

2012

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December

Charlie's day! Charlie is a 14 year old lad who is very ill who put a ride in a pack of Harleys on his wish list. Sean Harris from MAG Reading made the arrangements and was joined by bikes from Thames Valley and Hogsback Chapters. [Photos](#)
Club Night Christmas Special Fun and frolics at the Club's last official function of the year. A big thanks to all involved who made it such a good night and special thanks to the staff at GH-D who went to so much trouble on our behalf. [Photos](#)

November

End Of Season Party Held for the first time at the Ramada Hotel in East Horsley KT24 6TB and featured the Hickory Stick Boys and Rob's Disco! Photos [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)

Remembrance ride Members of the Thames Valley Chapter joined us for the 2 minutes silence at Rykas. Then Andy assisted by Cliff, Gaz, Pete and Wobin, led a massive 55 bike ride through the narrow lanes to Shamley Green for our own private wreath laying and act of remembrance. Then Robin took the Vicar on a ride and all was followed by lunch at the Grantley Arms. [Photos](#)

Goodwood Breakfast Club Ride - Ride Leader Graham and Backmarker Axel realised that nobody else was going to join them to Goodwood so changed the theme to "Breakfast at Rykas"! [Photos](#)

October

Spooky Ride Mark led the ride for an exclusive tour of the very spooky catacombs at Kensal Green Cemetery. [Photos](#)

Grease Monkey ride A damp day but ten boys (no girlies unfortunately) rode to the REME museum at Arborfield. An interesting couple of hours playing with tanks and boys stuff then lunch at the Hare and Hounds. [Photos](#) | [Part two](#)

BBC Springwatch at Hawk Conservancy The Chapter were invited to meet with BBC presenter Chris Packham and his crew to film a piece for the next series of Springwatch following our donation of £500 to help with the release of birds back into the wild. Much credit goes to Dave Stubbington and Norman Mann for leading on this fund raising effort. [Photos](#)

This ride replaced the official ride to Brightona, but this did not stop some members making the annual pilgrimage to this great biking event. [Photos](#)

2013 models launch weekend The Dealership opened their doors all weekend to promote the launch of the 2013 model range and the chance to see Axel's new bike! Also there was

the welcome reappearance of the burger van !! **Photos**
Brooklands Short 20 mile ride to Brooklands museum, shed loads of cars, bikes and planes to view. Reserved parking and a discounted entrance fee. Mark got impaled by the Concorde, Richard and Syoko tried to take off with a VC10, all in all a great sunny day out. Photos **Part 1** | **Part 2**
Ride To The Wall 5 Pete led the ride to this awesome event at the National Memorial Arboretum. **Photos**

September

Woody's breakfast ride to the Lobster Pot The last Sunday in September and a sunny morning attracted 15 members for a progressive 'Geezers' ride to the coast for a 10am Breakfast as promised by Graham. We enjoyed a great welcome and good service from the new owners of the Café on the beach where the 'Geezers' were giving it large with 15 excellent full English. After a 'Bimble' (servicemen slang) to 'Y' for Yapton making Richard's ABC's morning we continued through Arundel then another progressive ride back through some of the twisting lanes of Sussex/Surrey bringing a smile to the faces of the 'Geezers' finishing back at Rykas. Thanks to Cliff at the back - a perfect bikers morning! **Photos**

The Herberts got married! A fabulous occasion for Mark and Janice with many special memories for years to come especially riding through the streets of Guildford escorted by over thirty bikes ! Photos **Part 1** | **Part 2** | **Part 3** | **Part 4** | **The Album**

Opale Shore Rally Some images from the Boulogne Chapter's popular rally: **Friday** | **Saturday** | **Sunday**

Forget-Me-Not ride Gary led ten bikes (and thirteen souls) to Godstone Ponds where after a little bit of a fanfare the representatives of the Hogsback Chapter led off the walkers at the start of the Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. A short ride around the lanes to the Botley Hill Farmhouse for a cup of T.E.A. before returning to Godstone Ponds to see Elvis performing. A welcome return also for Estee marshalling at the rear of the ride!! **Photos**

Carlo's ice cream ride All went well, 22 bikes started out the ride and the weather was superb. Dave and Norm did back markers. Route was through upper hale to Nelsons diner at Kingsclere (Howard left here as he was going to Berkshire Show) and then down to Whitchurch and on to Chilbolton for lunch at the Mayfly. After a great meal on the river we moved to Carlo's ice cream nr Romsey for desert!! A short hop to Southampton Harley for a coffee before going to Loomies on A272 via the country way. Ride stopped at Loomies but some had already left at Soton. All in all a great day when everything went according to plan. **Photos**

Heartbeat ride 28 Hogsback Chapter folk on 17 bikes cruised up the A1 and around the North Yorkshire Moors in search of Heartbeat film locations, Goths, cracking fish 'n' chips, cream teas, chocolate box railway villages and the most glorious late Summer weather. All were successfully nailed. What a great weekend! Photos: [Friday](#) | [Saturday](#) | [Sunday](#)

High Jinks in Highgate Gary led the ride to this famous cemetery thundering through Camden Market - always a crowd pleaser - and on into the quiet affluence of Highgate, and a fascinating tour around the old graveyard. [Photos](#)

New Members ride Safety Officer's briefing on how we do things at Hogsback - and why. Then we went on a demonstration ride with many of the Road Crew to see it all in action. This event is a great introduction to the Road Crew and group riding, but is open to older members as well to help provide a big group experience. [Photos](#)

Shoreham Air Show A great day out with lots to do: fantastic static displays, stunning air displays and a memorable "scramble" all for £5 only per person! [Photos](#)

August

Mosel WineFest ride to Germany If you haven't been to a German wine festival then this is one to go to. Not just a wine festival but good rides around the national parks and along the river. [Photos](#) More [photos!](#)

Ace Café Harley & Buell Bash Photos

Thunder in the Glens Amazing, huge, fun rally in Aviemore, supported by H.O.G. and hosted by Dunedin Chapter. [Photos](#)

Woodies Diner Woodies Diner? No, Sorry, quick change of plans. 13 members on 11 bikes visited The Arun View in Littlehampton, and that for a good reason: to be able to welcome a very special guest, Steve Palmer. Good to see him in such good shape and humour. And then we learned that Nigel and Russ went to Woodies Diner ... at least we now have pictures to share! [Photos](#)

Hever Castle Gary led the ride to the beautiful Hever Castle for a day of fun and fantastic history, the spectacular jousting, the gardens, maze and castle itself. [Photos](#)

Battle of Waterloo Weekend

Part 1: Friday 17th - Brugge and Harley Capital Brussels, plus a medal for Gary awarded during a delicious dinner.

[Photos](#)

Part 2: Saturday 18th - the real battle starts, Wellington and Napoleon finally clash, and the Prussian Bluecher eventually turns up to support Wellington. A Bedford bus tour around the battleground later, we visited the impressive Ronquières Inclined Plane. And not to forget an Italian dinner

with some Belgian accounting surprises. **Photos**
Part 3: Sunday 19th - a visit to the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, followed by a tour through the la coupole in St Omer, a gigantic underground bunker designed by the Nazis in 1943-1944, to store, prepare and launch the V2 rockets. Then a quick dash to the Eurotunnel to join half of whole GB trying to return home. **Photos**

The South of England Superbike Show Photos

Lunch at the Locks Photos

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Thursday's Preview **Photos** | Friday **photos** | LOH Diamond Ride **photos** | Saturday **Photos** | Chapter 'Blue' Rideout **photos** | Norman & Dave's BBQ **Photos** | Katy Shotter Band **Photos**

July

Hogsback Chapter Road Crew Open Morning Photos.

Iron HOG Charity Endurance Ride 5 Hogsback riders with iron butt are at it again - this time riding 1491 miles to 22 dealership in 54 hours, covering all corners of mainland UK, raising over 1000 GBP for their chosen charities. Photos by Russ, Margaret, Richard, Charlie and Axel. **Photos**.

Run Rabbit Run Summer's evening ride to Arundel for a drink and supper at the Black Rabbit.

Back to College ride Roger led the ride through Surrey and Berkshire to Eton College and village to see 'high society' academia and to behold the beautiful architecture there. Then rode the short distance to Royal Windsor for a group photo and some refreshment. **Photos**

The Corks Pop to Rutland Friday events. Ride to Oakham, the historic county town of Rutland, England's smallest county and home of the Quarn Hunt. Some of the highlights will include visits to Oakham Castle, Rutland Water, Sycamore HD, NorthField Farm near Melton Mowbery and the Grainstore, an independent brewery with a large range of real ales and live blues band on Saturday night. **Photos Part 1**

Part 2

Harley Ride-In to Beaulieu Dave S led the ride for a celebration of Harleys from all over and no rain!! **Photos**

Wheels for Troops Crippo led a merry band of Krispy Kreme Doughnut filled members on a very wet ride to the Fox Revived pub on the top of Norwood Hill. Refreshed with a bacon butty and a drink, we joined a variety of bikers including members of the Royal British Legion Riders for another very wet ride out! **Photos**

Inter Chapter Ride to Hever Castle Cliff led a brave group of five Hogsback riders to Maresfield Sussex to join up with a 1066 organised Inter-chapter ride to Hever Castle. The

weather forecast was bad and unfortunately very accurate; nevertheless thanks to Road Captain Steve from 1066, a very good day was had by all in the castle and grounds. Despite the weather there were nearly 40 bikes (including 5 from Thames Valley). **Photos**

Nip to the Looe

Part 1 - Friday. Ride to Looe - there were more Little Chefs than rain... **Photos**

Part 2 - Saturday. Plymouth, Dartmouth and a dealership.

Photos

Part 3 - Sunday. Visit of Dartmoor Prison and Buckfast Abbey

Photos

Not so Secret Bunker Back to the Future, but its not a movie set, its real! Gary's ride into Essex to visit this now not so secret bunker. Designed for up to 600 military and civilian personnel, possibly even the Prime Minister, their collective task being to organise the survival of the population in the awful aftermath of a nuclear war. **Photos**

June

Midnight Madness Annual night time pilgrimage to the heart of London as we power up the Kings Road, pose at the Palace, invade Covent Garden and tour through the darkened City before a kebab in the shadow of the London Eye. This is a bold, audacious and exciting ride. You'd be mad to miss it!

Photos

Run to the Ace Cliff, supported by Mick Palmer at the rear (thanks Mick), led about 15 Hogsback bikes around the M25 to the Ace Cafe for their regular monthly Harley night.

Filtering was the order of the day, but all bikes made it safely to the Ace to join several hundred new, old and customised Harleys. A great display on a warm summers evening.

Photos

Dead Rock Stars ride Andy led a fascinating evening tour of London around a number of spots where some of the greatest rock icons pegged it - and explained how. Evening finished off in Bill Wyman's Sticky Fingers restaurant. **Photos**

Fathers Day at Petworth Afternoon of live music, inter-Chapter mingling, VIP parking and an adoring public. Oh, and free entry to the house for Harley riders and pillions. **Photos**

21st Euro HOG Rally in Cascais

13th June - The highway ride to Portugal (Salamanca to Cascais) **Photos**.

13th - 14th June Registration & a beer! **Photos**.

15th June - Friday Party Photos.

16th June - Saturday Parade Photos.

Ride to the Picos de Europa Photos.

Final ride back home Photos.

Members Memories 1 - 2 - 3

Not the Victory Ride A select group of battle hardened Hogsback veterans decided to ignore the forecast of torrential rain on the south coast and set off for the D-Day museum at Southsea on Sunday. Taking advantage of the early morning sun we enjoyed taking the scenic route to include the Petworth to Peterfield bends, arriving at Southsea in time for coffee and a look around the exhibits and still get back in the dry in time for a late Sunday lunch. We were fortunate enough to meet up with a veteran who had been there who provided some first hand experiences and also talk to someone who had constructed a huge model of the glider landing at Pegasus Bridge, a key strategic link in the allied invasion plan. **Photos**

Magic Rally Glorious rally on the Rhine. Norm, Dave, Katie, Len, John, Brian and Axel were going to this the 11th Magic Bike on their way to Portugal - just a small detour of 1000 miles! 2 groups rode to Ruedesheim, Norman, George, Len and Brian in 2 days, while Axel leads David, Katie and John in a long one day 435 mile ride to Germany through the Eifel. 2 evenings of rally, music and party were concluded by a great parade through the Rheingau. **Photos**.

Not everybody is a fan of parades but many love them especially the general public! The Magic Bike organisers worked out a great route which was well marshalled by the police. After the parade, Norman, David, Katie, Len, John, Brian and Axel left for France on their long way to Portugal, George returned home to the UK. **Photos**

A 4 day ride by Norman, David, Katie, Len, Brian, John and Axel from Ruedesheim to Salamanca, totalling 1,400 miles. In Arudy (France), Jon joined us for the last 437 miles to Salamanca, where we united with Robin's group and other members. **Photos**.

Shepperton Fair - Shake and Show Another crowd-pleasing procession through the High Street to kick start the Shepperton Village Fair, followed by a static display in the arena and an afternoon of fair stalls and entertainment. Lots of food outlets + beer tent. **Photos**

Choppers meet Choppers: The Return Following the success of last year's ride, a lot of people were interested in this ride. Dik led approximately fifty bikes from GH-D to Odiham (the RAF base which is home for the Chinook). En route we were joined by a contingent of Choppers from the Hogs Back Brewery! Special mention to Rhino for making the arrangements behind the scenes that enabled the day

May

happen. Lots of photos for this ride! Part 1: **The Ride to Odiham**, Part 2: **The Return** & Part 3: **Meet the Chinook**.

Poole Bike Night Sleepover Steve led the ride to what has become a hugely popular summer venue with bikers and locals alike. B&B overnight in specially arranged accommodation at the nearby RNLi College with a brief tour of the facilities and the lifeboats stationed at the centre.

Photos.

A Sandwich in Kent? In brilliant sunny weather, Roger (with Norman and Robin as backmarkers) led a scenic ride through Surrey to the historic medieval town of Sandwich in Kent.

Photos

New Member Ride Met at **Guildford Harley-Davidson** for the Safety Officer's briefing where new members were explained how we do things at the Hogsback Chapter - and more importantly why. Then all went out on a very hot demonstration ride with many of the Road Crew to see it all in action. Due to high turnout we split in 2 groups, led by Carl and Graham respectively. **Photos**.

The Over the Rainbow Ride 13 bikes (16 bikers in total) rode down to Chichester where we walked the walls and stopped for eats and drinks. Henry Hook played on the swings and we even got sight of the famous Peregrine Falcons nesting around the Cathedral Spire. **Photos**.

Deliverance ride A daring dash of fun to the fabulous Forest of Dean and the border country with wonderful Welsh Wales. This backwoods weekend features two nights in the award winning Farmer's Boy Inn feasting on the region's finest fare. The former coaching inn even has its own Pie Shop and Delicatessen. **Photos**.

Hook Does Hawks Dave and Tracy led 17 HOG Eagles flying along the M3 and A303 with Fiona and Norman protecting their tails. Destination was the Hawk Conservancy near Andover. A truly fantastic time was had by all, seeing vultures swooping down right over the crowds at head height. Also on display were hawks and eagles. A brilliant display of owls was witnessed within the woodland owl arena, again some of these birds swooped down at head height over the spectators.

Photos

Army Flying Museum Today was Pete's inaugural ride as 'Lead' since joining the Road Crew earlier this year and he took sixteen bikes to the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop near Andover. As well as an extensive museum, Middle Wallop was the location for the Centenary celebrations of the Army Flying Corps. There was an extensive static display of fixed and rotary wing aircraft to be seen plus a

flying display that featured many aircraft, not least of all an impressive performance by an Apache helicopter and two World War II Spitfires. A great day was enjoyed by all in brilliant sunshine!! **Photos**

Dambusters run Robin led the ride to commemorate the anniversary of Operation Chastise - the attack on German dams carried out on 16-17 May 1943 by Royal Air Force No. 617 Squadron, who were subsequently to become known as the "Dambusters", using a specially developed "bouncing bomb" invented and developed by Barnes Wallis. Due to the high number of photos, the photos have been split into three galleries: **Part 1 - Friday, the ride to Germany, Part 2 - Saturday, the Sorpe and Moehne Dams** and **Part 3 - Sunday, the ride home.**

Jurassic Ride to IoW A Long weekend of Sun, Sand and Sangria was marred by a feeling of being rather WET & COLD. But in true Britishness 12 happy souls from Hogsback Chapter spent a packed weekend enjoying what the IOW had to offer. Andy & Margery loved it so much they managed to travel down twice in one day! (yes, Don't ask?) Also the fact that we all ended up on a Life Boat within an hour of arriving was only a precaution and not what could have been. Full write up in next newsletter, so much to tell. Thanks to everyone on the tour for making it so special. **Photos**

May Day Run to Hastings Despite a lousy weather forecast Cliff led 10 Hogsback bikes on a surprisingly dry traffic free ride (avoiding A21) down to Hastings to join 15,000 other bikes for what has become over the last 20 years a traditional May Day biker event. A good day was had by all. Special thanks go to Rob for stepping in as back marker. Photos

The Not Marwell Zoo Ride As the weather was far worse down here and at Marwell than Guildford it was decided by popular opinion that breakfast at Longacre B & B and time to dry out was a better option. Never mind we'll try again another day.

Wobin's ABC Ride Started from Guildford BK at 10:30 with 10 bikes. Went to Henley via Jacobs Well, Wood Street, Hale, Mychett, Deepcut and stopped at the Deepcut cafe for lunch before moving on to Frimley, Camberley, Yateley, Aborfield, Twyford, Henley with Oxfordshire and Bucks thrown in. Because we had some new ones we decided to do more than just the outstanding letters and picked up a few gaps for the newbies. Weather was good in that it didn't rain. No incidents and a good time had by all. Ride was stopped at Maidenhead and return via M4 and M25 with riders peeling off as they reached their turnoff. **Photos**

Club Quiz Night The evening started with Roger presenting

cheques for £800 pounds each to representatives of the three charities that we as a Chapter support - the Alzheimer's Society, the Rainbow Trust and the Surrey Air Ambulance. Then last year's winners returned as Quiz Masters for the evening. A hotly contested test of specialist and general knowledge led to much head scratching in the room. Eventually the two prizes on offer (Quiz winners & Best team name) were both scooped by the magnificent 'Forlorn Hoppers'. **Photos**

Apr

Moules sans Frites Very wet but enjoyable 250 miles day ride to France via the Tunnel to experience the glorious empty roads of Northern France, guided by Keith and protected at the rear by Mark and Dave. Once in France, we started with a typical French breakfast with pain au chocolat et croissants, followed by a great provincial (?) lunch. Though the moules came without their frites, they were a delicious decoration on a fantastic Paella during a 3 course lunch. A big Thank You to Opale Shore Chapter, their officers and members, to organise our short stay so professionally, to feed us and to guide us safely on a variety of roads, coastal streets and town centre wet cobblestones in Boulogne, back to Calais. **Photos**

Steaming ride to Kempton Ride to visit the world's largest fully operational Triple Expansion Steam Engine - "The Sir William Prescott" plus impressive model railway displays.

Photos

Slow Riding Course A big thank you to RoSPA Thames Valley today at Bisley for instructing us on the dynamics and principles of 'slow Riding'. The course attended by 30 members of the chapter hopefully, with a little blood, sweat and a few tears helped boost confidence in an area of riding we often overlook. The slowest rider in the timed event was none other than our Axel (much to Steve's disappointment as he was leading until Axel stepped up to the plate). You will be please to know that ALL the £265.00 raised is being donating to the Hants Air-Ambulance by RoSPA Thames Valley. A very kind thank you to Shaun at Bisley Pavilion for the location and all his prep to secure the safe riding area. More riding courses later this year so keep an eye out on the chapter web site.

Photos

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Chapter escort for Steve Barnard 1951-2012 A lovely

ride from Runnymede through to the outskirts of Milton Keynes where the promised bad weather was waiting for us! The last few miles to Steve's house were very wet indeed. The sun came out for the ride from the house to the crematorium as we escorted the funeral party. A very dignified affair and despite the sadness of the occasion, very uplifting with all those that knew Steve celebrating his life. As for the ride home the hailstones as we left Milton Keynes were a portent of what was to come ! Conditions best described as biblical, but strangely enjoyable as well. **Photos**

Fish'n'Chips ride Steve (*standing in for Catherine who is not well*) with backmarkers Dik and Andy, led 34 bikes through the beautiful Surrey and Sussex countryside to the seaside resort of Littlehampton for lunch. A walk along the front in the Sun, then fish and chips or something more sophisticated at the spectacularly sited East Beach Cafe. Some members even stopped at the Bury Hill cafe on the way home. **Photos**

Wobin's ABC ride Part 1 8 bikes started, well technically 9 but Cliff was a bit late and tried to catch us up but didn't manage it. 2 bikes left early due to the weather and that left 6 of us to do the full day. Drizzle turned to rain by Four marks and stayed with us through Winchester, Stockbridge, Quarley and until after Solstice services on A303. The 5 members were a happy crew and Nige did a good job at the back ensuring the rear was protected and it's a very important position given the type of ride. Dan Metcalf did well on his sporty as did Richard. Russ and Axel are dependable and after the rain stopped and we had dried out a bit and had some food just short of Wincanton, we headed into the plains area to pick up some more letters. Lots of new and varied roads including one I will do again because it was really good and enjoyable.

No incidents to report, just lots of fun and a long day with the ride stopping at the junction of A303 and A34 at about 17:45. Around 250 miles in all, 24 ABC points, 3 coffees and 1 meal with new and old friends. . **Photos**

Lunch at Fort Nelson Easter Sunday ride to a spectacular location. With panoramic views across the Meon Valley and Portsmouth Harbour, Fort Nelson is a historic monument, now restored to how it would have been in the 1890s via a multi-million pound re-development transforming it into a museum for the 21st century. **Photos.**

Wheels Day at Aldershot

Wheels Day at Aldershot A picturesque ride along quiet back-roads and through sleepy villages arriving at Rushmoor Arena by the back-door. This very cool event is organised by the Surrey Street Rodders who lay on a magnificent event in

every respect. Great value for £5 (Kids & OAPs free) and you get to have your motorcycle displayed and admired in the designated parking area. **Photos.**

Beaky's Boot Sale in Dorking. **Photos.**

A frosty start to a beautiful spring day as the group of Hogsback riders led by Graham with our trusty photographer Axel taking the role of sweeper rode out of Rykas heading for the south coast. Our two new members enjoyed the progressive ride and the group arrived at the East Beach café bang on opening time - perfect! - But suddenly the manageress appeared waving her arms in the air 'We have a power cut, I am so sorry'. However contingency plans were rapidly applied and with some old school logic we managed to locate the West Beach Café where the group enjoyed a hearty breakfast sitting in the spring sunshine gazing out over a calm sparkling seafront. **Photos.**

Mar

GH-D's Birthday Bash All day celebration at the best dealership in England. There was Live Music, a free Hog Roast, Jump-Start (Fat-Boy on a rolling road especially for non-riders), Pin Striping, the marvellous HOGSBACK Brewery, an American Sweet Shop and a lot of other stuff besides!

Photos.

Borough Market Mark returned to this London market icon. We were able to wander amongst the fabulous range of food stalls trying to decide what to have for lunch and buy for later and then made it back to GH-D for the second half of the birthday bash. **Photos.**

Brunch ride to the Ogri café. Dik managed a very sunny Sunday ride, on nice little country roads to a proper little biking spot where their full English breakfast did not disappoint. After such healthy food, some members went on to Eastbourne for some delicious ice-cream dessert. **Photos.**

Pioneer Run Norm & Dave led us to see the old timers off, exit for a rather satisfying breakfast stop while they chuntered past - and still got down to Brighton to see them arrive. (Actually, not that difficult when you think about it, Norm). **Photos.**

Ride of Respect Members of the Hogsback Chapter once again, lead by Robin with Pete Hillier, as Sweeper (his first official duty as road crew) took to the open roads and onwards to Wotton Bassett in Wiltshire. The weather was kind with sunshine hitting the tarmac of the runway at Hullavington, where we all gathered to join in on the annual Ride Of Respect through Royal Wotton Bassett. This event would hopefully raise more than £100,000 for charities helping our Armed Forces personnel. **Photos.**

Chapter Challenge Mileage starts Robin registered the first members and their bike at GHD for the 2012 Chapter Mileage Challenge. It's easy and will make sure that all your mileage this year counts towards Chapter glory! If you missed today, you can always register at a later day. But please register!!

Photos.

First Aid Training This course run by the Red Cross focused on what to do in situations where motorcycles are involved and was open to Road Crew and Committee members. Incidentally, each member of Road Crew is required to participate in a Basic First Aid course at least every 2 years so that, should it be needed, they can offer the minimum of First Aid whilst out on official ride outs. **Photos.**

Brunch ride to Nelsons Diner Introducing Fiona Leaves as backmarker, 34 members joined Gary Baker in a sunny ride to the 50's classic Nelson's Diner for brunch. **Photos here.**

SOS Club Night Special Start of Season Party at the Grantley Arms - **photos.**

Feb

Brunch Ride Twenty Hogsback Riders saddled up with Mark for a ride to the Wild West (Sussex) and victuals at a Smith & Western Diner. Cold, bright winter's day - lovely. Photos **here.**

GH-D Open Days to see and ride the new 2012 Harleys, the Sportster 72 and the Softail Slim. Bit fresh, but after a brief flurry of German sunbed towels, there were some takers! Photos **here.**

New Officer Appointments at Club Night Congratulations to all! Keith Dorling was reappointed as Assistant Director and Treasurer; Carrol England continues as Secretary; David Atkinson continues as Editor; and Roger Bonnici continues as Charity Officer. Huge welcome to new appointees Dell Evans as Assistant Director; Wendy Evans as Membership Officer; Czes Wicherek as Webmaster; and Carl Christensen as Safety Officer. Five new Road Marshals were also appointed - congratulations and welcome to Andy Cripps, Pete Hillier, Fiona Leaves, Ruth Palmer and Gary Tew. Photos **here.**

Jan

Not a breakfast ride (Talmag Trophy Trials) A select few of the Hogsback posse met up for a non breakfast ride following Dave from Guildford via the scenic route (we must have woken Puttenham up) to Hungry hill near Aldershot, where we were greeted by the crack, chuff chuff chuff of loads and loads of four stroke bikes and sidecars finding their way through the woods. It has to be said it was a fantastic day out and I lost my heart to several bikes but most definitely to the Vincent comet. A big thanks to Dave for leading and breaking

my Talmag duck... shall I be back if I hear when it is again oh yes (report by Ian Thoburn). Photos [here](#).

Shooting at Bisley When Dell and Bill invited us for some Wild West action, who could resist! Great day out at Bisley Shooting Range, thanks to all the instructors spending so much time with us and letting us play with their powerful guns. After many rounds of exercise, the little afternoon competition was won by Gary M. Photos of all the action [here](#).

Brunch Ride to the Hare & Hounds Dave, Norman and Dell organised a great Sunday brunch ride. Our special guest at a difficult time in her life loved every minute of it! Over 30 Hogsback members were there and 10 then went over to the Mill at Elstead for a coffee in the Garden! We like this winter! Photos are [here](#).

Bimble and lunch A chilly start (circa 3 degrees) and 11 bikes met at Ladymead for an 11am start. A mixture of old and new faces which is good and off we went around the new parking system. I decided to go around the back of Guildford via Salt Box Lane and Worplesdon onto the Aldershot road until the Tongham turnoff and then over the Hogs Back and through the Sands area of Farnham. Then off to Tilford and Hindhead with a quick blip up the A3 to Milford and Godalming, past GH-D and on to The Grantley Arms. No problems or breakdowns and the welcome and food was good at the pub. Photos [here](#).

Brunch ride 15 Hogsback riders took up Gary's offer and we blew the cobwebs away in this breakfast ride Sunday morning to Cowfold through some great lanes. Photos [here](#).
