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Hello. Here we are again.

Now well into the third quarter of 2022 as you read this amazing copy of our digital High Decibel E-magazine.

What a year we have had so far. Some stunning hot sunny weather with very little rain to talk of, well, until just recently of course. But wow yes, what a year and it's not finished yet, not by a long shot. There was some hot riding this summer in our part of the country, and we need to spare a thought for those not so lucky as us. Yes, as hard as it is to believe, it rained in other parts of the country. Shame.

We've had parties, marriages, rallies, demo days with H-D, DGR with Triumph, tours here and abroad in Europe and the USA. We've had many new members join us who I hope will be able to experience these events next year if they were unable to do so this time around. There are one or two events still to come before we end the riding season at the end of October, and plenty of other events coming up throughout the 'off' season. And let's not forget those impromptu dry winter rides that we occasionally see posted on social media (that include our FaceBook page).

Our Chapter Birthday Party in January 2023 is well on course, and we have been invited to attend once again an inter-chapter winter ball (Not Bridgwater before you ask lol)

2023 is of course the big 120<sup>th</sup> Harley Davidson Birthday celebration. A few of us will be heading to Europe for the big party in Budapest. Other celebrations will of course be happening in Milwaukee USA. It would be amazing to think some of you may find your way over there for that.

One or two of our members have not been so lucky this year. Unfortunately, accidents do happen through no fault of our own, thankfully nothing too serious I am pleased to be able to say. These guys and gals will be back riding again in no time and we will give them every support to encourage that mind set.

I would like to take this opportunity as always, to thank Richard Marsh, Chris and all the team at PH-D for their continued Chapter support. The Dealership continues to enjoy great bike sales which is good for us. We don't want to lose what we have and become an orphaned chapter like so many others have in recent times. Also, John and Barbara of Johns Grill, who keep us fed and watered on Saturday mornings and before Sunday ride outs, and the odd occasional times we take our bikes in for servicing, tires etc. Thank you.

Oh, and let's not forget the Committee and Road Crew, the unsung volunteers who spend their time and fuel helping to gel the whole thing together, the glue that binds us all together as one big family. My special thanks to these guys for all the support and advice I receive. Our Chapter AGM will soon be upon us in November and I hope I will be able to count on many of the current committee to continue in their posts.

So, whether you have been especially active in the Chapter this year or just sat back on the side-lines, I hope you have all had a great riding season and a great year no matter how you have spent it? Covid is hopefully a thing of the past and we can all, vaccinated or not, get back to the normal of riding and general traveling here and abroad without restrictions during 2023 and beyond.

Take care and ride safe.

Thank you.

Regards, Paul.