had contacted them today to find out more. It is a dog and bike friendly pub/campsite with some accommodation on site and some reasonably close by. It has a swimming pool. Local bikers use it. It is a 6 acre site and they have a marquee that can hold 100. This can be erected in the Rally field or next to the pub. They can provide a pop-up bar or we can bring our own. The pub is not big enough for the entertainment so that would have to be in the marquee. They have a sound engineer who can help out if required. The pub has a menu and there are toilets/shower on the caravan site. There are 5 tourers and 4 statics on site that can be hired out. There is a Travel Lodge about 6 miles away and Whaplode Manor about 5 miles away. There is another campsite and B&Bs about 1 ½ miles away. The coast is also 1 ½ miles away. We need a date in September – we decided to try for 17-18 September and we will provisionally book this with them. A site visit will be organised as soon as we are allowed. Chapter could subsidise – perhaps meals.

We talked about possible activities – such as a ride-out on the Saturday and a band Friday night with perhaps a DJ on the Saturday. Wrooted were mentioned as a possible band and Jackie also mentioned the 'Fat Spaniels' that their nephew is in. They are a rock band with some humour thrown in. Thanks to Pete for the information and to Jackie and Jeff for the suggestion. Andy asked for a show of hands for members interested and several members responded.

Newsletter – Graham requires articles, preferably with photos, by 30 March.

Easter Egg Run – Eggs to Ezo before 4 April. Malc has talked to Morrison's re supporting with a donation and with Social Services who are happy to accept the eggs.

Rideouts – larger rides will be allowed from 17 May but from April it will have to be 'the rule of 6'. There are 17 spare ride-out slots to fill so book your ride Road Captains. Tony Camm is booked for the first rode-out in May. The Picnic Ride will take place 25 July – Angie will coordinate who is bringing what so we don't finish up with loads of pork pies!

Star Award – The Chapter was nominated and has also been shortlisted. The Award will be announced 18 March and Ezo has been asked to represent the Chapter. Members applauded.

Website/Facebook – Carole still struggling but Andy has sent her a new password. Anyone else who is having problems should contact Andy. Members-only information will be put on the Forum with a link on FB so members will need their login details to access the info.

Directors' meeting – Andy provided feedback – Harley are focussing on the PanAmerica with test rides in May and deliveries from June onwards. Some directors are quite keen, but others are not. The Enthusiast is due out late March – there should be some more local interest articles. Marg is still in America so Gordon Dick is covering – there is increased interest in Chapters by Harley .

The Unity Ride is back with a variation – to organise it over a longer period of time with handovers including 'a bit of a do'. We would therefore entertain the Mancunians and Aire Valley would entertain us.

The idea of a Unity Ride has also started in N Europe...for charity. The Directors discussed supporting 'Riders for Health' but some felt that any fundraising should be in support of UK-based charities. Harley will provide a couple of PanAmericas to trial on the relay ride.

Harley have said they will officially answer any questions raised on the FB Group page.

Decision re Portoroz will be made end of March – Andy thinks it is unlikely to go ahead.

AOB – Malc advised that Tom's bike will be going on the market in the next couple of weeks. It is in excellent condition for a 2011 and has been well looked after. The mileage is about 60,000. It will be advertised on the Forum.