

Log for 2016

December

Saturday 10th - Silent Pool Distillery visit - Photos

Saturday 3rd - Ghostly Guildford walk - Photos

About 40 members joined Dell Evans braving the cold for this hilarious guided walk. The guide was clearly as mad as a box of frogs and everyone laughed their way from one spooky event to another.

Saturday 3rd - Arundel by Candlelight ride - Photos

Thursday 1st - Club Night Special - Photos

November

Saturday 26th - End of Season Party - Photos 1 | 2

Sunday 20th - Ladies of Harley who Lunch - Photos

Ruth organised a much anticipated Sunday Lunch at The Parrot Inn and was joined there by 25 ladies. It was a great chance for many to meet up over a glass of sparkly and a lovely lunch, this time leaving the bikes at home (except for Liz - the trojan that she is !) The Secret Santa proved a great success with some interesting surprises. This will be in the diary for 2017!!

Sunday 13th - Ride of Respect - Photos

After the Remembrance Ride concluded, Pete Ostinelli led a group of 18 riders from both the Hogsback and Thames Valley Chapters Bikes to join the 'Ride of Respect'.

As there was no road crew available for back marking, Hogsback member Eric Miller volunteered to assist (big thanks). After joining in the RoR, 7 riders including 1 from TV then headed off to the Ace Cafe for some light refreshment.

Sunday 13th - Remembrance ride - Photos 1 | 2

Sunday 6th - Toast the Coast ride - Photos

On the morning of the ride, Ride Leader Graham Woods looked out of the window to a clear blue sky, though it was 1°C and there had been a frost overnight. The only issue was that he had traded his Harley for the new M8 street Glide (delivery promised for March 2017). A Ride Leader without a Harley to ride - something that he would win a Tosca for at the End of Season party!

Undeterred, Graham decided to fire up his Ducati and ride down to Rykas just in case anyone turned up for the ride which was just as well he did, as he finished up with 6 bikes on the run! It turned out to be a great breakfast ride to Littlehampton Marina with everyone arriving frozen but enjoying one of the best 'full English' on the coast ... as promised!

Saturday 5th - Chapter Mileage Collection - Photos

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

Another busy Club Night! Highlight of the evening was the election of the new Assistant Directors - congratulations to Paul Andrews and Robin Seymour for their resulting appointments.

October

Sunday 30th - Spooky ride - Photos

Saturday 29th - Chapter Mileage Collection

& Harleyween at GH-D - [Photos](#)

Thursday 28th - Committee Meeting

Sunday 23rd - October Surprise ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 16th - Scrabble ride - [Photos](#)

After the late night rain stopped in the morning just in time for the ride meeting, Ride Leader Axel waited in the dry of Rykas, tasting a lifeless Bacon Roll in anticipation of a gentle ride. He would not be disappointed, the ride was so gentle, that no wheel had to turn and no engine had to roar to life, as not a single member showed up for this second instalment of the Scrabble Ride 2016, celebrating after "Twenty" the word "Five", the years of existence of... a Chapter in Surrey.

The safety officer can be happy that no member turned up, as there was no Road Crew present to marshal the masses during this planned 90 mile ride, except for the mentioned Ride leader Axel. Tree huggers will be happy to learn that only little fuel was burned, during the 90 mile recce some weeks earlier, and the lone ride home. Some say, most fossil energy was wasted on the Bacon Roll, and thanks to the zero acceptance by members, no energy needed to be burned in preparing cardiologically

questionable late Full Fat English Breakfasts at the ride's destination, the Bushe Cafe. To summarise a exciting opportunity missed: nothing to report.

Sunday 9th - Ace Cafe Breakfast ride - Photos

Saturday 8th - Director's Farewell Ride - Photos [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

Huge thanks to all the members and Road Crew and their 80 bikes who participated in the last ride that I will lead as Director. The atmosphere was just amazing and the weather was manageable. I was particularly struck by Fred Clarke's kind words: *"Really enjoyed today's ride, the sun the rain and the BBQ. A memorable event ... I was glad to be a part of it"*. Me too! Great photos from Axel, Lynn, John and quite a few others too - all will make the memories last. Thanks, too, to Toby for the excellent BBQ afterwards. Brilliant stuff.

Dik Gregory, Director

Saturday 8th - Macmillan Coffee and Cake' event - Photos

[Featuring photos both before and after the Farewell Ride]. A great big **THANK YOU** to all who supported this event at the dealership, especially to all those who baked ... even Robin managed a Cake! We raised £442.00 - a brilliant effort !!!

Thursday 6th - Club Night - Photos

Congratulations go to Dell Evans (Director) and Karen Rawlings (Secretary) Designates announced at a busy and boisterous Club Night!

Sunday 2nd - Italian Sunday ride - Photos

17 Harleys met for an 8.30 am start on a bright sunny Autumn morning and enjoyed a progressive pace set by Ride Leader Graham Woods on the empty Sussex lanes, re-grouping at Petworth and arriving in time to share breakfast with other biker friends and family arriving on Harley, Ducati & Moto Guzzi motorcycles.

Saturday 1st - LoH Cake Sale

Many thanks to all the cake makers and eaters who braved the weather and supported the '**Not the Directors Farewell Ride**' event!! We raised £250.00 for Chapter Charities.

September

Thursday 29th - VIP Reveal Evening - Photos

A chilled evening drooling over the new 2017 range at GH-D with the usual high level of hospitality from Toby and his team.

Sunday 25th - Winchester Market ride - [Photos](#)

The weather turned out to be sunny and warm, which was a contrast to the heavy rain that fell earlier in the day!

20 riders along with some pillions joined ride leader Chris North on a ride that meandered through the beautiful leafy country roads of Hampshire. The going was good, but with the odd slippery moments caused by rubble being washed on to the roads. We eventually made it to the top floor of the multi storey car park.

Unknown to us, Winchester Half Marathon was in progress and the finishing line was in the high street. After obtaining provisions from the food stalls, chilled out on the lawn near the Cathedral. The return, was a progressive ride along the A31. Thanks to Trevor Rawlings and Andy Parker for being the rear gunners.

Saturday 24th - New Members ride - [Photos](#)

Yet another brilliant day meeting new members on what turned out to be a glorious ride out. Head Road Captain Graham Woods lead the group, after a short intro by the Safety Office Carl Christensen in the theory of safe group riding. The weather again made for a superb constructive ride out through some of the best Surrey and Sussex county side. Great turn out by the Road Crew and regular members of the chapter to welcome our newest Hogsback Chapter members.

Fri 23rd - Sun 25th : End of Season Rally Valkenburg

- [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

"Well what a cracking venue for a rally. Valkenburg that is, not the holiday park or the Casino, although both tried their best to welcome us. Lots of Brit contingent and I think we were the major element to the weekend!

The ride to and from was uneventful and without mishap and included a visit to Capital Harley-Davidson and a ride into the one way system of Valkenburg. Hotel Hulsman was good and they looked after us very well plus there are loads of good restaurants in the old town. I for one will go back to this one but it's a shame that they move the EoS around the low countries as Valkenburg would be a great home for it.

Thanks to Axel and Steve for guarding the rear (literally around Brussels) and to the 15 members and 11 bikes who braved the season and were rewarded with superb weather, good ice cream and good riding."

Robin Seymour - Ride Leader

Sunday 18th - Black Rabbit ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 17th - Monkey World ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 16th - Sun 18th : Opale Shore - Photos 1 ! 2

Friday 16th - Sparkle ride - Photos

Sunday 11th - Little Puffers ride - Photos

Charlie led 8 bikes down through Kent to New Romney where we parked the bikes and went for a ride on the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. Some of us walked into Hythe for lunch and then returned to New Romney for the ride home . it was a good day out and the weather was kind to us.

Saturday 10th - Shuttleworth Collection ride

Ride cancelled due to bad weather.

Thursday 8th - St Barnabas Hospice ride II - Photos

The weather was kind this time as Paul Taylor led 12 bikes on a scenic route to meet the staff, the patients and their families at the Hospice. This was our second visit but hopefully it wont be our last. With bikes gleaming and disclaimers signed, the a few patients got geared up and taken out for a spin. Those who couldn't were thrilled just to look at the bikes. We signed books and laughed and joked and drank tea.

"It is something that is close to our hearts, and the best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today and making some one smile and we did that for sure." - Lynn Taylor

Sunday 4th - Brighton Burn-up ride - Photos

19 Hogsback members joined in the fun at Brighton for the annual Brighton Burn Up reunion. We were blessed with decent weather i.e. no rain. Once at Brighton there was plenty to do with trade stands, music and of course all the entertainment Brighton has to offer such as the pier and fish and chips! At the start of the ride the members were told that if they so wished they could do another ride and that was to the White Hart pub at Stopham (as used for Hogbacks 25th birthday party) as the Wavy Davey Band were playing. 14 members took up the offer to end a good day out.

The Brighton Burn Up was led by Peter Ostinelli and the two back-markers were Howard Pullen and Trevor Rawlings (Thanks guys), the second ride from Brighton to the White Hart was led by Howard Pullen and the back-markers were Trevor Rawlings and me (Peter Ostinelli). Both rides I am happy to say were incident free and no one getting lost or left behind.

Saturday 3rd - Littlehampton for Lunch ride - Photos

Catherine Cork led 20 bikes from the dealership in good weather for a leisurely and scenic ride to the seaside at Littlehampton; riding through Petworth to Arundel and then on to the coast. Several new members were in the pack and enjoyed the delights of staggered riding and the 'drop off' system.

The East Beach car park attendant was helpful giving us hints on how to park 20 Harleys in the 3 meagre spaces that are allocated there for bikes, each time we go we have a different verdict! With the clouds gathering everyone consumed coffee, fish, chips, or even scotch eggs!

Unofficial photos were taken and one brave person even went for a paddle. Steve was disappointed not to use his budgie smugglers which I had thoughtfully brought along.

The group decision to leave before the inevitable rain storm paid off and we came back on a more easterly route through Loxwood and arrived safely back in the dry. Thanks to the back markers Steve and Paul and to all of you who contributed to the enjoyment of the ride.

Thu 1st - Sun 4th : Weinfest - [Photos](#)

What a cracking weekend Robin organised! We all met up on time and the weather was very kind to us until we returned on Sunday. 14 bikes and 20 members had booked but a couple of pillions couldn't make it, one before they left home and one had to turn back from Folkestone due to feeling unwell.

We did two great ride outs, visited some dealers, had loads of cake and ice cream, did a cruise across the Rhine, found some wiggle bits, had some very good meals in the hotel and sampled the wines at the wine fest. There were no incidents and the rear was looked after by Woody and Charlie. All felt it was one of the best ever and we will run it again in 2017.

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

August

Sunday 28th - Hever Castle Jousting ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 26th - Mon 29th : Amsterdam - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

Thursday 25th - RAF Benson ride - [Photos](#)

Sunday 21st - King Cnut ride - [Photos](#)

19 bikes and one trike joined Catherine for a leisurely ride in pleasant weather through Petworth and Midhurst down to Bosham near Chichester. At the waterfront some ate lunch at the cafe and some at the pub but none of us succeeded in turning

the tide. Two hours later the water flooded the road almost to the cafe steps and we were pleased that our Harleys were safely in the car park away from the quayside.

A visit to the 11th century church with the crusaders crosses still showing on the stone door jamb, brought us to the small tomb of King Cnut's daughter and a facsimile of a section of the Bayeux Tapestry that shows Harold entering there on his way to Normandy in 1064. The ride back to the dealership took us through the West Sussex countryside and connected with the A3 for a swift ride home.

Saturday 20th - Downland and Weald ride - Photos

Inclement weather first thing meant that only the Road Crew turned up to enjoy this ride! Taking stock of the situation, ride leader Trevor Rawlings opted to take the road crew on a more local ride to 2Wheelmiklos's open day in Guildford (and a burger) before heading to Newlands Corner for an ice cream. Thanks to Paul Andrews and Chris North for back marking and more importantly keeping Andy and Carrol England in check!

Friday 12th - Sun 14th : SofER 2016 - Photos [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#) | [4](#) | [5](#) | [6](#) | [7](#) | [8](#)

As in previous years, SofER (South of England Rally) 2016 was a huge project. It required the collaboration of people from all five organising Chapters over the whole year. In our case, Wendy Evans, Andy England, Ruth Palmer, Clive Everett, as well as myself, plus others nearer the event like Andy Cripps, Carl Christensen, Gary Morss, Steve Palmer, and the whole of the rest of the Road Crew on ride planning and rehearsals.

Then at the event itself, a whole army of Hogsback volunteers stepped forward - far too many to mention. With the volunteers from other Chapters, they ran the event and organised the Hogsback Compound and BBQ evening. The logistics and effort were formidable. The big Saturday ride-out was slick, safe and professional. Then there were the rest of the many others from Hogsback who come along for the craic - all 175 of us this year!

Thank you, all of you - fellow organisers, rally crew, cooks, bottle-washers and rally-goers for creating such a fantastic and memorable event. And thank you Toby, Katie and all at the dealership who supported the event with cash sponsorship, moral support, huge goodwill and lots of smiles. We all had a blast - let's keep it all coming!

Dik Gregory - Director

Sunday 7th - The Not So Secret Bunker ride - Photos

Saturday 6th - Road Crew Rehearsal for SofER

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

Busy last Club Night before SofER next week.

Wednesday 3rd - Paul Greenstreet Funeral ride - [Photos](#)

July

Sunday 31st - Crofton Beam Engines ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 30th - West Byfleet Live ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 30th - New Members ride - [Photos](#)

A big thank you to all those road crew whom turned out on Saturday giving up your valuable time to give our newer members a great display of marshalling for group riding. I think we topped more than a dozen newer members. Some returning to motorcycling after a break (born again bikers) and two very competent Lady riders (*great news for Ruth our Ladies of Harley officer*). The return ride by to GH-D led by Graham made it that extra special as the two groups joined together to make a splendid visual display of Harleys cruising across the Sussex country side.

Carl Christensen - Safety Officer

Thursday 28th - 1066 Chapter Club Night visit - [Photos](#)

The last of the SofER chapter club night visits this year. The showers didn't stop 9 Hogsback bikes from following Dell and blasting down to Stenning to join 1066 Chapter for their Club Night. We were made most welcome by them and they even let us win a couple of prizes on their raffle. Nice pub and nice people thank you 1066 and Steve Rough for being rear gunner.

Sunday 24th - Tynham & Lulworth ride - [Photos](#)

Despite inclement weather and horrendous traffic, Dell Evans led 24 Hogsback bikes to meet up with 44 New Forest and off to Lulworth. Quite a spectacle: 68 Harleys roaring through the countryside. A drizzly lunch; then a nice ride through the New Forest to Carlo's ice cream parlour; then blast (well filter) up the motorway home. Chris & Steve did their duty at the rear.

Fri 22nd - Sun 24th : Bath - [Photos](#)

Thursday 21st - Committee Meeting

Sunday 17th - Rye ride - [Photos](#)

Sat 16th - Sun 24th : East Germany - [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

Saturday Morning - sunshine but a very crowded Eurotunnel prevented the trike and one bike from catching the arranged train. Once all reunited, we set off for Ghent Harley-Davidson, who happened to be hosting an event for riders to visit other dealers, and who made us very welcome! Then we headed off to our hotel for a good meal, a few beers and bed!

Sunday - we visited Hermansdenkmal before setting off for Fallingbostal to find our hotel which provided us with a good meal, a few beers and good rooms.

Monday – a sobering visit to the visitor centre and mass graves at Bergen Belsen. Then a little diversion to Braunschweig Harley and then lots of wiggles on the way to Wernigerode and our hotel which has its own ski jump and superb views. The food was so plentiful that I'm sure there was more food at the end than at the beginning!

Tuesday - more sunshine for our trip to Colditz via some more wiggles and coffee and cake in Quedlingburg. I hadn't realised that the castle is actually integral to the town which would have been really tough for the escapees. After Colditz it was a quick dash to our hotel in Dresden.

Wednesday - a day off from riding our bikes! We went into Dresden and soaked up the sights and ambiance of the town as well as lots of ice cream and coffee. Then it was back to the hotel for dinner. We bought the waitress a drink at the beginning and the results were amazing: the food was hot, on time and we got what we ordered!

Thursday - it was damp, so to lighten the mood we went to Dresden H-D. After our shopaholic helping to solve the East German debt crisis, we moved on to Thuringer Wald then Ilmenau and finally our hotel for the night. The rooms were great and the staff could not have been more helpful - the owner let us use his huge garage for nothing. They sorted us out a venue in town for dinner and we had a really good meal with the best service of the trip.

Friday – a visit to Point Alpha which is a cold war site and one of the few places where you can still see the remains of the Inner German Border between East and West Germany. We then went on to Frankfurt H-D but suffered with traffic and the sat nav on the way. We chilled there for a while before heading off to our hotel in Rudesheim. I had booked the Ratstube because I knew the food was good from Magic bike days, and after dinner, we had a walk along the Rhine with the mandatory ice cream!

Saturday morning - A short ride along the Rhine to Koblenz H-D where they welcomed us well and gave us free hot and cold drinks. Our shopaholics (yes there was more than one) went into overdrive and now started to boost the West German economy. From there it was a short ride to Cochem, down the riverside of the Mosel, to our hotel, then into the old town for a mooch and by now mandatory cake and/or ice cream.

At dinner that evening, the group decided to buy the road crew their meals as a thank you for keeping them safe - a lovely gesture and one which was really appreciated by the Road Crew. Unfortunately for me, Zoltan the waiter decided the drinks should be on me; fortunately for me, this was not a big beer night for the guys!

Sunday - we had sunshine for the trip back to Calais and arrived at Eurotunnel with 8 minutes to spare!

Overall on the trip; there were a couple of leaning parks (one was me); no breakdowns; a few sat nav errors which were in the most part user error; only one day of rain (and not all that day); lots of food and drink; nice folk and great riding with only one hotel, I would not rush back to.

Finally, my thanks to Jez and Charlie for all of their help during this trip.

Robin Seymour - Road Captain

Fri 15th - Sun 17th : Wagons West - [Photos](#)

Tuesday 12th - Oxford Chapter Club Night visit - [Photos](#)

Well Dell & Co made it to the Oxford Chapter's (un)summer BBQ with 3 bikes plus others by car. They made us very welcome and Steve Routh got to try someone else's BBQ skills. Sunny and dry ride out dark and wet back but still fun.

Fri 8th - Sat 9th : HOGSBACK 25th Birthday Weekend

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- Welcome the Lincoln Chapter
- Hogs on the Bridge ride
- Morning ride to Brighton
- Hogsback 25th Birthday Bash

It was a long time in the planning and what a weekend party it was! The smiles of Chapter members new and old plus our guests from the Lincoln Chapter said it all.

HUGE thanks to the Hogsback team that brought it to you: Toby for sponsoring a great Chapter and supporting us so well; Dell for coordinating things overall; Howard for the spectacular venue arrangements and fireworks; Chris Doody for the fantastic Army tent and all the work it involved; Crippa and Katie for the ticket sales, Graham Woods for the stunning ticket graphics; the Wavy Davy Band for some great music and ambience on Fri night; Andy England for chasing down and nailing the amazing Hickory Stick Boys on Sat night; Hairy Biker Chefs Steve and Des for a wonderful and beautifully served BBQ; Wendy, the Ostinellis and all the other crew on the day.

And thanks to everyone who came to share in an experience that sums up what Hogsback Chapter is all about miles of smiles.

Dik Gregory - Director

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

Tue 5th - Thu 7h : Poole Night - [Photos](#)

Sunday 3rd - Brookland Motorcycle Show ride - [Photos](#)

Pete Ostinelli led 31 Bikes for the short but scenic ride to Brooklands for the motorcycle event 'Then and Now' with no one getting lost, left or any reportable incidents! The weather was good and there was plenty to see: the normal Brooklands museum, the additional motorcycles and club stands plus all the visiting riders and their bikes.

Much interest was with the hill climb and a star of the show must surely go to the 98cc Wolf motorcycle with a Villiers engine that made the steep incline with little effort. Thoroughly recommend this event for future. Special thanks to Dell and Gary T for back marking.

Saturday 2nd - Supercar Event - [Photos](#)

Steve Palmer led 8 bikes to the Supercar Event at Dunsfold. We made a show parked underneath the Jumbo Jet! A great day to experience a wide range of fabulous vehicles ranging from Ferrari F12 to a Batmobile and even Veteran London to Brighton Cars, all in aid of The Children's Trust.

Fri 1st - Mon 4th : Normandie - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Fri 1st - Sun 3rd : Midsummer Dream - [Photos](#)

June

Sunday 26th - The Day after Madness ride! - [Photos](#)

Paul Andrews led 22 bikes as they meandered through the Surrey Hills for our second annual visit to Bushy Park to support the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice Charity. Bikes, Cars, Music and hot weather plus packed lunches made for a perfect Hogsback picnic.

Saturday 25th - Midnight Madness - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Thunderbolts & lightning over the London Gay pride celebrations could not stop Woody's annual 'Midnight Madness' ride. Instead it added more drama to this bizarre experience as Covent Garden was swamped with security guards. Despite this, Woody & Gina managed to blag a parking spot but it did result in security staff taking selfies in front of our Harley's!

On departure the usual 'Hen Night' appeared, loads of long leg shots on the bikes, the girls 'loving it!' We left to a sea of flash bulbs with 'Land of Hope & Glory' blasting from Robin's bike and cheers from the crowds; cruised the Strand to St Pauls, Tower Bridge and other London landmarks, finishing at the London Eye amazingly on a completely dry ride!

New member quote of the night: "*I have never had so many pictures taken of me in my life!*"

And another from a lady pillion rider: "*I had the most amazing ride out in London on Midnight Madness ... only my third time EVER on the back of a bike!!*"

Thursday 23rd - St Barnabas Hospice ride - Photos

No rain at assembly time, but due to severe local flooding, we voted not to leave for the ride.

How we all voted in the vote of the day, the Referendum, remains confidential!

Tuesday 21st - Charlie's Prom Escort - Photos

Gary led 36 bikes and, although slightly biased, believes that Charlie and Izzy's arrival at their Prom was the best of the evening! Many thanks to all those members who gave their time to make their evening so memorable. It was a great turn out.

Sunday 19th - Corky's Southern Comfort ride - Photos

A bright sunny morning (as well as Ride Leader Steve Cork) greeted 12 bikes at Burger King for the 80 mile ride down through Surrey and Sussex to the South Coast. It was good to welcome some new faces and new bikes, sign off for some rockers and to have the excuse to explain about drop-offs and staggered riding to someone who had seen the light and was changing from a Yamaha to his first ride out with us on his new Harley!

The route down took us through a selection of pleasant winding bends on A and B roads before arriving at Birlings Gap for a well earned pit stop and coffee/ice creams overlooking the Seven Sisters, before heading along the coast passing Beach Head and into Eastbourne for a lunch stop at the Redout Fortress - *built to keep the French out in those days!* We were also treated to a display by two of the international female tennis players (looked like Andrea Petkovic and her friend) currently at the tournament in Eastbourne.

After a photo opportunity at Beachy Head (thanks to Elize and her two Japanese assistants) it was a progressive 80 mile ride back to Guildford to waiting families and Father's Day barbecues. Thanks to Catherine and Charlie for some excellent road crewing at the back.

Saturday 18th - Roger's Rumble 'Summer Breeze' ride - Photos

Roger's ride took in Surrey and Sussex's scenic A, B and Wee roads as it rolled through the towns and villages of Dorking, Billingshurst, Petworth and Loxwood before stopping for a lunch at the pretty village pub The Onslow Arms, right on the banks of the Wey and Arun Canal. The pub did everyone proud with good hearty fare produced at high speed for the thirty-six members, twenty-eight bikes and one

trike that joined the ride. A return scenic route via Dunsfold, Hascombe, Godalming and finally the dealership rounded off the seventy mile trip nicely. And it didn't rain!

Thu 16th - Sun 19th : 25th European H.O.G. Rally - Photos

Sunday 12th - Biddenden Vineyards ride - Photos

7 Bikes arrived at Godstone Ponds and with the weather not really playing ball, Ride Leader Paul Taylor discussed what to do with the group which then opted to walk to the lovely Green Rooms of Godstone for a thoroughly enjoyable breakfast!

Saturday 11th - Shepperton Village Fair - Photos

A big procession through the High Street is what traditionally kicks off the Shepperton Village Fair - the biggest community event in the Borough. And for over 10 years, Hogsback Chapter has had the honour of leading the Procession on its route to the Fair site near the Thames at Shepperton. This year, 16 bikes joined Chapter Director Dik Gregory for the annual outing - and a thoroughly good day it was, with a static display of the bikes being enjoyed by many after the Procession. Dik may not be Director next year, but he is still Chair of the Fair Committee, so we can expect the Chapter fixture to continue!

Sunday 5th - Amberley ride - Photos

"Just back from the Amberley museum ride, oops forgot to count the bikes so we'll say that Andy Parker led over 20 bikes from Rykas and after a short unexpected pit stop we arrived at the museum near Arundel. We parked our bikes in display formation outside the fire station exhibit. Fivers were collected as a reduced entrance fee and we had 3 hours too mooch about. A few members thought they might leave early but found enough at this little gem of a museum that most everybody stayed to the end. Maybe it was the exhibits, or the open top bus ride in the fantastic sunshine or the steam train trip along the perimeter of this old quarry. Probably the great company of the Hogsback Chapter. It was a fabulous trip out, thanks Andy and crew."

- Heather Reynolds

Saturday 4th - Salisbury Plains ride - Photos

8 intrepid riders got up and joined Robin Seymour at GH-D then set off into the Plains. We first needed to stock up so called into Nelsons diner at Kingsclere for provisions and another member. We then tried to gatecrash Downton Abbey (Highclere), but it was closed and repelling boarders, so we headed off to Hungerford the long way round to avoid anyone tailing us.

From there it was down to Andover via Saversnake Forest for lunch at the Chalkpit Blue, great food well served, where we also managed to collect another member who was tracking us. We continued travelling South to Stockbridge but needed to go

further into the hills and little roads to avoid being tailed. Having succeeded with that it was back along the A31 to Alton where the ride finished. No accidents or incidents.

Friday 3rd June - Macmillan's Run - Photos 1 | 2

40 members joined Robin Seymour this Friday evening to give his niece Anita Brown a surprise and escort her to her Christmas 80's Disco (held in June as she has Terminal cancer). With three Santa's and even a Frosty the Snowman, the Chapter did her proud and made her day. The only words she could utter were this would definitely be on my bucket list. No accidents or mishaps and all went well. A very big thank you to all that took part and donated. Overall they raised £1,852 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thursday 2nd - Club Night - Photos

Wed 1st - Wed 8th : Irish Coffee Week Away - Photos

10 Chapter members crossed the St Georges Sea from Fishguard to seek out and discover what the Emerald Isle had to offer. Empty roads, brilliant sunshine (7 days, first for a decade anyone could remember there!) and temperatures hitting 27c. Just amazing views with stunning land scape at every corner. We also popped in to the Killarney Bikefest on our way through. Thank you to all our group for making it such a relaxed, pleasurable experience.

May

B/H Monday 30th - Margate Meltdown ride - Photos

Meeting at Rykas 11 members joined ride leader Pete Ostinelli for the 3rd ride of the Bank Holiday weekend. The route took into account (a) it was a Bank Holiday Monday (b) time leaving and (c) the journey time to be done via motorways. Back-marker for the ride there was Gary Morss and we arrived with no incidents to report. After several hours enjoying what was on, especially the whelks from Manning's sea food stall, the group re-assembled for the ride back on the motorway and with no incidents to report.

Sunday 29th - Bike Shed ride - Photos

Saturday 28th - Breakfast ride - Photos

Fri 27th - Sun 29th : Short Circuit - Photos 1 | 2

Despite the French fuel crisis and impending rainstorm forecasts, Roger Bonnici and twenty lucky rumblers partook in the weekend to France. The wonderful camaraderie and delicious cuisine were truly memorable. So too were the scenic routes through the countryside and the impromptu diversion through the main market square in Arras ... never to be forgotten! Nor the fallen from the First World War memorial,

'Carriere Wellington', in Arras, or the two laps of the race circuit nearby to St Pol sur Ternoise. With fuel in abundance and good weather each day sealed a great weekend.

You should have been there, it was a hoot!

Sunday 22nd - Exhibitionism ride - Photos

6 bikes and 7 people arrived on a better than expected day at Cobham services. As a small group no drops off applied just ensured rear RC remained in view. Straight forward route via A3, Roehampton, Barnes Common, Putney Bridge then along the New Kings Road to Sloane Square.

Despite asking we weren't permitted to park the bikes in the Gallery's grounds, so posed for a photo on the forecourt area before moving to a bike parking bay nearby. Returned via Richmond Park with an ice cream stop and then via Kingston and Esher to the A3 at Cobham where the ride ended. No issues to report. Thanks to the Corks for guarding Crippo's rear.

Saturday 21st - Bramley Fete ride - Photos

Trevor led 20 Harleys, on what could have been the shortest ride of the year, through Godalming, Milford towards Petworth sweeping through various villages winding back through Kirdford, Loxwood, Alfold and onwards towards the village of Bramley, stopping at Bramley C of E Infant School before finally reaching the village green at Bramley.

Meeting at the School, the group provided an escort for some tractors and trailers, with 50 children on board, along the very busy A281 to the village green for the annual village fete. The children aged 4-7 years literally screamed with delight all the way! They rode two laps around the green with the children before parking up and enjoying the various delights of the fete.

A message was sent from the PTFA at Bramley School :

"We just wanted to say thank you for today and to Trevor and the entire Hogsback Chapter for coming down today. You will not believe the Number of people who came up to me and said how amazing the trailers/tractors were - especially because of the biker escort which was thrilling! The children and the grownups all absolutely loved it! God those bikes look great - you guys must have so much fun! Anyway I think the trailers and the bikers made the fete today - it was brilliant! X"

Thu 19th - Sun 22nd : Dambuster Weekend - Photos [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

Thursday 19th - TV Chapter Club Night visit - Photos

Another Goodwill Mission led by Dell taking an interesting route to Windsor and the Thames Valley Chapter's Club Night. A free barbeque, cheap bar and good company. Happy Days !

Sunday 15th - Highgate Cemetery ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 14th - Southern @ War ride - [Photos](#)

Wednesday 11th - Invicta Chapter Club Night visit - [Photos](#)

A day of Biblical weather did not deter the Magnificent Seven (6 bikes and 1 trike) led by Dell Evans on their Goodwill Mission to Kent, and as the sun shines on the righteous, it was a dry ride!

Sunday 8th - ABC 2 ride - [Photos](#)

Only four members joined Robin for the ABC2 ride (we suspect that the IOW Weekend Away and Howards Stags and Hogs ride had taken the toll) in glorious sunshine to collect points. Lunch was at the Drayton bikers Cafe and from there it was back to Hook (where the ride ended) without any events or mishaps. A great day.

Saturday 7th - Hogs & Stags ride - [Photos](#)

Sat 7th - Sun 8th : All Wight on the Night - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#)

From the moment the ramp came down at Ryde and Andy England led 46 bikes plus 3 trikes onto the island, we knew this was going to be a great ride. The weather was warm, the sea was blue and the roads were twisty and spectacular with a combination of country lanes, little villages and coastal roads. Lunch at the Mouse was nearly perfect and the hotel was welcoming; ice creams on the front at Ventnor was not half bad either.

After a disagreement over musical direction with the hotel, we cancelled their act and brought in a couple we found on the street and what a find, never seen so many people on their feet. Breakfast in Sandown, lunch in Cowes and tearful goodbyes on the ferry home. Thank you to everyone who came.

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

B/H Monday 2nd - Bike 1066 Hastings ride - [Photos](#)

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

Bank Holiday Sunday with the sun shining in a clear blue sky attracted 25 Harleys to join Graham's progressive ride to the Goodwood circuit for 'Soft Top Sunday'. Regular attendees made the new members feel welcome in the established

Hogsback style and included welcoming back Russ Middleton who took up position as one of the rear sweepers.

We set off from Rykas at 9.00am sharp. Overtaking was allowed, but riders were reminded they were being observed by a 'Law enforcement officer' at the back. We all made 'excellent progress' in a 'tight' group with a short re-group in Petworth. On arrival a de-brief from Russ noted some minor white line infringements, resulting in many smiling faces and kind members comments.

April

Saturday 30th - Handbags & Gladrags ride - [Photos](#)

Fri 29th - Mon 2nd May : 25th Anniversary Cider Rally - [Photos](#)

Peter Ostinelli's ride consisted of a small group led by Dell Evans setting off from GH-D via Chedder Gorge to the rally where many more members arrived over the day. A great time was had partying including a visit to Weston-super-Mare (led by Dell) then attending the parade where Dell led the group back. Return on the motorway to beat the rain (yes we did) was led by Dell. A great time was had thanks to the ride leader Peter and we hope he puts as much effort in next year!

Sunday 24th - 3 Café's Belly Buster ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 23rd - Mystery Brunch ride - [Photos](#)

A good turnout considering the previous night's rain with approximately 28 people on 24 bikes. Ride leader Chris Doody led the group on mainly B and unclassified roads swinging around Godalming, out through Elstead around Seale to Puttenham over the Hogs Back, then down through Christmas Pie on to Pirbright before stopping at the Sutton Green Garden centre for a well deserved breakfast and warm up!

Afterwards 14 bikes went to see some of the kids at Challengers, the charity on Stoke Park that the Chapter donated to last year a very humbling experience which makes you realise how lucky we are. Then it was back to the dealership.

Fri 22nd - Sun 24th : Iron Hog Challenge - [Photos 1](#) | [2](#)

Friday heralded the start of the Ironhog No 5: the plan was to do 26 dealerships but Ride Leader Robin Seymour adapted this in light of the London Marathon and decided to leave out Warr's King's Road. Total mileage for the trip was 1797 miles and was completed within the time allowed.

They were very lucky with the weather, had they gone the other way around they would have been running through bad weather most of the time. It was purely the decision to go anti-clockwise that saved them from that!

"My thanks must go to my colleagues, especially Stephen and Vic on their first Iron Hog, to Axel and Malcom for doing the back marking duties and to all of those people who helped us and welcomed us and cheered us on I say Thank You.

Finally, to all the people who contributed to the 3 charities I say a very big Thank You for putting your hand in your pocket and supporting this charitable ride."

Robin Seymour

Note: The full story of Iron Hog 5 will appear in the next Chapter Newsletter!

Thursday 21st - Committee Meeting

Sunday 17th - Brunch @ Old Sarum Airfield ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 16th - Roger's Rumble 'Imperial Ride to Duxford' - [Photos](#)

Only six intrepid members joined Roger at Cobham Services this morning in what was a torrential rainstorm that would not desist by departure time. A democratic decision was taken not to travel the eighty plus miles to "Ducks Fjord" for fear of drowning! Perhaps another date can be rescheduled this season" Thanks to all swimmers who braved the inclement storm weather which lasted most of the day.

Sunday 10th - Winchester Way ride - [Photos](#)

Saturday 9th April - LoH Garage Party - [Photos](#)

This event for us ladies was a great success on Saturday thanks to Toby, Aaron and Neil. The eight ladies who came now know how to confidently check over their bikes before a ride with the emphasis on correct tyre pressure and condition, and we have learned the technique of lifting a bike up though hopefully we won't ever have to !!

Saturday 9th April - New members' ride - [Photos](#)

A dozen road crew mustered to the call for this year's first New Member Ride at the dealership. Our Safety Officer completed the introductions and briefing along with the showing of the Chapter group riding video. Graham Woods (Head Road captain) led the ride out to Cowfold for a well-earned full English! Whilst new members were lacking in numbers, several other members turned out for the ride, which provided for a most enjoyable day (in the dry).

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

Sunday 3rd - Scrabble ride 'Twenty' - [Photos](#)

In 2016, Axel's signature 'Scrabble rides' commemorate the 25th anniversary of Hogsback Chapter. The first instalment started with the word "Twenty"; to be completed on the 16th October with the word "Five". The ride covered about 120 miles via "T"ongham, "W"orplesdon, "E"versley, "N"ately Scures, "T"adley and "Y"ateley, with a first snack break at Nelson Diner, followed by a short stop at The "Grumpy's" Bushe Cafe near Yately. Backmarkers were Howard and Jez.

Sunday 3rd - Surrey Harley Boot Sale - Photos

Saturday 2nd - Black Museum ride - Photos

A great day out with Chris North to the Black Museum in London and then onto Borough Market for a salt beef sandwich, other food and a drink. 18 Bikes and their pillions, a total of 28 souls, weaved their way through the traffic into London, the inner sanctum of the City and onto the Museum in glorious sunshine.

Difficult riding conditions with start and stop through-out London, but expert marshalling and drop off system contributed to an awesome day out and nobody got lost! A big thank you to back markers Paul Andrews and Trevor Rawlings and for Pete Hillier in arranging secure parking near Borough Market.

March

B/H Monday 28th - Southend Shakedown ride

This ride seems to have been doomed from the start. First the organisers cancelled the events due to a lack of funding, then it was put back on again, and now Hurricane Katie (no not she from GH-D!) has made the weather so hostile and unwelcoming that the Ride Leader has taken the decision to cancel the ride in the interests of safety.

Sunday 20th - ABC 1 ride - Photos

A slightly chilly morning meant only 7 bikes and a trike dared to be out for the day. Leaving at 09:30 we went via Bishop Sutton, New Arlesford, Itchen Stoke, Stockbridge, Grately, Quarley, Thruxton Down and Wiltshire to our coffee stop at Solstice Services. Completely refreshed (and warm) we pushed on and went to Zeals and Dorset before our lunch stop at the Bell and Crown who gave us great food despite a Grumpy Chef.

After lunch it was off to the Deverills and Kings Deverill, Hill Deverill and Longbridge Deverill zoomed past onto our last ones of Hampshire, Andover and Test Valley. The ride ended at the Buck services on the A303 once I had ensured all knew their own way back home. The sun came out for the final bit. An enjoyable day with no incidents. Thanks to Axel for taking all the photos and Chris Brandham for being the safest back marker.

Saturday 19th - GH-D Birthday event - Photos

Sunday 13th - Billys by the Sea Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

On a cold but sunny morning for a breakfast ride an unexpected 28 bikes turned up for Charlie Gordon's 90 minute ride to Billy's by the Sea at Bracklesham Bay. The weather held and after a very nice breakfast we returned by a different route across the downs. Once on the A3 the ride ended and we all went our different ways home.

Thursday 10th - Good versus Evel Event - [Photos](#)

Toby and his team welcomed us to GH-D for a film evening to watch 'Being Evel' - the story of Evel Kneivel. As well as the film, we were treated to refreshments, freshly made popcorn and candy-floss and given a preview of GH-D's entry into the Battle of the Kings which will be officially revealed at the Dealership party next Saturday.

Sunday 6th - Nutcracker Breakfast ride - [Photos](#)

Meeting at Rykas Cafe for a 9am start on a crisp March morning, this first ride of the season really was a 'nutcracker'! 8 Harley's left Rykas at 9am sharp as the sun began to rise, enjoying a great ride heading for the South Coast with the temperature steadily rising on route. We were welcomed at Littlehampton by clear blue skies and a calm sea, and a full English sitting out on the promenade for the hardy Hogsback bikers. Then it was back on the bikes and home in time for Mothers Day celebrations.

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

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Saturday 13th - Tyring Day II - [Photos](#) [Training](#) | [Plug RAS set](#) | [Tire plugger](#)

Sunday 7th - Bisley Shoot - [Photos](#)

A good day's shooting. Many thanks to the helpers on the day - Walter, Tatiana, John and Axel for the photos and a special mention for Bill Morris and Marion who put a lot in to the organising. Congratulations to dead eye Julie Newton for winning the Chapter Cup. That's the 4th year done and still going strong!

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

For one night only, those present were transported to the Glens of Bonnie Scotland as Chug McDooddy and Wavy Davy MacFisheries recited the 'Address to the Haggis' by Rabbe Burns ably accompanied by Wee Crippy McCrippo on the bagpipes and a translation for the English speakers courtesy of Czes.

January

Saturday 30th - Winter Chapter Challenge - Photos

Well the results are in from this year's Winter Inter Chapter Challenge held at the Crawley Bowl. Invicta won the Team challenge cup (again!) whilst we had a dead heat in the individual player's challenge between Derek from Invicta and our very own Pete Hiller.

Both scored and very credible 279 over 2 games. Carrying out a count back both have the same amount of Strikes and Spares. So I declare a genuine tie for first place which puts Carl Christensen (me) in second place (*always the brides maid and never the bride!*)

A great social event with lots of laughs. Thank you to all our team who made a brave fight of trying to win this year's challenge.

Saturday 23rd - Tying Day I - Photos

Twenty members attended a talk and demo by Aaron & Neil at GH-D on roadside emergency puncture repair. Then everyone had a go making a puncture then repairing the tyre and inflating it. An enjoyable and interesting couple of hours many thanks to GH-D

Thursday 22nd - Committee Meeting

Thursday 7th - Club Night - Photos

Saturday 2nd - New Years ride - Photos

Even with threat of heavy rain and being down right miserable weather, a few road crew (which included the Chapter Director) turned up along with one determined Chapter member to spend time together deciding the best plan of action for the ride out?

"To be or not to be" that was the question! After a unanimous vote GH-D became our target and the promise of a nice warm cuppa and possibly a bacon roll (Gary's and my first priority)!