

## WYVERN CHAPTER ROUNDUP 25/10/21

Despite lockdown and various other restrictions Wyvern Chapter have flown the flag for the WSMBA with pride. Rides and events that we have supported over recent months include:

### **Mayflower Lodge No 7241 ride the Devils Staircase 26/06/21**



Mayflower Lodge is a Lodge in Devon which was 'saved' by members of the Widows Sons and is described as a 'Motorcycle enthusiasts Lodge'. The majority of members are bikers and also members of the Widows Sons 'Wyvern Chapter'.

Wyvern Chapter is an autonomous group with its own set of by-laws but is part of a wider community and currently covers Somerset, Bristol and Gloucestershire.

The Widows Sons has over 1,000 members in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

In Wyvern Chapter we have 18 members and cover the entire age range, professions and motorcycle brands. Our activities include ride outs (usually in aid of local charities and good causes), rallies (including the Widows Sons MBA National Rally) as well as monthly socials (usually on the first Saturday of each month) which take place all across the area. We also hold regular rides and events with other neighbouring Chapters in Devon (Pilgrims Chapter), South Wales (Celtic Knights) and Wiltshire & Dorset (Stonecutters).

Our Wyvern Chapter Road Captain and Assistant Secretary of Mayflower Lodge, Michael 'Gunny' O'Meara, planned a day out to ride 'the Devils staircase' in Wales. A 2 ½ hr ride to get to the hills, a small detour and a couple of switchbacks and we arrived at the reservoir. What a fantastic view. Well worth the effort, and to be joined by a couple of Stonecutters who had ridden from Portsmouth, was wonderful.

## WYVERN CHAPTER AGM 31/07/21



The AGM was held at Tuckers Grave, near Frome in Somerset.

### Patching of Officers



'Riff' handing over the mantle to  
'Royal' as President.



'Apos' our new VP



'Phoenix' our new  
Almoner



'Pitstop' our new and  
improved  
Quartermaster



'Tofu' our new  
Treasurer



'Bargain' our new  
Sgt At Arms (Tyler)

'Spook' our new  
Glos Rep

Dave James one of  
our new Wyverns



As the country comes back to life following the pandemic and following a lengthy discussion and a vote at the AGM, Wyvern Chapter decided to develop membership to Masonry and Wyvern and in particular by encouraging individuals to join the biking fraternity first and enjoying the camaraderie of biking, with the express desire to become a Mason. This sounds a little bit like the horse and cart, however, it seems to be paying dividends, because the new 'Wyverns' are now joining Mayflower Lodge No 7241 to become Masons, which is the Bikers Lodge, based in Uffculme, Devon.

Three new applicants were voted in as 'Wyverns', two of whom are yet to be initiated into Freemasonry, following a change to our bye-laws.

Wyvern now has 18 Members with 3 very enthusiastic non-masons (Wyverns) queuing up to join Mayflower Lodge.

#### **Terry's final journey to the Grand Lodge Above 6/08/21**



Wyvern Chapter were proud to escort W. Bro Terry Gilbert PPrGSupt on his final journey to the Grand Lodge Above.

From our Immediate Past President:

"As you all know, he wasn't WS but, in his youth, he was indeed a biker. He supported Wyvern from its inception, he supported Mayflower regularly and I am very proud to have known him. When he found out that his diagnosis was terminal, he called me and asked me to "send me out loud brother" and I honestly believe we achieved that.

Brethren, not only from Wyvern but also Pilgrims, members of St Kew Lodge and members of his own family rode together to help the family celebrate his life. I couldn't be more proud of all your support, thank you".



Harry 'Riff' Blinston



**Gloucestershire Family Day at Highnam House, Gloucestershire 14/08/21**



An invitation was extended to the Wyvern Chapter by the Province of Gloucestershire to the Family gathering on Saturday 14th August 2021 with over 350 classic cars attending which meant over 350 Masons.

Wyvern Chapter came together from Somerset, Bristol and Gloucestershire and met up at Cribbs Causeway. From there, we may our way north (anywhere north of Bristol is North) and eventually arrived at Highnam House, a private country House, owned by a fellow Mason, who opens his doors for a grand Family Day. What a beautiful day it was. The sun shone through from start to finish. Wyvern Chapter arrived in style by riding through the entire gardens, past numerous vintage cars and astonished onlookers. "Sons of Anarchy" was heard more than once, until we parked up, dismounted and introduced ourselves.

Dana Noriega was voted in as a Wyvern and presented his Wyvern Patch on the day.

Having made our presence felt and eaten the last of the burgers, we departed for a very enjoyable ride back through Wales. An excellent day for the brothers, made better by being accompanied by a few new 'Wyverns'.

## Bideford Bike Show 28/08/21



North Devon was our next excursion. Our Road Captain, Michael 'Gunny' O'Meara plotted a route through the wonderful north Devon roads, many of which I had forgotten, to land us in Bideford for a very pleasurable afternoon. We met up with the Stonecutters & Pilgrims

Simon Fox aka 'Cleo' was presented his Wyvern Patch

## Robs Run 5/09/21

**Widows Sons MBA - Pilgrims Memorial Charity Bike Ride...**  
**SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Meet at 10:30**      **Depart at 11:00**      **£5 Per Bike**

**STARTING AT**  
Morrison's Car  
Park  
Plymstock  
PL9 7BH

**FINISHING AT**  
BMC Ltd  
Grace Mill B/Park  
Plymouth  
PL4 0SN

*Rob Wells  
Still Riding The  
Long Road...*

**Tee-Shirts @ £10**  
BMC donating all costs of the event, all proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice

**St Luke's Hospice Plymouth**

Many Thanks to Morrison's and BMC Ltd For the Venues. Also to all the volunteers on the day...



An annual run organised by The Pilgrims. The Pilgrims President was late to arrive, however, he was excused because he had just run the Plymouth half marathon with a personal best time.

A fantastic route around south Devon, with a photo shoot at the Churchill tank on Slapton Sands.

### **NHS Ride of Thanks 19/09/21**



We arrived at the start in style and as a Chapter, then rode the route as a Chapter and were the last men standing at the venue.

We were joined by a potential new member who rode from Moreton-In-Marsh. A 3hr trip (one-way) to ride with us because he “had heard good things about us”.

### **Ride to the Wall (RTTW) 2021 2/10/21**

Ride to the Wall is event that was created by an couple of friends in order to enable motorcycle riders, and particularly, Veterans to attend a ceremony to remember those who have served and fallen and suffered physical and mental trauma.

Wyvern were represented by two Brethren this year. For a variety of reasons few were able to attend. So big thanks got to ‘Cleo’ and ‘Spook’ for braving the weather and fuel shortages.



## Michael Searle's final ride to the Grand Lodge Above 5/10/21



Wyvern Chapter were proud to escort W. Bro Michael Searle Provincial Junior Grand Warden on his final journey to the Grand Lodge Above.

*"Dear Brethren*

I am saddened to have to let you know that our friend and brother Mike Searle passed away peacefully at home around 4.00am. His wife Sandra contacted me and I went round, anointed him and prayed for the repose of his soul with her and other members of the family.

I know that we all miss Mike very much. He loved his masonry and worked hard as secretary of Dolphin Lodge and Scribe Ezra of The Installed First Principals Chapter. His energy and commitment led to the establishment of the Trafalgar Night celebration. We can be consoled that he is now with his dear friend Stuart Budd in the Grand Lodge Above, a place of light, peace and harmony."

*The Revd Steven Hawkins*

"Mike rode with us a number of times and was always very cheerful and loved our days out. It's exceptionally sad that he was due to be patched in as a Wyvern in just two days time but, with or without the patch, he was Wyvern."

*Harry 'Riff' Blinston*

Michael was a PM and Almoner of Dolphin Lodge, Bristol. We last saw Michael at our meeting with Parisi Chapter on 6 August 2021. Michael joined us at Cheddar Gorge and was sadly diagnosed with cancer shortly after. Unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to present Michael with his Wyvern patch.

Members of Wyvern Chapter attended Michael's funeral and escorted the motorcycle hearse to the church for the service.





Michaels Wife, Sandra (at her request), will be presented with a framed Wyvern patch as a mark of our respect for him.

