

# 2011

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## Dec

Sat 3 **End of Season Beach Party** Fantastic party with DJ Robbie Paston and great live tribute band, The Beached Boys rounded off the year with a relaxed evening of music, food and a few drinks. Special awards were made to Keith, Dell and Wendy, Axel, Robin, Ruth, Carl and Andy for their contributions to the Chapter and its wider reputation over the year. And a special thanks to Andy and Carrol for the party arrangements. We had a great time! Photos [here](#).

Thu 1 **Club Night Special Fashion Show** and what a show it was! Tremendous fun and a lot of effort from Katie and the staff, with LOH Officer Ruth aided and abetted by Tracy Stubbington and Tracy Bonnici selling raffle tickets and helping to raise £240 for Beating Bowel Cancer; and Jayne, Alexandra and Wendy as great models. Photos [here](#).

## Nov

Sun 13 **Remembrance ride** Once again, Thames Valley Chapter joins us for a 2 minutes silence, followed by a massive 50 bike ride lead by Andy England through the narrow lanes to Shamley Green for our own private wreath laying and act of remembrance to the sound of Thames Valley pipes, followed by lunch at the Grantley Arms. Photos [here](#).

Sun 5 **Breakfast Ride** to The Hare and Hounds in West End (Bisley). A scenic ride to Dell's sister's pub for a lovely cooked breakfast. Photos [here](#).

Sat 5 **Hoggin' the Maid** Dell led 6 bikes to the opening event at the new Maidstone Harley-Davidson dealership plus several members arrived by 4 wheels. A dry ride there and back but rather wet whilst there. This did not spoil an enjoyable trip where we met our friends Invicta celebrating their new dealer. A hog roast and music were laid on for those that stayed in the afternoon but 4 of our intrepid members were so hungry they dashed 60 miles to have lunch at the venue for the following day's breakfast ride. Photos [here](#).

Thu 3 **Club Night** at Preston Cross A few photos from new member Russ [here](#) as members turned up to chat and buy their End of Season Party tickets - also available from the dealership and from Ruth [here](#).

Wed 2 **Hogsback at Hogs Back** Tour of Hogs Back Brewery organised by Dave Francis. Photos by Paul T [here](#).

## Oct

Sun 30 **Spooky Ride** This year the ride coincided with a mild, dryish day, and so it was that 20 bikes followed Dik on a rather pleasant cruise to the dark spookiness of Chislehurst Caves - thanks to Mark and Dell for tailending - photos [here](#).

Sun 23 **Brekkie ride** Our favourite Wizzo of Oz conducted us on one of the shortest nice little rides of the year from Rykas to The City Arms in Thames Ditton - photos [here](#).

12-16 **HOT in Seville** International training session for all current or future H.O.G. Chapter Officers - with parties too! All attended in style by Dik, Graham, Norman, Dell and Russ. Slideshow by Norman [here](#).

Sun 16 **Ogri Café** Glorious little ride by Keith to a glorious full English breakfast on a glorious sunny

Autumn day. Where else would you want to be? After a healthy breakfast, Cliff (with Axel as back-marker) led us to Eastbourne for a walk in T-shirt over the pier, for a refreshing cider and cooling ice creams... incredible, it's mid October! - photos [here](#)

Sun 9 **Brightona** Steve Palmer's ride to Brighton for a fantastic day in the sun - photos [here](#)

Sun 2 **Toast on the Coast** On a sunny and hot October day, Graham led a race to the toast in Goring, where we enjoyed a late morning breakfast. Then Dell took over, with Mark as backmarker, leading a dozen bikes to the seafront of Hayling Island. Photos by Ian (video) and Axel are [here](#).

Sat 1 **RTTW4** A very early start by members of the Hogsback Chapter to enjoy a memorable day out on the ride of Respect to honour our fallen service personnel since the second world war. Robin kindly led the guys to one of the muster points on the M40. Dell, Martin, Jackie, Flo & Carl where engaged in marshalling duties to assist the organisers. Ice creams where the order of the day, with temperatures in the high 20's C. The coolest guys there were the aerial parachute display team who just dropped in! Photos are [here](#).

## Sep

Sun 25 **Wobin's Surprise Ride** Robin led a ride through the Hindhead Tunnel, with coffee stops, and participation in the MAG protest. Photos are [here](#).

24-25 **Opale Shore Rally** Boris reports that four Hogsback members joined the 1066 chapter for a great day out in Hardelot. Weather was perfect, company was good, food and wine equally good and the bikes and around 500 bikes on the French-organised rideout! Photos and video from Boris [here](#).

23-25 **Rumble in the Mumbles** 30 people on over 20 bikes had a great weekend on the Chapter's first venture to the Gower Peninsula in South Wales. Highlights were lunch at Caerphilly Castle, the Rhondda Valleys, Aberdulais Falls in the heart of Waterfall Country, the Penderyn Welsh Malt Whisky Distillery and tea on the Mumbles. Best of all was the wonderful company in the wonderful Worms Head Hotel overlooking 3 miles of empy Rhossili Beach. Breathtaking! 3 albums of stunning photos [here](#).

Wed 21 **Midweek Evening Ride** awaiting report

Sun 18 **Forget-Me-Knot Ride** Ride to Godstone Green to show our bikes in support of one of our nominated charities, the Alzheimers Society. Great ride by Catherine and Gary - and finally met Elvis! Photos are [here](#).

Sat 10 **Brighton Speed Trials** A small but select group of three bikes braved the (false!) promise of rain and went across the lovely Sussex country side at a pace to suit Richards brand new Dyna Super Glide to watch bikes and cars racing down the quarter mile. Photos are [here](#).

## Aug

Sun 28 **Ace Harley Day** Cliff, supported by Dell at the back, led about dozen Hogsback bikes to the Ace Café for Harley Day. There was the usual great display of ride-in custom bikes including one specially built for F1 driver Jenson Button. After a couple of hours at the Ace 13 Hogsback bikes plus 2 sports bikes went on to the White Cross riverside pub in Richmond. Despite the heavy traffic and the rain, everyone arrived in time to see the fast approaching high tide (apparently 6.4M) caused by the local lock system. Service (drinks and food) at the pub were excellent and we were all made welcome. Customers and residents, despite the poor weather,

enjoyed the display of Hogsback bikes. A special thanks go to Richard for his excellent photos of the day, [here](#).

- Sun 21 **Shoreham Airshow** 16 Bikes left Guildford BK for a lovely ride down to the Air Show. Some members joined in the parade, we then went on to enjoy a fabulous day with plenty to see including 5 hours of air displays, Laurel and Hardy and Dads Army. One of the UK's finest airshows with a fantastic air display and exciting attractions. This year they are celebrating 70 years of Royal Air Force Search and Rescue. As well as static displays there are over 5 hours of flying displays, the main attraction being a "SCRAMBLE" involving Spitfires, Hurricanes and Messerschmitts! Photos by Karen, Steve P., Russ M. and Michael B. [here](#) and [here](#).
- Sun 14 **Amberley Museum and Castle** 23 bikes left BK Guildford for the Halrley event at the Museum where Catherine won best ladies bike and Mick Palmer won best in show, so 2 out of the three winners were from Hogsback! 12 bikes then went onto Amberley Castle for afternoon tea which was a bit different. Plenty of sandwiches and scones and cream and as much tea & coffee as we required. The weather was warm and sunny too, so a good day was had by all. We decided that the raffle for the luxury night B&B at Amberley Castle will take place a a later event when more people are present in order to generate more funds for the charity. Photos are [here](#).
- Sat 13 **Salisbury Planes** We were the first official ride to go through the new Hindhead tunnel, then down to Petersfield and over to Winchester avoiding the Boomtown festival and a welcome tea and coffee in a pub on the outskirts of Stockbridge. On to Old Sarum and a slight hiccup when Sally Satnav wanted to take us through a ford. But found airfield and cafe and had a nice lunch with Si and Rhino regaling us with RAF stories. After lunch it was a visit to the Italian Church in Wilton as Wendy had told us it was worth a visit (she was right) and then up to the plains for a tour of Larkhill, Bulford, Tidworth and Ludgershall before heading off to Whitchurch for yet another coffee. It was then time to go home and the ride ended at Basingstoke. In all, 8 bikes, and 10 people had a great day out with Wobin and Dell. Photos are [here](#).
- Thu 11 **Club Night at Bisley Pavilion** About 18 bikes, some cars and 50 members chilling at a now calm Bisley after a busy week for Hogsback. Ian's photos are [here](#) - including Hillary's surprise Birthday Cake, courtesy of Ruth's excellent home baking and decorating.
- Tue 9 **Elvis sighted at Godstone** Gary and Kaz rode over to Godstone to lend their bike to Elvis - all in aid of Alzheimers Association. On dismounting Elvis immediately broke into a rendition of "A Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On", but we don't know why. Photos are [here](#).
- Wed 10 **Choppers meet choppers** Wow! Fabulous riding and flying weather combined to provide 30 Hogsback bikes with a real treat as we joined in RAF Odiham Families Day. Thanks to new member Rhino Neal's arrangements we were privileged to see some stunning displays of air power and acrobatics. The dealership and Guildford Custom Cycles was there too and it looks like they got some sales out of it too! We all got to pose up close with the awesome Chinook - as you can see from our Chapter photographers' stunning shots [here](#). The bikes made a big hit too with runwayside parking: next year they are even talking about arranging rides for us in a Chinook!
- 5-7 **SOFER 8** This astonishing Rally has come and gone for an eighth time - but what a great and convivial weekend it was! Highlights were Vera's Jack Sparrow ride, complete with the Captain himself (brilliantly played by Ernst), the superb *Apart from Rod* Fri evening band, the awesome 120 bike Hogsback Ride to a fantastic open air feast in the Surrey countryside, Norm & Dave's sumptuous and highly professional Chapter buffet - not a BBQ but a banquet, amazing fireworks - the best yet, and Ruth and her helpers had a record number of people (around 80) enter the Poker Run. Plus, Carl put together a large team of Chapter members who managed to secure second place for Hogsback in the Chapter Challenge behind 1066 - helped not least by a

team of 8 who won the Caterpillar Tracks event outright. Result! A most successful weekend in all respects - including the weather which fully cooperated with our plans. Thanks to all the Road Crew, volunteers, *chefs extraordinaire* and Chapter members who made this weekend so special. And a very special thanks to Wendy, whose tireless efforts at Registration formed one of the main Rally pivots - and she still found time to run merchandising and enter the Chapter Challenge! Axel's amazing photos - six galleries so far! - are already [here](#)!

## Jul

- Sun 31 **Medieval Mayhem** Lots of people thought the mayhem was something to do with jousting and the clang of steel on steel, but no. The mayhem was confined to Andy (It's my ride and I'll change if I want to) England's animated gesticulations as he explained how everyone would have a much better time riding somewhere rather than in ever decreasing circles around Hever. And he was right. Lovely ride, spectacular little castle and even paintball cannons and archery we could try. Maybe Carrol shouldn't have. See photos [here](#).
- Thu 28 **Harley Night at the Ace** Cliff, supported by Dell at the back, led 16 Hogsback bikes through the solid M25 traffic to the Ace Cafe's monthly Harley night. We all parked up in the main car park and put the bikes on display along with several hundred other Harleys. The good weather brought out some amazing customized bikes, as can be seen in Ian's great pictures of the evening [here](#). Thanks Ian. There were so many Harleys that later arrivals were parking on the pavements opposite the cafe.
- Mon 25 **Martin Oliver 1955 - 2011** 18 Hogsback bikes joined a clutch of hot rods to accompany Martin the 8 miles from his home to Croydon Crematorium on a beautifully warm and sunny day. Due to the length of the cortege, Hogsback Road Crew secured all the junctions and roundabouts en route which enabled the procession to stay together the whole way. The humanist commemoration was a moving and well-judged celebration of a fellow Chapter member we will miss. Axel's pictures are [here](#). Ken's video on Facebook is [here](#).
- Sun 24 **Lunch at the Locks** 23 bikes and a variety of roads through Hampshire to Devizes for Lunch at the Black Horse at the top of Caen Locks. Food was OK service a little slow but if you put in 30 orders at once you have to expect a little tedium. A quick Fill up in Devizes and off to Avebury and a bibble back along the A4 to Newbury and then Nelson's Diner on the Basingstoke road for a coffee or a milk shake The ride ended at Hook and all went their merry way. A good ride. Photos are [here](#).
- Sat 23 **New Members Ride** We combined this ride with a Road Crew recce for our big Bisley ride, ending up at the Parrot for lunch - so the new members got a sneak preview of things to come. A nice brisk ride, on which the new members did extremely well. Photos from newly appointed Chapter Photographers Richard and Paul are [here](#).
- 22-24 **Black Country ride** - Red kites and buzzards watch from the sky, as 9 Hogsback members tackled the Welsh Mountains, a 16th century pub and Norm's sister's massive breakfast. Sunday off to the Iron Bridge Museum. Great weekend and lots of fun. Photos by Norman are [here](#).
- Sun 17 **Whitstable Oyster Run** After an appalling Saturday of rain, and the promise of more of the same the next day, just 6 bikes ventured out on this Sunday ride. It was a surprisingly good morning though. Cloudy, but dry, we dodged one or two showers as we rode through some little known Kent lanes. Then the sun shone through warmly in Whitstable for fish and chips on the beach. The rain came down a bit in the pm as we circled round the Kent County Show in Detling to avoid the traffic, but a rather nice ride home all the same.

- 15-17 **Endurance Ride** Under Robin's lead, Keith, Martin, John, Axel and Paul rode from Scotland's John O'Groats to England's Land's End. These famous 874 miles were covered in 17 hours of daylight, on Saturday 16th July 2011. The whole journey over 4 days was 1,902 miles long, and they managed to raise over £4,000 for their 6 chosen charities. Respect! Photos are [here](#) from Pete.
- 15-17 **Wiltshire weekend** Gentle ride across middle earth, half a dozen Hogsback riders entered the beautiful area of Bradford upon Avon. A lazy cruise down the Kennett & Avon canal aboard a long boat with the prize of a cream tea, almost sent us to sleep. A guided tour around the city of Wells Cathedral and chance meeting with Nicolas Cage. The evening included a jaw dropping concert in the local music theatre, not for faint hearted. A visit to the Caen locks en route home plus lunch at Popham Airfield. A mix of rain and brilliant sunshine gave us all a very enjoyable weekend. Great company. Photos are [here](#).
- Sun 10 **Hastings Fish'n'Chips** Estee led 20 Chapter members on 15 bikes on a relaxed cruise down to the south coast in perfect sunshine for lovely fish'n'chips in Hastings. Bulk of the crew were fairly new members and it all went as smooth as silk. with thanks to Cliff at the back.
- 8-10 **Lambs to the Slaughter** Roger and Andy's ride to the Cotswolds was wet some of the time, but a non-stop delight. Lots of newer members, some on their first weekender, and veterans too. 31 people on 18 bikes had a truly great time tooling around a fantastic part of the country, enjoying our bikes and each other's company. A stunning two part photographic chronicle of the whole event is [here](#), and [here](#), courtesy of Axel, Paul and Stephen.
- Mon 4 **Frankie & Benny's Independence Day Charity Fundraiser** 30 Hogsback bikes turned up at GH-D on a beautiful summer's evening for the short ride round to F&B's at Guildford. We parked up, ate free pizza and generally caused a stir all in aid of the CLIC Sergeant charity for children with cancer. Excellent evening for a worthy cause. Photos are [here](#).
- Sun 3 **Rove to the Cove** On a glorious day 12 bikes went with Robin, Dell and Henry in brilliant sunshine and no wind, in fact a perfect biking day. A rolling pick up in Chawton picked up a further 3 bikes, coffee at Rownhams and off to Dorset for a bumble through the back road to Lulworth Cove. Axel of course insisted on checking that the entrance was free for bikes and went away muttering something about fines! Lots of members insisted on having a paddle and Dell even brought a change of clothes! After lunch we split the ride into those wanted to go to the new dealership and those who wanted more paddling, 4 bikes stayed and the rest went to the dealership. A great day out. Photos are [here](#).
- Fri 1 **Illegal Legals at Polesden Lacey** We picnicked, met and rocked with this fabulous tribute band on a warm summer evening. With a perfect location for the Chapter Marquee and special parking for the bikes right behind, we had a stonking evening - thanks to Dell and Cliff for all their arrangements and to our Chapter Photographers for a stunning series of shots that captured things as night slowly fell. Brilliant evening! Photos [here](#).

## Jun

- Wed 29 **Midweek pub ride** - awaiting report
- Sun 26 **Beaulieu Bike Day** Beautiful riding down to the New Forest where Hogsback got to be part of a fantastic display of bikes at Beaulieu - voted one of 'Britain's Top Ten Biking Spots' by Motorcycle News readers in 2010, In addition to the hundreds of motorbikes of all makes and models, we watched a breathtaking freestyle motocross stunt display in the Beaulieu Arena. Plus parts and merchandise bonanza at the bootsale and trader area. Part 1 photos (ride and museum) [here](#). Part 2 photos (House, Abbey and bike jump) [here](#).

- Sat 25 **Woody's Midnight Madness** Wonderful, warm, dry summer's night. Perfect then, for 30 Hogsback bikes to flash-mob Buck House, gate-crash Covent Garden, providing mutual entertainment for passing hen parties, and insist on photos with surprised Hungarians on the steps of St Paul's, before criss-crossing the Thames on a selection of illuminated bridges and ending up for a Lamb shish and a Turkish beer in the shadow of an illuminated London Eye. A Hogsback classic from Graham! Photos [here](#).
- 23-26 **Magic Rally** in Ruedesheim, via Spa-Francorchamps and Bernkastel-Kues. Setting up camping site and first visit to the Harley rally grounds. BBQ at Miriam's place and walk into a exciting party night - Part 1 photos [here](#). They say: "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!" Well, we went to Ruedesheim, so here are the pictures from a fantastic party with Pam MacBeth, the morning after, a well organised parade, a spectacular fireworks and a hot ride home. Part 2 photos [here](#).
- 17-20 **Honfleur** Long weekend away in France where we checked out Graham's gaff, cruised the Normandy beaches, marvelled at the Bayeux Tapestry, sauntered around the picturesque harbour and chilled in Monet's Gardens. Relaxing time and nice riding which could only have been improved by persuading the French that it was supposed to be summer. Photos [here](#).
- Sun 19 **Fathers Day at Petworth** Annual Jamboree where several Harley Clubs converge on Petworth House to display their bikes to the general public amid music from Willy Austen and general merriment including fun with the pop-up bierkeller in the Pleasure Garden! Photos [here](#).
- 17-19 **Racing at Knockhill** - awaiting report
- Fri 17 **Alzheimers Support ride to Wentworth** Only a few bikes were requested for this event and only two of those were then used as props for a long succession of pink ladies in varying states of undress paying £10 each for a pose. Unbelievably, these two bikes generated £2,000 in just 1 hour all in aid of the charity. A truly amazing result - thanks to Steve, Catherine, Gary, Kaz and Dell who braved a very wet evening for the cause. Dell wishes it to be known that there is hardly any truth in the rumour that he will be raising further dosh by auctioning the shammy he used to wipe off the saddles after each photo shoot.
- Sun 12 **Sammy Millers H-D Ride-in** The urban myth that 99% of Harley riders do not go out in the rain was confirmed as fact as 1% of the Hogsback Chapter assembled on the Hogsback on Sunday morning in the pouring rain to head off west into the eye of the storm. We might have been only 5 bikes, but that's 4 more than the rest of the country put together - so no queue for the breakfasts! A lingering look round the exhibits was fascinating, but nowhere near long enough for the rain to abate before the two hour ride back in the wet. Hey ho. Photos [here](#).
- Sat 11 **Shepperton Village Fair and Procession** Once again this event took place in perfect weather, sandwiched between two wet days - lucky, lucky for a terrific number of stallholders. Hogsback bikes went down very well in the Procession through a packed High Street and got a lot of public interest in the static display. The Hogsback raft was one of 40 battling it out on the Thames - thanks to Norm and Dave and the gallant crew: Jayne, Delia, Czes and Gary - respect! We obviously set the standard last time, because the opposition was very tough this year. We didn't win this time, so the challenge is on for next year! Procession pictures [here](#), and Raft Race pictures [here](#), with more to come later. Raft race video [here](#).
- Wed 9 **1066 invasion** Despite a very dodgy weather forecast Cliff (with Mr Garmin), supported by back markers Carl (an old Sussex lad) and Robin had a good dry ride down to the 1066 Club Night at the Chiddingly Six Bells pub. There were 7 bikes plus Golly riding pillion. It was great to see Hogsback's newest member "Rhino", a real chopper gunner, on his first ride out with the

club. He's looking forward to doing many more. 1066 made us all feel welcome and along with the rest of the chapter we were treated to complimentary rolls and mini pork ribs (which were absolutely delicious). Thanks also to Axel for providing the normal excellent photos which are [here](#).

Sun 5 **Weald & Downland Show** 17 bikes and 19 people left Burger King for a pleasant ride through the country lanes to Singleton. We were then met by various relatives who had driven down and Mick Palmer and his wife. Great displays of Shire horses working and an interesting walk around the period houses. Lots of fun had by a few Hogsback members who gave an interesting dance around the Maypole. Great fun day! Photos [here](#).

Sat 4 **Cup Cakes at GH-D** Hogsback LOH flooded the Chapter Marquee with the most fantastic cup cakes of all varieties, which were then eaten in exchange for no less than £500 in donations - all in aid of Bowel Cancer Research. Brilliant result for Ruth - in all senses. Thanks to everyone involved in this magnificent effort! Photos [here](#).

## May

Mon 30 **Racing at Thruxton** A few brave souls ignored the glum weather forecast and were suitably rewarded with a lovely dry, cross-country ride to Thruxton race circuit. Many thanks to Guildford Harley-Davidson for the paddock passes, which enabled us all to get in and have a good mooch around the paddock. The Fourth Round of the British Superbikes was awesome in the wet on the fastest circuit on the calendar. Absolutely amazing! The XR1200 Trophy racing was no less spectacular and they really looked and sounded the part. GH-D's Julian Tillotson riding number 55 enjoyed a good spirited ride piloting the bike safely home in the soggy conditions, but it was youngsters James Webb and Alex Gault who took the honours. Very much looking forward to doing it all again at Knockhill for the next round. Photos [here](#).

Sun 29 **Brooklands Bash** - Six bikes left Burger King for a little tootle up to Brooklands. Great afternoon out at Museum, also a nice show of American Muscle Cars.

Sat 28 **California Dreamin'** Five bikes made the trip down to Bournemouth International Centre. Good day but weather could have been brighter. Good show but bit pricey for what was there. First stand to greet the eye was Guildford Custom Cycles and then a huge array of customised motorcycles spread over four rooms. Something different was a "Miss 1940's pinup girl contest" and a mini beach. The Young Band were certainly making a sound well above the years. A good time seemed to be had by all. Photos [here](#).

28-30 **Amiens: Le Weekend** Hotel just a short walk from Amiens city centre and the canals and quays of this small, pleasant city. Fabulous riding in and around the Somme countryside as the dry weather warmed all weekend. 11 Hogsback bikes picked up a guest - HOG Member Peter Frost - who's lived in Amiens for 30 years and who gave us the benefit of his local knowledge. Interesting moment was a zig zag train ride up to a plateau from where the Red Baron took off on his last flight on 21 April 1918. He was fatally wounded by a 303 bullet to the chest while pursuing a Canadian Sopwith Camel. He managed a controlled landing before expiring in his cockpit as comrades rushed over to hear his last word, which was "kaput". Photos are [here](#).

26-29 **Croatia Rally** Three glorious days with superb riding either side - which easily overcame the sting of the Austrian Police fining us €65 apiece for a brief and accidental moment on the motorway without vignettes. Report and HOG pictures [here](#) while we await Axel's return - he went to the Benelux Rally on the way back from Croatia! Croatia photos are [here](#) (Rode to Croatia), [here](#) (Biograd and waterfall) and [here](#) (Parade and fireworks). Benelux photos are [here](#) (Croatia to Benelux) and [here](#) (Leeuwarden and Friesland).

- Sun 22 **Palmer Sunday Lunch ride** to the Ship & Anchor Marina at Ford, just south of Arundel. 12 bikes joined Steve's ride down the A29 and then through Sussex villages on relaxing ride to a great Sunday lunch. Photos are [here](#).
- Sat 21 **Compton Village Fete** 20 Hogsback bikes joined Catherine for a repeat of last year's shortest ride of the year around the corner to Compton Green. We wowed them in the arena and then wandered round in the sunshine. Marvellous. Photos are [here](#).
- Sat 21 **Moules et Frites** 7 bikes joined Keith for an early start and brisk dash across to France for lunch and some lovely riding on those (mostly) empty French roads. Beautiful weather too. Photos are [here](#).
- Sun 15 **Hook does hawks** 14 bikes left Guilford Burger King, (flying) towards the Hawk Conservancy in Andover. On arrival we were met by proprietor Ashley who then brought out an American Bald Eagle for a group photograph. The four flying demonstrations were fantastic, owls, hawks eagles and who could forget the 6 low flying vultures! Thanks to Axel, Norman and Paul for stunning photos [here](#) and to Cliff and Robin for back up. Brilliant day!
- Sat 14 **New Members Ride** Another dozen or so new members had a pleasant initiation Chapter ride to Bury Hill - and a thunder through Arundel High Street - before a brisk dash back to the dealership. Photos are [here](#).
- Wed 11 **Midweek Fish & Chip Ride to Brighton** Despite the dodgy weather forecast Cliff, supported by back markers Graham & Roger, led 11 bikes from Rykas down the A24 towards Brighton. Once again the forecasters got it wrong and it turned out to be a nice dry early summer evening. Ideal riding conditions on relatively quiet roads. We all parked up on a quiet Maderia Drive and ambled over to the Palace Pier for a freshly cooked Cod & Chips in a box before heading back home. Photos are [here](#) from Roger.
- Sun 8 **Lightbox Ride** Our recent survey highlighted that for many of our female members another visit to a tank museum did not have a high priority on their wish list. So, this was an opportunity to examine some very essential accessories without a gun turret in sight. Catherine led 16 bikes to the Lightbox Gallery in Woking via a scenic route through the Surrey Lanes. It was interesting how many blokes took the handbag tour at the museum! Photos [here](#).
- Thu 5 **Club Night Special Toolbox Talk** We got a bike up on stage and GH-D Head Technician Stuart gave a most entertaining talk and Q&A session on the technical aspects of bike ownership. Thanks to Stuart and Mike for their time and effort on this. Photos [here](#).
- 1 May **A to Z, Part 2** By chance and a sudden flash of inspiration some members of the previous "G to Z via Q and I" rode at short notice on this sunny Sunday the roads of South West England to collect even more letters. 16 more points could be added to their collection, soon entitling them to a special HOG pin. Photos [here](#).
- 29 Apr-1 May **Rockets & Trenches** A hot & sunny 3 day trip enjoyed by 10 members guided by Dell & Cliff on a visit to the battlefields of Flanders. We went to the town of Poperinge, a German & British war cemetery, Ypres for the market and museum, Hill 62 trenches and the evening last post ceremony in Ypres. On the last day we visited the V2 rocket site at St Omer, then lunch on the coast. Watch out for the photos of our beloved Treasurer's hotel room (He He).

## Apr

- 25 Apr **Easter Egg Charity Ride** The sun continued to shine down on another well-judged and

intricate ride through country lanes as we followed Gary through Sussex and Kent. We lunched at a lovely little pub, consumed our chocolate charity eggs and then mosied round the corner to delights of Penshurst Place, complete with our own pre-arranged parking spot and reduced admission fees. Great organisation by Gary and Roger and a most enjoyable day - with £75 for charity raised to boot! Ride photos are [here](#) and Penshurst Place photos are [here](#).

- 23 Apr **Dragon Ride** The glorious Easter weekend weather continued as we followed Gary's intricate ride skirting the edges of Greater London - via the George & Dragon pub near Kew - to the London Motorcycle Museum and then a surprisingly unbusy Ace Café for some biking breakfasts. A chat in the sun, then a welcome blast home round a quiet M25. Everybody must have gone a way for Easter! Photos [here](#).
- 22 Apr **Wheels Day** Phew what a scorcher! Lots of filtering at the end of Keith's well chosen ride to sail past long queues into the Rushmore Arena at Aldershot for the 37th Surrey Street Rodders "Wheels Day". An event mainly for Classic American Cars and Hot Rods - and there were lots of those today - but quickly becoming one of the places for early season bike shows. And a beautiful day on which to enjoy it all. Photos [here](#).
- Sun 17 **Port Solent in the Spring** Easy pace down the A3 through Hindhead and on to Port Solent where there was plenty of parking and some great places to eat. Photos [here](#).
- Sat 16 **G to Z via Q and I** A good ride (200 miles!) with lots of variety and a good pub too. Got 10 great letters on this ABC ride with Robin: Bentley - New Alresford - Itchen Stoke - Stockbridge - Grateley - Quarley - Wiltshire - Allington - Zeals - Four Marks. Photos [here](#).
- Sun 10 **Fishbourne Roman Palace** A legion of 45 Hogsback bikes thundered through leafy lanes on a glorious Spring day to see the mosaics, rooms and artifacts from the largest Roman ediface north of Italy. Stunning location and great ride from Steve Palmer - nice one! Photos and video [here](#).
- Thu 7 **Club Quiz Night** Brilliant reprise of an event we last did a few years ago. Full marks to Quizmasters Steve and Andy and their beautiful assistants, Catherine and Carrol, for an excellent evening in a packed house. And respect to Roger & Tracy, Paul & Dee, Bill & Marion for winning the opportunity to do it all again next time! Photos are [here](#).
- Sun 3 **Afghan Heroes Ride of Respect** Around 20 Hogsback members and their bikes enjoyed a dry but cold run across to Wootton Bassett for the annual 'Ride of Respect' for our fighting service personnel. This coming together of bikers, raises valuable funds for those who (in conflict) had not made it back home and for those who had and need rehabilitation. Thank you to those whom came. Early morning pictures [here](#). Wootton Bassett pictures [here](#).
- Sun 3 **Beaky's Bootsale** Not quite as busy as in previous years, but still a good number of stalls. Wonderful effort by Mark & Danielle plus Gary and others, assisted by the dealership, meant Hogsback's fully loaded stall was in pride of place at the top of the car park next to GH-D - right across the way from the London Hells Angels. Lots of Chapter members stopped by and we took over £1500 for all those spare bits and pieced otherwise taking up garage space - and raised £200 for charity - a great result in the sunshine! Pictures [here](#).
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- Sun 27 **Woodies Diner** Gary led a breakfast ride to the South Coast and an authentic 1950's diner. We chose from butter pancake stacks, breakfast burritos, bacon, sausage and egg baps or a full American Ranch breakfast. Mmmm. Photos [here](#)!

- Sat 26 **New members ride** At 9am on Saturday morning the dealership car park was a hive of activity in preparation for the second anniversary celebration event. After assembling the Hogsback marquee we were beginning to wonder if a new members ride was a good idea on the same day. However after a sharp whistle from Graham, new members and Hogsback 'Road Crew' gathered for a briefing and 30+ bikes left for a training ride around the Surrey & Sussex lanes. Graham sent forward 2 photographers to a 'Kodak Spot' to capture the spectacle of Hogsback new members filling Arundel High Street from the castle at the top down to the war memorial at the bottom illustrating the Hogsback group growing from strength to strength! Photos [here](#).
- Sat 26 **GH-D Anniversary Day** Our dealership celebrated its Official 2nd Birthday! With great weather, live music, free hog roast, Lucky Dip Discount on Accessories & MotorClothes, and many many friends. Photos [here](#).
- Sun 20 **Pioneer Run** Cold start for the Pioneer Run, but it got lots better as the day wore on, great atmosphere at Epsom Downs, bacon sandwiches and coffee at Gatwick, cod and chips at Brighton. Thanks to all 20 Bikes that turned up, wonderful day. Photos [here](#).
- Sat 19 **Borough Market** After a cold and frosty start the sun shone on the righteous with 19 bikes enjoying the ride to London. The Market delivered a fantastic atmosphere, with the stalls and the hustle & bustle of people enjoying all the different types of food & drink. W0e all relaxed outside The Anchor Pub in the afternoon on the Bankside with fish & chips and the sun on our backs. Photos are [here](#).
- Sun 13 **Nelsons Diner** Gloomy skies and rain at first could not put off 8 Hogsback bikes from joining in Robin's first outing as ride leader. We were rewarded with a great route and great food. Nice one, Robin! Photos [here](#).
- Sun 6 **Woody's Winter Nutcracker** A sunny winters morning with a bright weather forecast tempted 20 of Hogback's finest to scramble out of warm beds to Ryka's for the traditional start of season breakfast run. 2 keen new members had arrived at 8am and it was great to hear the sound of other Harleys approaching on the still morning. 18 bikes left bang on 9am for the usual progressive ride through the sweeping Sussex B roads picking up the last 2 with a swift wave when passing through Petworth. Goodwood was packed and our usual spot was reserved for VIP's (2) shame on the GRRC, still a great ride as always. See photos [here](#).

## Feb

- 26-27 The **London International Custom Bike Show** is the leading show in the UK for Custom Bike Enthusiasts and backed by the leading magazine in the custom market, Back Street Heroes. Congratulations to our GHD's Michael Noble and his red Twin Pan Bike to win 3rd place in the modified Harley class in the Custom Bike Building Championship! Great team effort. See Axel's and Ian's photos [here](#).
- Sat 19 **Casino Royale** A brilliant evening of sharp dressers, good food, professional casino tables, the usual fine mix of music from DJ Robbie, and just the best atmosphere from Hogsback Chapter. Hats off to Ruth and the LOH for arranging this - a first for Hogsback. Marvellous stuff. Loads of photos [here](#).

## Jan

- Thu 27 **LOH fashion Show** Superb fun evening with some truly great performances from the boys and girls on the catwalk! Two Fashion Shows with sandwiches and drinks in between, courtesy of the dealership. The staff and Chapter members - especially our LOH - put a lot of time and

effort into this and it showed - really good to see packed houses for both shows. Three sets of photos [here](#).

Sat 22 **Annual Road Crew Planning Meeting** Axel popped by to snap the Road Crew at their annual planning meeting. Four hours (!) later we had nailed it. It looks like a great programme in 2011 - 16 weekend rides plus Saturday rides, Sunday rides and rides in between too! Can't wait! See Axel's photos [here](#).

Thu 6 **First Club Night** of the year in our new venue - the Preston Cross Hotel. Fabulous food and very nice atmosphere - we think we'll get rid of some of those tables next time, though ... Photos [here](#).