

## 2013

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### December

**Custom Bike Show, Bad Salzuflen, Germany** - Thirteen intrepid Hogsbackers went on a weekend sortie to this most amazing bike show. Like them or not, this custom show is first class. A mammoth display of the highest build skills by German designers and engineers. The pictures do not do justice to the levels of finish and quality of the workmanship. Supported by vast amounts of trade stands and exhibitors, it was difficult to see it all and very easy to get lost in the huge halls. Hogsback flew the flag and had many looks and a few comments about the Englanders visit.

The compulsory trip to a dealership got the weekend rolling after a very long journey on the bus. Good hotel, good food, brilliant show and a visit to the Bielefeld Christmas Market to round things off. Quite a slog there and back but a great jolly with great laughs and friendship. **Photos**

**Club Night Christmas Special - Photos**

### November

**End of Season Party - Photos 1 | Photos 2**

**In Long Johns to Black Bear ride** - Axel led thirteen bikes to Black Bear H-D in Newmarket, with Cliff and Gary T as backmarkers. Lots of sunshine all the way up, and a warm welcome and hot coffee helped against some colder stretches. After a tour of the new Lind dealership and its workshop, it was time for a slice of Pizza. Thank you Mike. Fast ride home via motorways, led by Cliff, with Gary T and Axel as backmarkers, allowed us to be home before sunset - and the inevitable drop in temperatures. Great turnout for a ride with just 3 days notice. **Photos**

**Remembrance ride** - Andy led a large group of forty four Hogsback and three Thames Valley bikes to a Remembrance Day Service at Sharnly Green with help from backmarkers Robin and Carl. **Photos**

**Club Night - Photos**

**Ace Café** - Gary led the ride from Rykas to the Ace Café via Hampton Court and Richmond Park with help from backmarkers Cliff and Graham. **Photos**

### October

**Spooky ride** - Cliff, with support from Axel & Dik at the back,

led twenty-five bikes safely to Brookwood Cemetery where we were treated to an excellent guided tour by of a small part of this huge unique privately owned cemetery by the "Brookwood Cemetery Society". This was followed by an excellent BBQ organised by the cemetery owners. It was a great day attended by 40 club members who were counted in and all counted out, so no one got left behind! Even the weather was kind to us. **Photos 1** | **Photos 2**

### **South Coast ride - Photos**

**Scrabble Ride "Dyna"** - A challenging but safe ride by Axel, scrabbling the word DYNA on damp autumn roads, in a 105 mile ride via "D"eepcut, "Y"ately, "N"ewnham and "A"lresford. Backmarker Robin and Cliff. Special thanks to Mike Wilson, the new dealer principal of Reading Harley-Davidson, for welcoming us at his dealership with donuts and a short tour. **Photos**

**Brightona** - Despite the relentless rain, Roger led the ride down to Brighton ... on his own! Several hundred bikers still made the effort to turn up at the charity event and the custom bike show was a true showcase of talent and ingenuity. Was the trip worth it? Roger will let us know when he dries out! **Photos**

**Copdock Motorcycle Show** - Cliff, supported by Gary T at the back, led six bikes on a 110 mile ride to the Suffolk County grounds in Ipswich. A great traffic free ride in the sun to a show that literally had something for every biker. A huge one day event supported by thousands of other bikers with various bike shows, club stands, trade stands, auto jumble, arena events as well as lots of food & music. It was a full day but good one. **Photos**

**Ride To The Wall 6** - Axel led eighteen bikes with backmarkers Robin and Nic at this years 6th edition of the Ride To The Wall. **Photos**

**Club Night** - Patches, pins, pints, pals, raffle, Bring & Buy Sale plus the election of a new Assistant Director, it was certainly busy evening in Wonesh! **Photos**

## **September**

**Hellfire Caves ride** - Cliff, supported by Dave and Robin, led twenty-five bikes on a leisurely ride to the man made Hell-Fire Caves in West Wycombe Bucks. On arrival we were given an excellent guided tour by an enthusiastic young lady who made the caves come alive. After recovering in the Courtyard Cafe about fifteen bikes, led by Cliff with support from Dave,

meandered back to Guildford's Newlands Corner for chips & ice cream and some stunning views! [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**Cowdray Park** Dave led thirteen bikes and 15 people on a very rural ride to Cowdray. Nice breakfast and walk to the ruins, short ride to the Elsted Inn for a pint! Cheers for backup and photos. Good natter with good people! [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**'Blazin Cannons' - New Forest Rally 2013** - Stormin Norman led the ride south to Weymouth and managed to visit every Town Center on the way. The stop at Southampton dealership was unplanned, but helped for comfort. After registration and settling into the assigned trailers, and a obligatory aperitif, we were finally ready to party in the ShowBar. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#) | Friday's Blazin Party, with Quiz and Games, strongly supported by our members. Those who did not participate on stage, made sure not only the bar had a good turnover. Congratulations to New Forest Chapter for this amazing event. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#) | Saturday's Parade, a Pirate costume ugliness contest - the Croc lost - and... more partying! [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**Forget-Me-Not ride** - Five bikes joined Gary Baker for the Forget-Me-Not-Ride in support of one of our favourite charities the Alzheimer's Society who lead the fight against dementia. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**Opale Shore Rally** - Friday: Dell led fourteen bikes to the Opale Shore Rally via the Eurotunnel. Photo session at Le Gris Nez, lunch in Boulogne, followed by dinner and part in Harelot with many Opale Shore Chapter friends. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#) | Saturday's excursion to Montreuil, the Opale Shore Rally parade and dinner at the Grand Café in Harelot. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#) | Sunday's ride home, with lunch near Calais at Au View Jack. Nobody lost, all in Eurotunnel, some very tired. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#) | Pictures capturing 3 days of Opale fun! [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**Chatham ride** - [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**New Member's ride** - Busy weekend at the dealership with a New Members ride, ROSPA Road Crew evaluation and new model launch for 2014. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#)

**VIP Launch Event** - Great evening at the VIP reception to launch the 2014 range at Guildford Harley-Davidson, with a first and exclusive view of the new models. A great variety on display (2 twin-cooled, Street Glide, Road King, Dyna, ...), and the buffet did not disappoint. [\*\*Photos\*\*](#).

## **Woody's Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)**

**Blue John ride** - Part 1: Friday's (a tad wet) ride to Peak District. [Photos](#). Part 2: A scary underground boat trip at Speedwell Cavern and a visit to Sid's Café. [Photos](#). Part 3: Saturday's action packed dinner, with birthday kids, levitating tables and a girl kissing biceps, while another was denied that pleasure. And some shoes... [Photos](#). Part 4: Ride home via Snake Pass, with a visit of the Caudwell's Mill. [Photos](#).

## **Club Night - [Photos](#)**

**Shoreham Airshow** - Gary led thirty three bikes from Hogsback Chapter in best sunny flying weather to Shoreham Airshow. [Photos](#)

## **August**

**Marwell ride** - " We're all going to the Zoo Zoo!! " Ruth led eight bikes to Marwell Zoological Park on Saturday. Fabulous weather, great for the Penguin Cave and the Meercat Grotto!! The cats were lolling about but we were lucky to be able to capture the Snow Leopard and her cubs. It is a great place for all the family .... including Hogsback!! [Photos](#).

## **Wheels Museum at Eton Wick ride - [Photos](#)**

**Parham House** - Fiona led ten bikes on a wet but drying ride to Parham House. Thank you to Ruth & Catherine for being back Marshals.....(could this be the first all girl Marshalled ride????) and a BIG THANK YOU to all who braved the early rain to make the ride. After having the guided tour, which Lady Emma and husband joined to say hello; lunch in the big kitchen and a lovely stroll around the gardens in the lovely sunshine, we all made our way home. Finally thank you Ken for your input and helping to make the day such a success. [Photos](#)

**Dell's Evening ride** - A warm dry evening as 16 bikes left GH-D for a ride through the back roads of Surrey and North Hampshire to the Cellar Bar in Fleet where Carl and Flo met us. Very loud music but good, slow food and a beer could not be spoilt by nasty traffic wardens. [Photos](#)

**Thunder in the Glens** - Part 1: Team Robin's ride to Aviemore, their crossing into Scotland and first impressions of Thunder in the Glens - [Photos](#). Part 2: Friday night concert at Thunder in the Glens - The Ballroom Gitz, the definitive tribute band to the 70s Glam Rock Movement. T Rex, Sweet, Slade, Bowie, Mud, the Glitter Band, Abba, Mott + much more. Maybe not everybody's

taste, but what fun this was! It was better than "The Sweet" (a Version 2 of Sweet) who played at Magic Bike Ruedesheim in May 2013. - **Photos**. Part 3: Saturday's action - the rideout and visit to an abandoned distillery, but what a great lunch location. **Photos**. Part 4: Saturday's Concerts, "Clann An Drumma" and "Bessie and the Zinc Buckets" live from Osprey Arena in Aviemore. **Photos**. Part 5: Sunday's searching for Nessie, scenic photo shoots, fighting at Culloden and listening to Showaddywaddy and other bands. **Photos**. Part 6: Ride Home. **Photos**.

**Oxford Landing** - Twelve bikes joined Robin for a lovely day ride with lunch by the river what more could you ask for? You could of course ask 2 great backmarkers, Andy and Axel, and you got them too. Scary though when you have lunch order number 132 and 41 is called. **Photos**

**Buckler's Hard ride** - Fiona led the ride to the exciting Maritime Museum which gives an insight into the history of this 18th century shipbuilding village focusing on its vessels including those built for Nelson's Navy. The village is located on the banks of the Beaulieu river in the heart of the New Forest National Park. **Photos**

**Trenches & Ypres ride** - Cliff led a leisurely ride to the battle fields of Flanders and the restored historic city of Ypres with its huge street market. **Photos 1** | **Photos 2**

**Selsey Lifeboat Day ride** - 32 bikes left Guildford and braved the rain to Chichester (yes Robin was with us so it had to rain). Here we gathered up other Hogsback members and joined New Forest, Lakeside and Thames Valley Chapters to take 132 HOG's to Selsey lifeboat day - what a sight ! The sun shone and all had a nice time at the fete. **Photos**.

**Retro Festival** - Crippo led this ride to White Waltham airfield near Maidenhead to one of the UK largest festivals of 40s-70s culture. **Photos 1**. **Photos 2**.

**Club Night** - Held at Bisley Pavillion and with live music! **Photos**.

**SofER 10** day by day

**Thursday** - Buildup and preparations - volunteers meeting and first test of Norman's kitchen. **Photos**

**Friday** - All the day's action **Photos** plus the LoH

ride **Photos** and Cregan & Co **Photos**

**Saturday** - including the Hogsback Rideout, Chapter Challenges, Hogsback BBQ and Iron Hog patch awards **Photos** and the Illegal Eagles **Photos**.

Views of the weekend by **Ian Thoburn** (aka Bosun), **Paul Treacher** and **Steve Palmer**.

## July

**Fort Nelson ride** - On a lovely sunny morning, Robin led eight bikes from the newly re-opened Burger King to Fort Nelson. Upon being asked if they should go the straight route or the wiggly route, the group opted for the wiggly route! So an hour and 40 mins later, and without any motorway at all and some lovely little roads, we arrived at the Royal Armoury. By the time we had had an ice cream, a coffee and a wander it was time to see the firing demo which was loud and impressive. A couple of bikes had to rush off so it was just a few who went to Southsea for fish and chips of the sea front. We followed a New Forest rideout for a while which was interesting! - **Photos**

**Persuasion ride** - Catherine led a relaxed ride down to the coast for fish and chips in Littlehampton. **Photos**

**Burlsedon Stars & Stripes** - **Photos**

**Dealership ride** - **Photos**

**Prisoner Weekend** - **Photos**

**Hawk Conservancy ride** - Eleven bikes left Burger King on another glorious day. Great shows as usual: thanks to Russ and Cliff for backup and thanks to Dave Atkinson for riding up from Taunton, dedication! **Photos**

**Naughty Norfolk** - Twenty-two members onboard fifteen Harleys had a fantastic trip up to Norfolk and back. The sun shone and the route there and back was a typical British summer scene. Who needs to travel on foreign fields?. Certainly not us! **Photos**

**Hogs and Choppers** - **Photos**

**Iron HOG Charity Endurance Ride** - Six riders from the Hogsback Chapter: Robin (ride leader), Miklos, Pete, Ken, Malcolm and Axel (backmarker) started their Iron Hog Charity Ride 2013 at 10am Friday on 12th July at GH-D and returned at

21:26 on Sunday evening. They covered 1,861 miles in less than 60 hours, and managed to visit ALL 28 HD dealerships on UK mainland. This gallery records their progress and epic achievement! **Photos**

**Letting Off Steam ride** - On Sunday 7th July, when wall-to-wall sunshine was ordered and experienced from dawn to dusk, a group of fifteen bikes assembled at BK in Guildford for a countryside ride to Wiston near Steyning in West Sussex, to allegedly the largest steam rally in the country. Set in the grounds of a forty eight bed roomed sixteenth century Grade I listed building, a menagerie of steam engines and working steam farm machinery were seen gathered in one area of the vast 6000 acre grounds. Judging from the feedback, a good time was had by all. **Photos**

**Harry Potter ride** - **Photos**

**Club Night at Bisley Pavilion** - a change of venue plus some lovely weather certainly got people in the mood for the **10th SOFER Rally** next month! Gary France's talk about his four and half month 21,000 mile ride across the USA also got many people thinking ! **Photos**

## June

**Mayflies and Ice-cream** - A Sunny Day! Twenty-two bikes gathered at Burger King to discover they were shut for refurb, Luckily those who needed to were helped by B&Q and Homebase and the burger van helped out with coffee and tea. Then it was off down the A3 to the tunnel and then the ride proper started, lots of wiggly roads and lots of people said where are we? at the stops J Having meandered through Hampshire we arrived at the Mayfly and that is one slick operation, within minutes of ordering our food it was starting to arrive and it was good too. Once everyone had eaten their fill it was time to go for desert and 35 minutes down the lovely roads awaited Carlo's. If someone had come to me and said "I am thinking of opening an ice cream parlour in the middle of nowhere, not close to a town or beach and I am only going to do four flavours each day" I would have said you were mad. Carlo's was of course packed! Having had desert it was off to the A272 and Loomies, I decided not to go into Loomies as I knew it would be jam packed (and it was) so we went to the wild bean café and Macdonalds at the Petersfield services. Most opted for the cold drinks and we sat under the tree (really big one there) and chatted for a while before we starburst our way home. No punctures, incidents or anything untoward to report just a blooming good bibble through Hampshire in great weather with nice people. Just about

a perfect Sunday. Many thanks to Axel and Grippo for back marking. **Photos**

**Midnight Madness** - From Rykas via Chessington, Hook Junction up the A3, the via Putney and Kings Road, Sloane Square to Buckingham Palace. Up the Mall, Trafalgar Square and The Strand to Covent Garden. Back via Strand, Aldwych and Fleet Street to St Pauls Cathedral. The darker leg is then via Canon Street, London Bridge to Towerbridge, and via Upper Thames Street, Southwark Street, the IMAX at Waterloo Station to Westminster Bridge, and off via Parliament Square and Victoria back to the County Hall. Photos **Part 1** | The following photos were taken with a GoPro handlebar camera. As dusk set in, the light did not allow for sharp pictures anymore from the shaking small camera but interesting impressions nonetheless. **Part 2** | **Part 3**

**'Last Night at the Prom' ride** Thanks to all for Kai's prom ride. He certainly had an entrance and his mum was thrilled. Special thanks to Mike for bringing his beautiful car (as backup) and Roger and Karen riding up from Waterlooville. Big event for Kai, short ride and over much too quickly. - **Photos**

### **Rocky Horror Show - Photos**

How d'you do,  
I see you've met my faithful handyman  
He's just a little brought down because  
When you knocked  
He thought you were the candyman  
Don't get strung out by the way that I look  
Don't judge a book by its cover  
I'm not much of a man by the light of day  
But by night I'm one hell of a lover  
I'm just a Sweet Transvestite  
From Transsexual, Transylvania. ***Dr Frank N Furter***

### **New Forest Lunch - Photos**

**Russ's Retirement ride** - After a 30 year career Russ retired today and marked this monumental event by leading a ride from Rykas across Surrey, Sussex into Kent for tea and cakes at the Sandhurst Tea Rooms. His ride was enjoyed by 5 other intrepid riders (Chris, Rhino, Paul, Bob & Nige) who turned up despite the weather. The ride was topped off with a stop on the return journey at Shaws Harley near Lewes picking up another ABC point and an exclusive tour of the custom bike workshop. A special thanks to Nige stepping in as a deputised rear marker and all the others for making this a special day. **Photos**

## **Blackpool - Photos**

## **Father's Day at the Children's Trust Charity Supercar Event - Photos**

**Swanbourne Lodge 'Surprise' ride!** - 10 bikes in all came out on the this surprise ride and well done to those who helped Adrian get his battery fixed at the dealership in time to join the ride - a blustery but rain free journey across the South Downs. And the surprise was ..... we went to "The Fox Goes Free" in Charlton near Goodwood instead of Swanbourne Lodge! -

### **Photos**

**22nd Euro Rally, Rome** - An amazing occasion for all those that went. Axel has organised the photos of the group led by Robin into seven galleries !

**The ride to Rome - Part 1** (3 days)

**The ride to Rome - Part 2** (3 days)

**Rome - the RALLY** (4 days)

**Rome - the PARADE** (Saturday)

**Rome - Bike Blessing** (Sunday)

**The ride home Part 1** (2 days)

**The ride home Part 2** (3 days)

## **Monkey ride - Photos!**

## **Shepperton Village Fair - Photos!**

**South Coast ride** - 15 bikes set off from Burger King on a pleasant ride down to the South Coast's Porchester Castle, taking in views of the Hampshire countryside and Portsmouth's dockyard and Spinnaker Tower, ending with a fish and chip lunch at Mother Kelly's. Thank you to Dave and Fiona who were back markers and to all who came. **Photos**

**Slow Riding course** - The sun finally came out on the day for members of Hogsback to take part in what was to be a very entertaining, educational and fun afternoon practising and sharpening up their slow riding skills. With help from members of Reading ROSPA Advanced Riding Group, many moved beyond their comfort zone and gained the technical knowledge to feel more confident about slow close quarter manoeuvring of their pride and joy! **Photos**

**May**

**Magic Bike Rally - Rudesheim** - Action packed 2 days, from Calais to Magic Bike Rally.

A hundred mile ride on Friday through the Taunus with a lunch stop high up on the Feldberg .... only to see that nothing can be seen when you are in the clouds! Then a quick dash to HD Factory Frankfurt for a bit of shopping, before Norbert, Rita, Katrin and Klaus invited us to the now traditional BBQ. This was followed by The Sweet in concert and the obligatory Jack Daniels good night drink. **Photos 1.**

Another fantastic parade on the Saturday through the Rheingau, marshalled by a surprisingly friendly local police force - yes, they do exist! **Photos 2.**

Saturday finished with the Magic Bike's impressive Firework display. On Sunday, we started the long ride home with a leisurely boat crossing of the Rhine, which 2 days later flooded Ruedesheim. **Photos 3**

**Newhaven ride** - Dell stood in for Russ and led 32 bikes on a scenic ride through the countryside to the Ark pub on Newhaven Quayside. A great few hours munching BBQ and listening to the bands playing then another pretty ride along the coast, over the south downs and on to Rykas for milkshakes. **Photos**

**Big Cat ride** - Axel led 23 bikes on a ride south via Royal Tunbridge Wells to the Wildlife Heritage Foundation, with backmarkers Robin and Andy. The WHF is not a zoo, its all about Big Cat rescue and breeding, check here:

<http://www.whf.org.uk>. After a welcome tea/coffee and a Health & Safety Briefing, we joined a 2 hour tour, guided by Breccy. The pictures show how different the WHF is, and how close you can approach to the Big Cats. Winning a raffle, Hannah, Pete and Eric were allowed to hand-feed a lion. The bonus of the day was however the privilege to see the 6 week old white lion cubs, who to everybody's surprise left their den. They must have seen the sun out for the first time in their lives. On the ride home, we stopped for a visit to Maidstone Harley-Davidson. **Photos**

**Rolls Royce ride** - Ruth led 18 bikes to Goodwood braving some stormy weather, with Steve and Axel as backmarkers. The factory was on temporary shutdown due to the line move for the new Silver Wraith, but everyone was able to sense the sheer quality and workmanship that goes into these cars. (Takes about 11 hides for the interior of one car!) Unfortunately no Fab1 for the Photoshoot !! **Photos**

**Ride to the Rings** - Avebury Monuments what can you say? Lots of stone hugging, beautiful countryside, great day out, great group of people! Round and round the roundabout!! **Photos**

## **Compton Village Fête ride - Photos**

**New Members ride** - Some good group riding advice followed by a short well attended ride out putting it all into practise. Many thanks to the Road Crew whom assisted. **Photos**

**Dealership Charity Run 2013** - Sandra Beeton dropped into GH-D this morning as part of her bid to visit all the H-D dealerships in Ireland and the UK within seven days. Some members of the Chapter were on hand to wish her well and Charities Officer Roger Bonnici presented her with a cheque for £50 on behalf of the Chapter to help her in her attempt to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

**Dambuster's ride** - Thursday (Day one): so it begins. Friday (Day two): the run on the 3 dams: Eder, Moehne and Sorpe. We arrived in time for a small ceremony, remembering the victims on both sides. Saturday (Day three): ride south to Bernies Harley-Davidson Dealership near Wetzlar, and lunch on the beach of the Dutenhofener lake. Sunday (Day four): an early start and a very sunny ride home at last. However, we lost Jon in Germany as he preferred to chase the train, then Gary and Chris in Belgium with electrical problems! Photos: **Day one** | **Day two** | **Day three** | **Day four**

**Steamin History ride (Bluebell Railway)** - On a sunny but rather chilly Sunday morning at the beginning of May, Pete led thirty one bikes carrying forty seven people from Cobham services to the Bluebell Railway in East Grinstead. The route meandered through some lovely country lanes, arriving in good time to catch the first steam train from East Grinstead station, along the eleven miles of track to Sheffield Park. The event theme was 'Southern at War' and authentic recreated scenes could be seen at each station and period war vehicles could be seen outside. In the afternoon, a smaller group of around fifteen bikes made their way from East Grinstead to Rykas and reminisce over a cuppa before heading for home before the dreaded rain!! An excellent time was had by all. **Photos**

**A Shaw Thing** - Dell led 15 bikes to Shaws Harley Davison where we were treated to a very interesting tour of the custom building operation. Then onto our GH-D's partner Porsche dealership in Tonbridge where we were greeted with refreshments and a tour of some very expensive 4 wheel toys. A quick visit to Maidstone H-D on the way back. Despite the poor weather forecast we stayed dry all the way until the last leg home. **Photos**

**Blindley Heath Country Show** - A delightful ride through the Surrey, Sussex and Kent countryside (could have been the 3 Counties Show!), and merely an hour later fifteen bikes arrived at Blindley Heath. Roger must have inside contacts because we were all given VIP treatment. He even won the local radio station raffle! **Photos**

**Whitstable Oyster Run** - 25 bikes left Rykas for a stunning ride led by Dik through the Surrey Hills and Kent lanes in glorious sunshine. With sweepers Gary Morss and Norman Mann looking after us at the back, the Whitstable crowds enjoyed our parade through the High Street to our special parking right in the centre of things. Fish and chips, oysters and a spot of relaxation on the beach and then it was back through the narrow streets and the highway home. Great day!**Photos**

**ABC 2** - An uneventful ride! Had a few drops to rain just to enhance Robin's reputation at first but then a glorious day to be out and about. Eleven bikes joined the ride with Cliff as back marker and as Russ (the other back marker) had to work at last minute, Robin gave Ken Hall a vest and he worked the back under Cliff's tutoring. Feedback from the members was very complementary about the back markers. Got 10 signs and an enjoyable lunch in a bikers cafe just outside Abingdon. Finished the ride at the BP garage on the A303 just short of the A34.**Photos**

**Cider Rally** - With the fine weather finally showing its better side, over 30 members of Hogsback Chapter headed west towards what was to be a fantastic 3 day Rally in Western Super Mare. Several join the main Saturday parade through the town. With good evening entertainment and really friendly atmosphere it fast became a social weekend enjoying both our own Chapter company but also that of friends from Chapters further afield. This is what being part of a Chapter and HOG is all about, Fun, Fun, Fun. Start the Rumble! Hear the Thunder! **Photos**

**Club Quiz Night** - Last year's winners 'The Forlorn Hoppers' hosted the quiz. **Photos**

**Apr**

**Retro Fair ride** - **photos**

**Moules et Frites in France** - **photos**

**St George's Day ride** - **Photos**

**Scrabble Ride "Hogsback"** - Axel led and 15 Harley's scrabble

the word HOGSBACK in a 115 mile clockwise ride, via "H"ascombe, "O"ckley, "G"rinstead (West), "S"torrington, "B"ury, "A"rundel, "C"hilgrove and "K"ingsley. With stops at Whitways Cafe and the "Chocolate Frog", we had plenty of refreshments in the sun. To finish the day, we rode back to GH-D via the Hog's Back. Thanks to Robin and Crippa who were the back markers. **Photos**

**Rally the Troops ride to Southsea** - Norm led 30 bikes on a scenic ride to Southsea and a visit to EXPLOSION - Museum of Naval Firepower, followed by the Royal Marines museum. Backmarkers on this large sunny ride were Cliff and Axel **Photos**

**Monument Ride - A scenic ride through South London to London Bridge Station followed by a brief walk crossing over the Thames river to see the Monument to the Great Fire of London. View London from height and get some exercise in the process plus a walk around the nearby area before stopping for brunch. Photos**

**Beaky's Boot Sale - Photos**

**Hovercraft Museum ride** - Gary Tew led 18 bikes on a 50 mile ride down to the Hovercraft museum at Lee - on - Solent, with backmarkers Cliff and Axel keeping the group together. Though the museum is usually closed on Sundays Jeff opened up especially for Hogsback members. A very informative guided tour of over 60 hovercraft including the SR.N5 which was the first production hovercraft in the world and the BH.7 which was used by the military. On the way home we stopped for tea at Loomies. **Photos**

**ABC 1 ride** - Great ride today, 18 bikes braved the chilly start and we went off to Zeals via Bentley, Itchen Abbas, Stockbridge, Over Wallop, Grately, Quarley, Stonehenge, Wiltshire and then on to lunch in Dorset. Back via Mere, Kingston Deverill, Hill Deverill, Longbridge Deverill and Andover. No incidents and the two back markers (Cliff and Russ) did a great job of protecting the rear and Axel as ever did a great job of the photography. Food at the Hunters Lodge was good and we sat OUTSIDE IN THE SUN and had a lovely lunch. No rain or snow, just a lovely ride through some good countryside. Thanks to all for keeping it together. **Photos**

**Start of Season Club Night Special** - Great evening. In the absence of Dell, Dik gave an overview of the forthcoming Rides. The pub laid on some super food; there was a free drink to all 2013 Hogsback members as well as a free bonus draw with

some very nice prizes! Axel got the right number for the main draw but didn't manage to pick the 'golden key' ! **Photos**.

## Mar

**Easter Egg Charity Run** - Today's Easter Egg Run was attended by fifteen bikes and even more warm hearted people. What started as a lovely sunny and warmish morning at Rykas turned into an ever increasing cloud laden sky where temperatures plummeted on route. By the time the destination of Battle in East Sussex was reached each rider was only too willing to hand over £5.00 per bike for an easter egg and the warm refuge of 'The Taste of Battle Tea Room' where warm beverages and hot food was ravenously consumed, thus aiding our chosen charities at the same time. Warm congratulations to all those that took part. May your extremities be warmed forever. **Photos**.

**Scrabble Ride "Photo"** - A new ride concept led for the this first ride time by new Road Marshal Axel Thill. The idea is to use the letters in a word (in this case PHOTO) to plan the route for the Scrabble Ride. This was the inspiration for an eighty mile jaunt round the roads of Surrey via "P"uttenham, "H"eadley, "O"akhanger, "T"illington and "O"ckley. 15 bikes finished the ride at the Grantley Arms, where Axel held a short presentation on how to take even better photos. Thanks to Robin for expert backmarking on his bike replete with Hi-Vis fairing. New member Gail deserves special mention for completing this her first ride having only obtained her bike licence 6 weeks ago! **Photos**.

**Wheels Day at Aldershot** - On a bitterly cold but sunny morning, Pete Hillier led an enthusiastic group from Guildford Ladymead the long way round to the Rushmore Arena for the Surrey Street Rodders Wheels Day. There was a large selection of cars on display including American, Hot Rods, Customs, Kit Cars & Bikes, plus there was a Fun Fair, Music, Trade stands, Refreshments and Craft Stalls. After kicking tyres in the bitter cold for a while, remnants of the original ride regrouped and Pete led them to the Squirrel pub to warm up and have a spot of lunch. **Photos**.

**GH-D's Anniversary and Mileage Challenge start day!** - It seems that no matter what the weather is like, it can't stop us having fun ! Great to see so many friends joining to celebrate our dealership's 4th Anniversary with some even arriving on their bikes ... the hardy souls. A big thank you to the staff that came out in force to handle one of the busiest days of the year so far. And in amongst all the excitement was Robin busy enrolling people into this year's Chapter Mileage Challenge. **Photos**.

**Road Crew Training Day** - A breakfast run led by our latest road crew members practising breakdown and ride leader information techniques. In torrential rain and sunshine, the newly appointed Road Crew was put through its paces, switching roles of ride leader and backmarker. The experienced Road Captains threw surprise after surprise at them, from a fake breakdown to a sick sounding horn that needed urgent AA attention. But most breakdowns were real, often the word "*this is not a exercise!*" had to start the instructions. From a flat front tyre to a flat (BMW) battery and non-stop warning indicators, the junior ride leaders were kept busy securing the "crash" sites and administering life saving first aid to empty Security Fob batteries. Starting at Hogsback's pub the Grantley Arms in Wonesh, the training group rode south to Petworth, the Whiteways Cafe, Chichester and back to Petworth. All participants hope the BMW made it home during daylight... **Photos**

**New Member's ride - briefing only.** The actual ride was postponed till the following weekend as poor weather was predicted but our Safety Officer Carl Christensen was at the dealership to run new members though best practise on group riding with the Chapter. **Photos**

**Borough Market ride** - Roger led a small group in a leisurely and DRY ride through South London to visit Borough Market adjacent to London Bridge Station. There was reserved free parking arranged for Hogsback Chapter, and all participants used the opportunity to discover the tastes, aromas, textures and colours that only fresh, seasonal food can offer. Interesting lunch next to the unique black bin attraction, with a visit to Warrs in Chelsea on the way home. **Photos**.

**Club Fashion Night** - The show opened in spectacular fashion with Mike Noble riding a bike onto the cat walk. Much thanks to Katie Bates, Ruth Palmer and the rest of the models who made the evening such fun. Four 20 year membership patches were presented and the new Editor and Activities Officers officially announced to the Chapter. **Photos: The Fashion Show | The Patches**

**Ice Breaker** - Over 20 bikes joined Graham to start the riding season with a cold but scenic run to Goodwood Motor Circuit for a late breakfast. Backmarker Robin introduced his new Hi-Vis fairing cover, and was supported by Axel. **Photos**.

**London Motorcycle Show** - some Chapter made their way up to London to enjoy the show. **Photos**

**Shooting at Bisley** - 12 members plus Axel and his trusty camera attended the now annual chapter shooting event at Bisley where they had a full days shooting of a large array of different firearms. Andy Sordyl won the chapter trophy for the under lever rifle competition. A cold but great day out many thanks to members Dell, Bill, Marion who arrange it with the Surrey Boarders Rifle & Pistol club and roll on the next one. **Photos**

**Bowling Challenge vs Oxford Chapter** - Hogsback 'Won' Oxford 'Nil'! Pete Hillier led the charge with an impressive 167 score whilst Eliya came in first for the ladies with a ball busting 140. We even had 3 riders on their bikes led by Axel, whilst you guessed it Oxford had NO score. "Who's the Daddy?" I hear you say, Hogsback Chapter are! Sadly the catering was a little under par, but a different night of entertainment was, I think, enjoyed by everyone. Great to see so many turn out including the supporters. **Photos**

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**Club Night** - First Club Night of 2013 and official launch of the 2013 Ride Programme.

**New Year's ride to Worthing** - Hogsback Chapter's members shone through the fog and mist with 35 bikes enjoying a lazy ride down to Goring-by-Sea (Worthing) for a sumptuous breakfast/brunch. We filled half the car park, then, half the café before filling our bellies. Carrol Tew blazed the way for the Ladies of Harley as the ONLY! lady rider on her maiden ride out with the Chapter. Great to meet up with friends and enjoy. **Photos**.