

Richard Lucking - Calne Bike Meet



Our Chapter visited Calne Bike Meet as part of Oxford Chapters 'Big Chill' Rally pre covid and a few of us wanted to go again when 'the meet' was re-started (the 'Big Chill' Rally will resume in 2023 but in a different location).



So an informal gang of Chapter members (old, new, in age as well as time served lol, past, present and perhaps future!?) attended the resumption of the one day Calne Bike Meet on 30 June 2022.

We stayed Friday and Saturday night at the Lansdowne Strand Hotel - very central with big courtyard so very busy/popular with the bikers and with perfect parking for our bikes directly outside.

This was the 20th year (2 years cancelled to Covid) that Calne, Wiltshire, has given itself over entirely to all things bike related for the day. The small rural town gets absolutely packed with bikers, live music ('Hells Bells' amongst other great bands), stalls, pop up cafes/coffee stands and bikes! No big bike shops - all small bike business's and local and national bike/trike owners clubs, mainly classic British and Japanese marques tho Moto Guzzi owners were well represented too. Alan Millyard (from Henry Cole tv fame) was there too with his shed built 6 cylinder Kawasaki 'Z900'.

Oxford Chapter had a central area set up for parking and socialising complete with gazebo and refreshments and we enjoyed seeing them and members from Bridgwater and Great Western Chapters.

If the HOG Mileage Programme allowed footsteps to count we would've contributed loads as we endlessly wandered around town trying to see everything.

A good weekend with good people (and the Chapter RWC (Red Wine Club) stalwarts enjoyed the Friday and Saturday night meals - I think I'm now a lapsed member!), with good riding and mainly dry weather.

Maybe something to consider for 2023. Thanks to Dave and Gill Bower and Clive and Elaine Ball for organising the riding/routes and evening meals.



Regards

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