



Oxford HOC Newsletter



August 2026

Welcome,

... to the newsletter of the Oxford Branch of the Honda Owners Club. It will be published every month with news of branch and national matters, a list of our runs, local and national events, and anything else that may be of interest to the branch members.

Here are a few events pencilled in for August:

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| Tuesday 4 th August | General Get Together - Come along for a catch up and drink from 8pm onwards at The Jolly Boatman - with chip and sarnie supper 9pm (£2.50 per person) |
| Tuesday 18 th August | Club Night – Speaker tbc at the Jolly Boatman, chip and sarnie supper 9pm (£2.50 a head) |
| Sunday 23 rd August | Ride Out. Full details to be confirmed. |
| Tuesday 1 st September | Autumn Quiz! - Come along for a brain teasing evening from 8pm onwards at The Jolly Boatman - with chip and sarnie supper 9pm (£2.50 per person) |

Keep an eye out on WhatsApp for last minute rides. If you have a ride in mind, but would rather someone else leads the group, just contact a committee member.

Oxford Branch Rally 2026

As we were preparing the site for the year's rally, the sun was shining on The Gang Hangs High Inn, Hook Norton, and our guests were starting to arrive. Once set up and itineraries handed out, we took orders for a superb fish and chip supper supplied by The Artic Fish Bar in Chipping Norton. Once that was washed down with a beer or two, it was



time for Ted's brain teasing quiz. We split up into groups of five or six, and had our brains attacked by the quiz master. Well done Ted!

Saturday morning, it was time for a free bacon and egg bap, expertly cooked by Mary-Anne and Tracy. It was soon time for the briefing for the Poker Run. It was a relatively short route of around 85 miles, taking into account the very hot weather we have been experiencing, but as it turned out the temperature was just right for riding motorcycles. We had four stops, at each we were dealt a card, with the fifth one being dealt back at the campsite. There were several prizes, a £50 voucher kindly donated by Infinity bike accessory shop, along with a meal voucher from The Jolly Boatman, Kidlington, a fit-bit and portable BBQ from Ted, and various smaller prizes. We raised £320 for the Paediatric Unit at Southampton Hospital.



This is the sort of equipment Southampton Hospital need to treat seriously ill little ones - we are delighted to support!

After the BBQ, only £5 per head (again, expertly cooked by Mary-Anne and Tracy), it was over to the pub garden to be entertained by rock/pop group The Oblivious Band. It was entertaining watching some of our ladies trying to mimic the dancing of the young girls in front of them!

The weather was certainly with us all weekend (unlike last year's rain!) and everybody said what a great weekend they have had. Next year is booked, so please come along to make it a great weekend again!

Mark

HOC Classic Show at Sammy Miller's Museum

A last minute decision was made that I led a group of us to the HOC Classic Show this year. Nine of us, six bikes, met up at the Jet petrol station at Grove, then to meet up with Colin at Highclere. It is a route I know well via Andover, Romsey, Lyndhurst then onto the museum at Bashley in the New Forest. We stopped at a pub at Stockbridge for a coffee, and then made our merry way to the show – all was good! To avoid the traffic jam in Lyndhurst, I had planned to divert to Emery Down and then back onto the A35 towards Sammy Miller's, unfortunately I turned right two junctions too early, going through Minstead instead. After that, I didn't have a clue! We eventually found our way onto a very busy A31 towards Ringwood. I decided to turn off at Burley to head south towards New Milton. We eventually got to the museum, but had missed the demonstration rides of Sammy Miller, Allan Millyard and James Hillier around the car park, but got there to witness the judging. Guys, I apologise for the cock-up, but at least we did come across some New Forest ponies on the way!

Mark

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