

Log for 2015

December

Thursday 3rd - Club Night Christmas Special - [Photos](#)

Last Club Night of 2015 at the Guildford Harley-Davidson dealership. Plenty of drinks, good food and the announcement of all weekend away rides.

November

Saturday 28th - End of Season Party - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

The last Saturday in November is the traditional date for our End of Season Party. 128 people attended the skulls and flames themed evening at the Hogsback Hotel. Dell presented our Toscar's awards, Wobin mileage and Axel the photo bombing competition. Dancing to the live music of 'Ear Candy' and our DJ Rob Paston until 1am. As usual the hotel provided good food and exceptional value for money with many guests staying the night and enjoying the benefits of the health suite followed by a few subdued and fragile faces at breakfast!

Sunday 15th - Ladies of Harley Lunch - [Photos](#)

Sunday 15th - Nutcracker Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 14th - Planning Meeting for the 2016 Ride Programme

Saturday 14th - Mileage Morning

Sunday 8th - Remembrance and Ring of Red ride - [Photos](#)

A large group met up at Rykas in time for the two minute silence and The Last Post before Andy England led the Remembrance ride to Christ Church, Shamley Green. After Andy read a poem and wreaths were laid in respect to the fallen, Pete Ostinelli led 26 Bikes to Cobham Services to join the Ring of Red on the M25.

We managed successfully to be on the M25 for 13:30 - the time when the organisers hoped to have made the 'Ring of Red'. Left the RoR at Junction 16 with 16 bikes and proceeded to the Ace Café for some refreshments after which all made their own way home.

Thursday 5th - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Sunday 1st - Goodwood Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

October

Saturday 31st - Spooky ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 25th - Full English ride - [Photos](#)

22 bikes set out on a beautiful, sunny, autumn day leaving Rykas for a short leafy ride down to Cowfold with Gary Morss leading the way. Unfortunately as it was such a great day, loads other bikers including Police bike trainers, had the same idea! The place was heaving and breakfast took over an hour to be served, so we did not continue on to Brighton as time would not allow. Instead, we returned to Rykas where we had coffee and a chin wag.

Saturday 24th - Mileage Morning

Sunday 18th - Scrabble Ride - [Photos](#)

Axel led 8 riders from GH-D on one of his signature 'Scrabble rides' completing the 'Lets Ride' portion of the H-D slogan "*Screw it, Let's ride*" he started in the spring with a gentle 100 miles ride via (L)eatherhead, (E)psom, (T)adworth, (S)alfords, (R)usper, (I)fold, (D)unslow and (E)lstead stopping for lunch at the Stag Inn, Balls Cross. Thanks to Jeremy Bevan for acting as back marker.

Sunday 11th - Brightona ride - [Photos](#)

Steve Palmer led 31 bikes down to the Brightona Event - the bright dry weather made it the biggest event yet - there was a sea of bikes! After strolling down Maderia Drive admiring bikes, most enjoyed fish and chips on the seafront before wending their way home.

Sunday 4th - V Power Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

An 8.30 am start on a crisp late summer morning saw Grahams Woods lead 16 HOGs from Rykas for a progressive ride to Goodwood to the V-Power Sunday event. The sun rising into clear blue sky over the freshly harvested field patchwork of Sussex looked spectacular in the morning sunlight. We arrived to a packed display of V-twins and exotic cars displayed along the start / finish straight. Breakfast on the balcony of the RAF control tower and back home in time for the Sunday roast... perfect!

Saturday 3rd - RTTW - [Photos](#)

Paul Andrews led 11 bikes from Cobham Services at 06.30 on a chilly but dry day to Cherwell Services, joining the parade ride to the National Memorial Arboretum. Always an impressive amount of bikes and this year proved no exception. Highlights were watching the White Helmets Display Team, very skilled, even the rider who

crashed into the barriers! The low fly past by the D47 Dakota and the moving memorial service.

Led ride back to Cherwell Services (part of the journey in two groups haha) Then onwards to home dispersing the ride on the M25. Good day had by all. Back markers Paul Taylor, Andy Parker and Ken Hall (reserve)

Thursday 1st - Club Night - [Photos](#)

September

Sunday 27th - Watercress ride - [Photos](#)

Ruth led us along some great roads to a great pub in the middle of nowhere (*well on a private estate in Easton near Winchester actually!*) for lunch and when we were all pleasantly refreshed, she took us for a relaxing ride on the steam train from Alresford to Alto (home of Harry Potter's Hogwarts Express). What better way to spend a sunny September Sunday!

Saturday 26th - 2016 Model launch - [Photos](#)

Fri 25th - Mon 28th - New Forest Rally - [Photos](#) [Fri](#) | [Sat](#) | [Lynn](#)

Sunday 20th - Ogrri ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 19th - New Members ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 18th - Mon 21st - Opale Shore Weekend - [Photos](#) [Gen](#) | [Fri](#) | [Sat](#) | [Sun](#) | [Mon](#)

Sunday 13th - Brighton Burn Up ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 12th - Headcorn ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 11th - Sun 13th - Rumble in the Mumbles Weekend - [Photos](#)

After a gap of 4 years, Hogsback Chapter returned to shake the Gower with Harley thunder on what turned out to be a glorious three days, with some nifty shower dodging on the Saturday. 17 bikes left the dealership on Friday following an early store opening (thanks Toby), joined later by two more bikes along the way. We thundered off westwards via the old A4, ate lunch in the shadow of Caerphilly Castle, and then rode a fabulous scenic route up the Rhondda and down the Afan valleys, through the hairpins between the two, finally descending into Swansea and on past the Mumbles to the far end of the Gower, where the bar and dining rooms of the

hotel overlook the amazing three mile sands of Rhossili Beach in their entirety - easily one of the most majestic vistas in the UK.

On Saturday we took a series of easy steps biking around the sights of the Gower and the Brecons, with an entertaining tour the Penderyn Whisky Distillery, lunch in a country pub, and a shopping trip to Swansea Harley-Davidson, where we were warmly welcomed by the Black Mountains Chapter bearing gifts of coffees, teas and plates of freshly made Welsh Cakes. The day was rounded off with ice cream in the late afternoon sunshine overlooking the Mumbles themselves.

Sunday was a lovely progressive ride home in autumn sunshine and on dry roads - half motorway and half the wonderfully empty A4, with a nice little lunch stop in elegant Marlborough.

Dik and Hillary had a fabulous time leading this ride of 33 members, including Gary Morss, Paul Andrews and Paul Taylor who provided solid and highly effective assistance at the back - many thanks to them. Thanks also to Gary and Chris Morss who helped with the recce. And special thanks to Ken Hall who organised a wonderful memento of the ride - thank you to him and all who participated in an excellent weekend. We had a blast!

Sunday 6th - Mayfly ride - Photos

Blessed with superb weather Trevor Rawlings had a great turnout of 26 bikes and about 35 people for his first ride as Ride Leader!

The first stage to Nelsons, went well with one missed turn saved by Trevor doing a quick turnaround at the next roundabout which gave everyone a chance to wave at each other! From there we went to the Mayfly via B roads with no mishaps parked up and got tables on the terrace for all of us overlooking the River Test. Food great, views great and everyone very chilled and happy. A special thanks to Karen whose involvement with the venues helped enormously and made it all run smoothly.

Saturday 5th - Steaming Hogs ride - Photos

Fri 4th - Mon 7th - Cornish Capers Weekend - Photos

Friday: Dull drizzly start for Crippa and his six followers as they assembled at the Princess Royal for a quick coffee before setting off. Unfortunately Bernie was stuck in Istanbul with a tech aircraft but drove down Saturday to meet us so eventually eight people, five bikes, a trike and a car. Leisurely route A31, M3, M27, A35, A30, M5, A38, A390. Stopped for lunch at The Spyway Inn, Askerswell. Pit stop at Plymouth H-D (it's moved), over the Tamar and onto Trenyhton Manor, Par.

Saturday: Visit to Eden Project, St Mawes and Falmouth.

Sunday: Jamaica Inn and Padstow dinner at The Rock Inn Roche.

Monday: Back via North Coast, Bideford for lunch through Exmoor National Park into Riders at Bridgewater onto Glastonbury, Castle Cary and joining the A303. No incidents to report but an interesting route when Charlie led back from the Padstow (think we actually went through one of the Eden Biomes!).

August

Thursday 3rd - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Sun 30th - Harley Day @ the Ace ride - [Photos](#)

Cliff led about 30 bikes on this pleasant morning ride with everyone arriving together and his sat nav not getting him lost! The weather remained dry as predicted in the e-shot and the Ace was good. Thanks to the back markers Chris and Trevor.

Sunday 23rd - Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 22nd - Little Puffer's ride - [Photos](#)

Charlie led 9 bikes on a beautiful sunny day down through Sussex and into Kent to the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. The bikes were parked up and we all had a ride on the miniature train to Hythe where we ate ices creams before returning back to new Romney for the ride home.

Fri 21st - Sun 23rd - Somme Weekend - [Photos](#)

With Gary Morss leading the way, 11 bikes left the Service area just before Tunnel turn off through some very beautiful countryside with small villages to the town of Albert which is in the heart of the Somme Battlefields.

The Hotel was great and the evening meal and company was good, as was the wine and beer! The next day we visited the monuments dedicated to Canadian, British, French, South African and Irish regiments, however, I was having considerable difficulty locating the Welsh Dragon.

For the evening of the 22nd I had booked a small restaurant in the centre of Albert. On arrival we found the street outside the restaurant was closed and all the tables were out side and a live band was playing such classics as Sweet Home Alabama under a warm and clear evening sky. The food was good and we danced in the street with the locals doing the conga and meeting the Mayor (a Harley Owner). Lots and lots of alcohol were consumed and a great time was had by all. The only concern being finding our way back to the hotel, as some of those in the group were taking two paces forward and three back!

On Sunday, before returning home we had time for one last try at finding the Welsh Monument. We spoke to an Irish couple who had lived in Albert for several years and it had taken them several months to find it, so with high expectation and a set of instructions we set off, and the rest is History. Yet another great triumph for the Hogsback Road Crew.

The only down side to the trip was the odd shower on the way back but more annoyingly, the four hour delay at the tunnel due to migrants on the line and a train stuck inside the Tunnel.

"I think this was one of the most enjoyable trips I have had in sixteen years of being a H.O.G. Member." - Gary Morss

Fri 14th - Sun 16th - SofER Weekend

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Wow! What a Rally! As the programme said, it's been a long and twisty ride to migrate what is a premier UK H.O.G. event to Hickstead, but the five Chapters did it. Big Thank Yous to all who helped put this event on and for everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable weekend.

Sunday 9th - Battle of Britain ride - [Photos](#)

Paul Andrews led 19 bikes from Cobham Services on a mainly non motorway trip to Folkestone to the RAF memorial. First fuel stop at 68 miles for a Sporty then onto an enjoyable and relaxing early lunch at the Airport Cafe. From there to Folkestone to the Memorial and the new Visitors Centre & The Scramble Experience.

Lovely sunny day to look out over the Channel to France and we were treated to a display of Rolls Royce motor cars at the memorial as an added bonus. Onwards to the Kent Battle of Britain Museum at Hawkinge, a veritable treasure trove of objects on display from the battle. Return led motorway trip home ride dispersed at M25/A217. Back markers Cliff Mitchie and Chris North. Very positive response from riders and pillions who enjoyed the day.

Saturday 8th - SofER Practice for Road Crew

Thursday 6th - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Tuesday 4th - Aces High ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 2nd - Selsey Bill ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 1st - Slow Riding Course - [Photos](#)

11 members of Hogsback Chapter experienced some very useful training on the art of bike control on this years' Slow Riding Course, run by Carl, Hogsback Safety Officer. Various obstacles were set up to test and improve skills, and boost confidence in an area of biking we often overlook. As part of the course this year an articulated truck was arranged, and all took turns in the cab, to see what the driver can see or not - something of a revelation about how bikes can disappear from view! A big thank you to Thames Valley Advanced Motorcycle group for giving up their time to instruct. Donations from those taking part raised £110 for Surrey Air ambulance. Everyone is encouraged to do this course!

July

Fri 31st - Sun 2nd - Lincolnshire Weekend - Photos 1 | 2

Led by Dell, a dozen bikes roared up to Boston Lincs stopping off at the Shuttleworth collection for coffee and an invite to display our hogs on the flight line for their Facebook page. A VIP tour of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight with access into the non public area of the hanger, a Tornado display then dinner at the famous Blue Bell Inn and topped off with a visit to the Wolds Bike Night - what a busy day! The next day we visited the fab Bubble car museum, then had a guided tour to Skegness hosted by the Lincoln chapter with a run of 35 bikes followed by a boozy dinner. On the return day stopped at the Ton Up café on the A5 and finally at Windsor riverside. An action crammed weekend.

Thursday 30th - Committee Meeting

Sunday 26th - One for the Ladies ride - Photos 1 | 2

Not too many takers for the ride today. Many thanks to Andy Parker for turning up to act as Road Crew and preventing me from becoming "Nobby no Mates"!

Sat 25th - Sun 26th - Bath ride - Photos

13 bikes and a trike left the dealership taking A and B roads where possible. The group, led by Gary Morss, headed off to the new Stonehenge facility for a coffee and comfort break before continuing onto Bath arriving at Hotel at 13.30. The hotel itself was adequate but its location was great, right on the river and next to small toll bridge.

We took the river boat into bath and arrived in time for our allotted tour of the baths and, after this initial self guided tour, we retired to the Bath Kitchen Restaurant and our private room for Dinner. The meal was excellent and following dinner and a few drinks we returned to the Baths for the Twilight Guided Tour.

Sunday 26th - Over breakfast we all decided to take our time leaving, missing out the planned visit to an old Abby due to the sheet rain! After a very leisurely breakfast we all got our wet gear on and, or course, as we left the rain stopped. Most of the group managed the ride back with only the odd shower.

Sunday 19th - Gosport ride - Photos

Gary Morss led 12 bikes from Guildford Burger King to Gosport Submarine museum taking the scenic route down and despite Portsmouth council doing their best to hide the museum by closing the bridge! We were treated to a great tour around an authentic submarine and the museum was well worth the visit. Add really good weather and a great day was had by all.

Sat 18th - Sun 26th - Eagles Nest Week -

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Day 1 - Eurotunnel to Merzig.

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *Up at silly o'clock to get there early. Packed into a tube they call a train and kept there for at least an hour before we could start off; arrived in France to the sun though. Quick shopping stop at Lille H-D ... then a whoosh down to Germany through France, Belgium and Luxembourg with a couple of rest stops on the way. It's been a long day and the bum is numb but it's ok because now we're in the bar with Paul, with Andrew Waller at Hotel Restaurant Laux.*

Day 2 - From Hotel Laux to the Engel in Herbertingen.

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *Up early to a good breakfast and off again. Through Alsace country to Strasbourg - a glimpse of the good and bad - then on for a delicious slice of Bavaria at lunch and a peek inside a beautiful church. Up up up a very windy road to an amazing view from the top then a breeze back down and on to our destination for tonight. Austria. I think! Cheers with Andrew Waller at Hotel-Gasthof Engel.*

Day 3 - From Hotel Engel in Herbertingen to Hotel Hochzillertal in Kaltenbach with great views of Schloss Neuschwanstein, of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang fame, and Zugspitze.

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *Castles and Calamities. No thunder storm last night but oh my god the bells! Church bells ringing ALL night. Beautiful sunshine this am tho and off we go through some beautiful countryside and roads till we arrive at Koningschloss for a lunch stop. On to Zugspitzblick, through the mountains past Innsbruck towards the land of the Von Trapp family.*

Day 4 - The day of Grossglockner Pass.

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *It was all about the mountains today with lots of hairpin bends and one very long, dark, damp tunnel. We wound our way to Zell am See and then up up up to the clouds of Grossglockner. I'll admit to gritting my teeth on some of the tighter bends with the sheerest of drops (and no barrier!) But oh my was it worth it for the views. Absolutely breathtaking. Literally. Back down to the searing heat we've been lucky enough to experience here and on to Golling, our base for a few days.*

Day 5 - At the top of the Eagles Nest

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *We left our idyllic mountain retreat for a gentle bumble back into Germany. Round and round the mountain we went up to Berchtesgaden and a fascinating if not chilling tour of the museum and Nazi bunkers. On to a bendy bus then and further up the mountain where we climbed into Hitler's golden elevator to ride up to his hideaway, the Eagles Nest. Astounding views and scenery and not bad goulash. A gentle walk back down to the bus and back to the hotel.*

Day 6 - Last day staying in Gollich, going deep underground in the Salzmine Berchtesgaden, Koenigssee and Salzburg H-D.

Ride reporter Nicola wrote: *Salt, Slides, Salzburg and Stings! We set off back to Berchtesgaden for the salt mine tour. Absolutely fascinating then we headed off to beautiful Koenigssee where we enjoyed a tasty lunch and stroll by the lake and through the shops. Then on to Salzburg H-D where everyone's wallets took a battering!*

Fri 17th - Sun 19th - Haynes & Planes Weekend - [Photos](#)

A great weekend was had by all down in Somerset for the Haynes and Planes. Coffee at Dockgate (*Bob Tile now reinstated as Dealer Principal*) lunch in Lyme Regis. Saturday morning saw us at the Haynes and Planes Museum drooling over the fabulous cars; afternoon cream tea in the grounds of Montacute House (*where they filmed Wolf Hall*). We met up with some past Hogback Chapter members at supper on Saturday night. Sunday was spent at the Fleet Air Arm Museum which is home to a prototype Concorde and much more, arriving back home for tea.

Cheers to all you "Harley Dalmatians" you know what we mean !!!

Wednesday 15th - Pub Quiz Night ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 12th - 'Simply Bikes' at Beaulieu ride - [Photos](#)

Pete Ostinelli led 9 bikes from the Princess Royal (not a bad turn out considering the night before was Midnight Madness) to Beaulieu but unfortunately it turned a bit damp so 'wets' had to be worn! Once at the show, the promise of a free bacon roll for advanced ticket holders was not on offer, as they had run out by 11.00am! 6 bikes joined Pete for the return ride home.

Saturday 11th - Midnight Madness ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

Graham Woods led 59 solos and one trike on a warm summer evening for our annual 'Midnight Madness' ably supported by road crew marking every junction en route.

A steady ride to Tibbett's corner was drawn to a 10 minute 'nut roasting' as we hit the traffic leaving the Wimbledon ladies final, Graham remembered his cycle route to Wandsworth Grammar and led us through Lytton Grove and back to the sanity of Putney hill.

After a Kings Road cruise we 'photo bombed' Buckingham Palace and 'crashed' Covent Garden for refreshment to a sea of photographers giving every member their 15 minutes of fame. Strand, Aldwich, Fleet street to another 'photo bomb' on the steps of St Paul's, Tower Bridge, Tower of London and on to Westminster before relaxing on the terrace of a Turkish restaurant near the London Eye and home by midnight.

Fri 10th - Sun 12th - Bard Luck Weekend - [Photos](#)

Wednesday 8th - Minions ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 5th - Hogs on the Farm ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Saturday 4th - Sojourn to Seaford ride - [Photos](#)

Thursday 2nd - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Fri 3rd - Mon 6th - Tour de Normandie Weekend - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

June

Sunday 28th - Jivin in the Bush ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Paul Andrews led 22 bikes on a pleasant 40 mile bumble to Bushy Park (ride time 1hr 20m) where they were joined by other Hogsback Chapter members. The rain at midday did little to spoil the party atmosphere. Thanks to back markers Henning and Chris.

Fri 26th - Sun 28th - Frisky Frolics Weekend - [Photos](#)

Sunday 21st - Not a Tank in Sight ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 20th - East Beech Cafe Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

Charlie led 15/17 bikes down to the East Beach Café for a very pleasant breakfast, and then afterwards back to GH-D.

Thu 18th - Sun 21st - Waterloo Weekend - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

A three day ride to Waterloo to the 200th anniversary and re-enactment of two parts of the Battle. The ride there and back was uneventful and whilst both battle evenings had rain at the end it did not dampen the spirits. The hotel was good and in a good location. We even managed to fit in a trip to Capital Brussels (Harley dealership) and Lidl's for goodies to scoff for the second night.

Thu 18th - Sun 21st - Euro Rally Weekend - [Photos](#)

Sunday 14th - Biddenden Vineyard ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 13th - Shepperton Fête ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 12th - Sun 14th - Benelux Weekend - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Sunday 7th - Off With Her Head ride - [Photos](#)

On a glorious sunny day, Chris North led about 40 bikes & 1 HD trike (50 souls) from Rykas on a pleasant ride through the green & lush landscape of Surrey and Kent. On arrival at Hever, we were parked in front of the Castle. After something to eat, which included lashings of ice cream, and a look around the fabulous castle & grounds, it back to Rykas. Special thanks to back markers Paul Andrews & Henning.

Saturday 6th - New Members ride - [Photos](#)

Thu 4th - Sun 7th - Magic Rally Weekend - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Thursday 4th - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Tuesday 2nd - Mick Smith Funeral Cortege - [Photos](#)

May

Sunday 31st - Bike Museum & Ace ride - [Photos](#)

Gary Morss led 10 bikes from Rykas to Greenford Motor bike museum via Richmond Park and Kew Bridge. The museum is a charitable trust housing some 150 classic and British motorcycles. After viewing said bikes and having had a cup of coffee we all made our way to the Ace cafe for a well earned "salad". Weather good for time of year.

Saturday 30th - South Coast Special ride - [Photos](#)

Thursday 28th - Harley Night @ the Ace ride - [Photos](#)

Monday 25th - Margate Meltdown ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Pete Ostinelli led 18 bikes to this Ace Café event on minor and local roads through the lovely Kent countryside with vistas that included Oast houses and windmills arriving at Margate around 13:15. The group enjoyed 'Fish & Chips' lunches and whelks from the sea food stall! The return ride was once again non-motor way and a non-stop after refuelling in Margate, getting back to Rykas around 18:30. Thanks to Henning & Paul Andrews for sweeping.

Sunday 24th - Lunch at the Mouse ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 23rd - ABC 2 ride - [Photos](#)

On a glorious Saturday, Robin led the eleven assembled bikes to collect some more ABC points. No road crew so Rob stood in as back marker and did a great job. No photographer either, so Lawrence stood in and did the business. There were no incidents and we clocked up Jacobs Well, Fox Corner, Pirbright, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey Heath, Yateley, Eversley Cross, HD Oxford, Great Shefford, and West Berkshire. Sadly Caversham bridge closure stopped us getting the Oxfordshire sign but at least we got to Oxford HD. Coffee in the cafe at Deepcut and lunch at the Bull at Streatley. Filled up at Wantage and had a coke at the van on the A4. A long day, but plenty of stops to break it up. Thanks to all but especially Rob and Lawrence.

Friday 22nd - Hogs and Stags ride - [Photos](#)

Thursday 21st - Thames Valley Chapter Club Night ride - [Photos](#)

Despite horrible traffic jams 16 bikes made it via the back roads to Thames Valley Chapter's Club Night at their new Windsor venue.

Sunday 17th - Lady of the Rings ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 16th - A Shaw Thing ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Fri 15th - Sun 17th - Pudsey's Iron H.O.G. challenge- [Photos](#)

Sunday 10th - Chartwell House ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Chris, his first time as Ride Leader, led 18 bikes plus some pillions (24 persons in total) from Rykas on a lovely ride through B & C country roads. Occasionally plagued by large groups of cyclists, he managed to steer past them all without mishap. Chartwell staff looked after us well: a light lunch on the decking in glorious sunshine before returning to Rykas in formation on the A25.

Saturday 9th - Reading Dealership ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Thursday 7th - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Monday 4th - Hastings Bike Show ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

A cancelled ride on Saturday and inclement weather Sunday led to a very large turnout for the Bank Holiday Monday ride. Crippo led some 40 bikes from Rykas on a progressive 70 miles ride first to Horsham joining the A23 then onto the A27 through Bexhill and along the seafront to Hasting with a quick stop at Polegate services to pick up another member. A 3 hour stop to enjoy the bikes, stalls, food and the lovely

May Day maidens. A smaller group joined the ride back to Rykas and glad to say no incidents worthy of reporting apart from Paul Andrews who had some ignition lead issues just before arriving at Hastings!

Sunday 3rd - Blindley Heath Country Show ride - [Photos](#)

The rain fell hard and stalwart Roger awaits any participants to the Blindley Heath Country Show Ride. Only one new member appears eager but the damage is done and the ride is cancelled due to inclement weather and low turnout. A quick swap of transport modes at home and Roger attends the show anyway. Attendance was very low but as soon as the weather improved, so did the interest. The following day, the weather greatly improved and the show was a huge success.

Fri 1st - Sun 3rd - Wagons to Wales weekend - [Photos](#)

With a dry start from BK Guildford, Andy England and his band of cowboys and cowgirls plus 3 trikes set off for Welsh Wales. First stop the Swan at Newbury for coffee and biscuits before blasting off past a group of Mods on Vespas to the Fox and Hounds in Acton Turville for lunch. Crossing the Severn bridge on a bike is always special especially when the weather is dry, then into the hills and valleys to our hotel in the Brecon Beacons.

The next morning we meandered down some pretty but damp lanes following the canal to Brecon, at a coffee stop in the Cathedral where Gary Morse got a bit misty eyed, he does love a good wedding. That evening was the Country and Western festival set on a wind swept mountain somewhere in the middle of nowhere, being as the tickets were a fiver we not expecting much. Were we in for a shock, as soon as we entered this massive marquee which had a 1 in 10 incline from one end to the other we entered a different world. Think OK Corral, Dodge City, there were about 500 of them dressed up in cowboy outfits and armed to the teeth with guns, knives and truncheons, and then of course the 17 bikers from Surrey. The night was hilarious and they made us very welcome, the atmosphere was wonderful and most of us will return.

Sunday was Thunderbolts and Lightning very very frightening as we returned to dear old England. A great crowd, good surroundings and please ask anyone who went about the cowboys, line dancing and holes shot through the marquee roof.

April

Thursday 30th - First Aid course - [Photos](#)

Sunday 26th - Sammy Millers ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 25th - 2WheelsMiklos Open Day ride - [Photos](#)

Late entry into the ride program and billed as 'The shortest ride of the season'! Departing GH-D on a drizzly morning, Paul Andrews led fourteen bikes on a 90

minute circuit through the Surrey Hills to arrive at 2WheelsMiklos Classic and Custom Shop open day.

Mike and Sally and the team made us welcome and plied us with Hot Dogs and nibbles while we perused the array of bikes in the showroom and workshop. Other Hogsback members dropped in during the day. Chris North as Sweeper. Nothing untoward and enjoyed by all.

Sunday 19th - Salisbury Spring Surprise Bike Show ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 18th - Moules & Frites ride - [Photos](#)

An excellent sunny day was laid on for the Moules et Frites ride, led by Roger Bonnici, which saw sixteen bikes and twenty-five happy members visit Boulogne sur Mer and indulge in a delicious lunch before returning home again. Brilliant weather and a very clear view across the English Channel to see the white cliffs of Dover.

Thursday 22nd - Committee Meeting - [Photos](#)

Monday 13th - Reading HD dealership is now open! - [Photos](#)

Gary Morss led a small contingent of Chapter members from GH-D on a leisurely ride to the new H-D dealership in Reading which opened its doors today for the first time.

Sunday 12th - ABC 1 ride - [Photos](#)

A beautiful sunny day and 13 bikes set off for Q's and Z's. There was only one mishap and all enjoyed the day a 137 mile ride out. Ride terminated at Barton Stacy after making sure all knew where they were going.

We Collected: Bentley, New Alresford, Itchen Stoke, Stockbridge, Quarley, Zeals, Mere, Kingston Deverill, Hill Deverill, Longbridge Deverill, Andover. 11 towns. Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire. 3 County's Test Valley. 1 District. A total of 15 points.

My very big thanks to Axel for all the photography work and to Rob for stepping in to be a temporary rear guard and back marker.

The mishap entailed one rider's pannier dropping off as we were on a dual carriageway around Alton. He was close to the rear of the ride when it happened and as I had Scala contact with Beverly she was able to tell me that one of the riders and the back marker had stopped. I stopped the ride in a lay by and awaited the back marker to arrive. He did and told me all was well and no property people or other vehicles were involved. The rider asked if he could return to collect the pannier and I gave permission for him to do so. The ride waited until he returned some 5 minutes later with bag reattached. Rob performed well and took control of an awkward situation. **- Robin**

Sunday 12th - Surrey Harley Bootsale - [Photos](#)

It started as a dark cold and very early start of 05:45 for Gary Morss, Andy England and Roger Bonnici setting up the stall tables in Pippbrook Car Park, Dorking and finally ended at 12:30 having sold over seven hundred and sixty pounds worth of unwanted Harley bits and pieces for Chapter members and earning £115.00 for our charities in the process! Thanks to all those who helped on the day and the dealership's Mick and Bob for their support too.

Saturday 11th - Road Crew Training Day - [Photos](#)

Monday 6th - Crofton Steaming ride - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Sunday 5th - Boathouse Brecky ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 4th - New Members ride - [Photos](#)

Easter weekend new members ride saw possibly the biggest turn out ever of riders. The weather held off as after a Board room showing of the new Chapter group safety video by Carl, the road crew were able to complete a short ride with new members to ensure everyone felt part of the Chapter and be prepared for the new season ahead. Many thanks to the Road Crew again for their support.

Friday 3rd - Wheels Day - [Photos](#)

Dreadful weather conditions resulted in Pete being very lonely at the starting point of the ride. The ride destination was then altered to Pete's house with only 1 rider.

Thursday 2nd - Club Night - [Photos](#)

March

Saturday 28th - Start of Season Party - [Photos](#)

Saturday 28th - Little Willy ride - [Photos](#)

A little chilly in the extremities saw only five hardy members, including two new members Peter and Honey, travel up to Littleport's William Harley Snr's memorial. A one hundred and fifty mile round trip on great roads made it all worthwhile. A lovely pub lunch by the Gt Ouse river and no real rain.

Sunday 22nd - Pioneer ride - [Photos](#)

A total of twenty, rather chilly, 'pioneers' assembled on eighteen bikes at Rykas to co-ride with the vintage bikes from Tattenham Corner by Epsom Race Course, down to Madeira Drive in Brighton. After a quick, rather windy and chilly visit to the start line to see a few intrepid riders chug off on their long journey, the group then headed off for a breakfast stop near Cowfold on a much quicker route. It was then over the South Downs and drop down into the back of Brighton to view the successful bikes at close quarters.

Saturday 21st - GH-D's Birthday Bash - Photos [1](#) | [2](#)

"A great effort was made by the LoHs today at the Dealership's Open Day - with the cakes and refreshments. Many thanks must go especially to Sue Hillier, Julie Legg, Tracy Bonnici, Flo Fernandes who kept the teas and cakes coming (not to mention the doughnuts) !!

Thanks also to Stefan Wojcicki for the loan of his doughnut machine - the doughnuts were a great success. Also thanks to Miklos Salamon who gave us his £50.00 prize (for the best non - Harley Event) that he won during the day, which took us to £557.27 for our Chapter Charities.

Thanks to Toby and the Team at the Dealership, to all those who donated the goodies and finally to all who came to support ... well done"

Ruth Palmer - LoH Officer.

Sunday 15th - Scrabble ride - [Photos](#)

A day starting cold and wet turned into an enjoyable "Scrabble ride" on a variety of roads travelling approximately 120 scenic miles and scrabbling the word "Screw" via "S"halford, "C"hilworth, "R"udgwick, "E"astergate and "W"aterlooville. Coffee stop at Whiteways Cafe followed later by lunch at the Seven Stars.

Sunday 8th - Nutcracker ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 7th - Lisa is back at GH-D! - [Photos](#)

What better way to spend a lazy Saturday morning than having a burger and chat in the sun at GH-D!

Thursday 5th - Club Night & Fashion Show - Photos [1](#) | [2](#)

Thanks to all who you who went to the Club Night Fashion Show and made it such a great success for the 4th Year running. And of course, special thanks to Toby and the crew for laying on the refreshments, and for Katie and all those Ladies of Harley (yes the guys too!) who modelled and helped backstage. A big thanks to last minute models Shuoko Thill, Ken Hall and Steve Palmer.

February

Saturday 28th - 2015 Chapter Challenge Launch Event - [Photos](#)

Thursday 5th - Club Night is Quiz Night ! - [Photos](#)

Really great Quiz Night - thanks Robin and the team. And big congrats to the winning team - good luck running it next year!

Sunday 1st - Annual Shooting Event at Bisley - [Photos](#)

The annual Chapter shoot at Bisley organised by Dell & Bill was attended by 14 members on a cold but sunny day. The day was spent trying a wide variety of fire-arms and after a hot lunch to warm up the afternoon was spent shooting black powder pistols. Congratulation to Steve Routh for winning the competition for the smallest trophy Dell could find.

January

Saturday 31st - Winter Chapter Challenge - [Photos](#)

Tri-Chapter Ten Pin Bowling Challenge 2015 - The results are in for the first games of the year. 1066 & Invicta chapters took up the challenge from Hogsback to engage in the fine art of launching (I use the word carefully as some methods of projecting the ball on occasions resembled canon fire but with the person still attached !?) said balls on to demolish little ten pins at a distance that might as well have been on the moon! With much cheering, laughter, new friendships made and if only' s, the match came to an end too soon. With a combined overall score Invicta Chapter were Team winners. The individual top scorer was Pete Hillier from our very own Hogsback chapter. Well done Pete and a big thank you to all those who took part and supported the event. *Crippo & Carl*

Thursday 22nd - Committee Meeting - [Photos](#)

Saturday 10th - New Road Marshal induction - [Photos](#)

Thursday 8th - Club Night - [Photos](#)

Wednesday 7th - Hoegh Osaka Lookie Lou ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 3rd - New Year's ride to Pagham Beach Café

Ride cancelled due to bad weather.