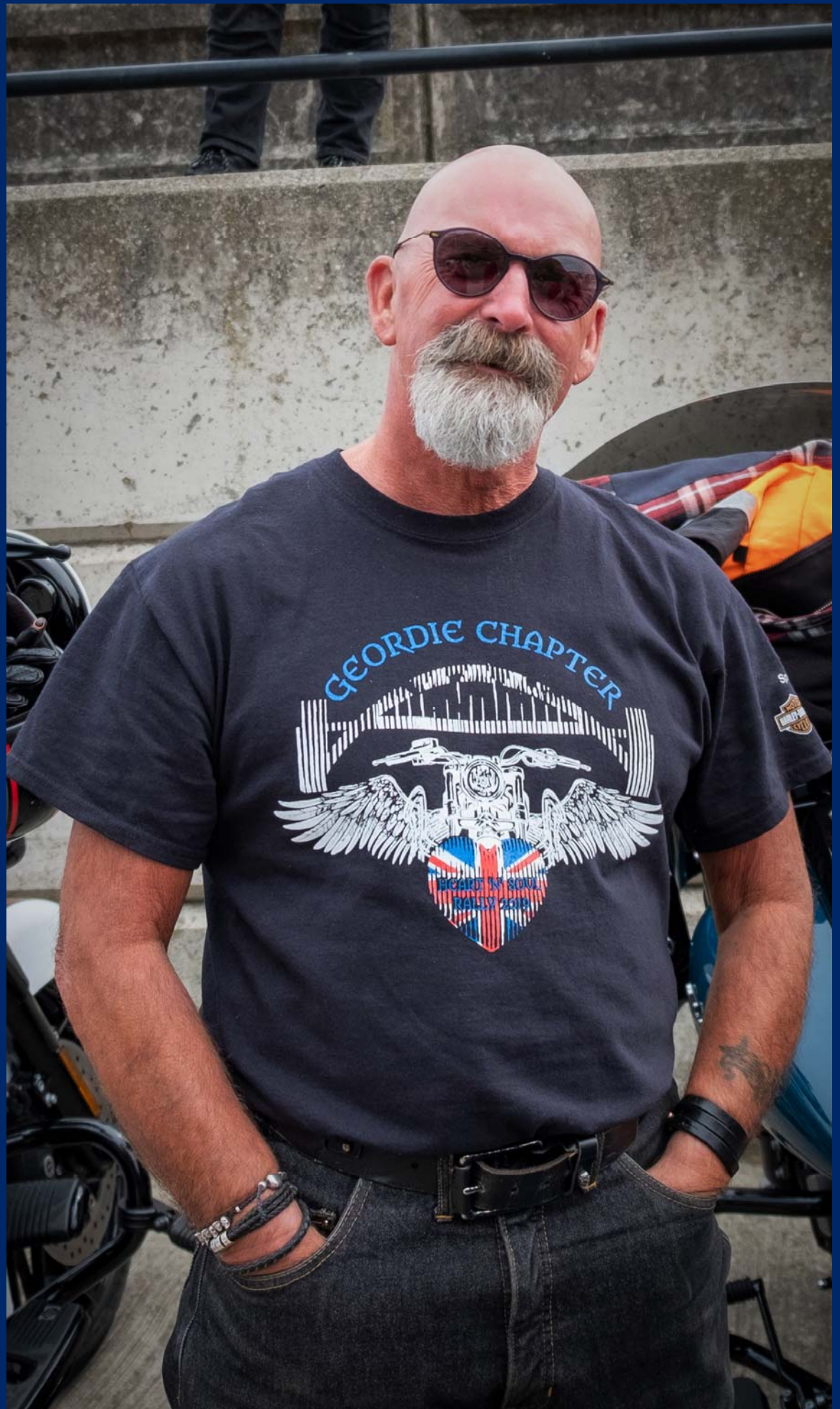


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GEORDIE CHAPTER #9721 THE SPROCKET Anniversary Edition



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Letter from the Editor

Well, here we are ... twenty-five years after a few like-minded blokes went for a pint at the Sun Inn: there are several dates, but there seems to be some consensus that it was early in 1997 – April or May. **Geordie Chapter** remains as strong as ever!

May 1997 at the Sun Inn Morpeth, Dale Robinson, Davie Mac and me (Dave Badcock) set about starting the Geordie Chapter of Harley Owners Group (HOG). I had been instrumental in starting the North East Coast Harley Riders, with Deny Mitchell, in 1991 and always told my good mate Deny that as soon as we had an official Harley Davidson dealer in the area I would be part of the HOG Chapter. It soon was to be.

On the left is what Dave Badcock said around that time ...

I've had a lash at trying to compress everything that Geordie Chapter has been through in the past twenty-five years into this **Anniversary Edition** of The Sprocket.

I've got a huge number of previous newsletters and I've been through them all to capture snippets and posted them onto the following pages.

I'm sure that many of you will see lots of things that you remember – lots of good times with, inevitably, some sad times too.

There is a ton of stuff, but also a few gaps – I have issues of HOG On The Tyne from 2001 to 2011 and 2013, MailChimp newsletters from 2016 to 2018 and the six recent editions of The Sprocket.



On the following page, there's a full page article from Brian Robinson. Brian was the Chapter Historian in 1997. It sets the scene for the first ten years. Then all the snippets follow on after that.

Beverley and I took a ride-out a couple of weeks ago round all four garages – Morpeth, Shieldfield, Silverlink and Dunston. I tried to match a couple of pictures from previous newsletters to recent shots. Unfortunately, it was slashing down when we went out for our run, so there's not as much sunshine or others about as I would have liked. But ... you can catch up with the pictures from our ride at the end of The Sprocket.

Hope you all enjoy this Anniversary Edition!

See you all around.

Robin



Geordie Chapter HOG 1997-2007

Ten years on and on and . . .

BRIAN ROBINSON ► CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Brian Robinson ingeniously took a different slant on the tenth anniversary of our very own Geordie Chapter HOG. One hundred years, a century of important events, within Harley-Davidson . . . read on! - Editor

1907: William A Davidson, brother to Arthur and Walter Davidson, joins the Motor Company. The first Harley Davidson was sold for police duty.

1917: During this year, roughly one-third of all Harley-Davidson motorcycles produced were sold to the US military.

1937: William A Davidson dies.

1947: Attendees at the year's 'Dealers Convention' in Milwaukee are given a train ride to a "secret destination," which turns out to be the newly purchased plant on Capitol Drive.

The 74" OHV Big twin is introduced.

1957: The Sportster premiers.

1977 Harley-Davidson introduces the FXS Low Rider to the public.

1987 Harley-Davidson is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Harley-Davidson begins the "Buy Back Program," for the XLH 883 Sportster, which offers full trade-in value within two years on either a model FL, or FX.

1997 Harley-Davidson celebrates its 95th Anniversary. 140,000 plus riders are warmly received in Milwaukee, to help with the celebration.

Harley-Davidson buys a remaining 49% interest in the Buell Motorcycle Company. Erik Buell is named Chairman of Buell operations.

In that same year a small group of like minded folk, with a passion for motorcycling and a love of the Harley-Davidson brand, formed with the assistance of Just Harley's what would become known as the **GEORDIE CHAPTER HOG**.

As Dave Badcock recalls an entry made in his diary dated Wednesday 9th April 1997 that started the phenomenon we now know.

Dale Robinson, Davey Mac and Dave Badcock, sat in the Sun Inn, Morpeth, at 19:30 on that Wednesday, all those years ago and discussed a HOG Chapter to go with the new Harley-Dealership status that had been earned by Dale and Kelvin for the enterprise they christened just a few short years earlier as **Just Harleys**.

This was located slap-bang in the middle between our 'local' dealers, THE HARLEY SHOP, at Whitwood and ALVINS, in Edinburgh, a 120 mile trip to either. There were of course other non-franchised shops, A1 MOTORCYCLES on Westgate Road and AMERICAN HEARTBEAT in Darlington, but no social scene like we experience now.

So with the opening of **JUST HARLEYS** in Morpeth and their elevation to factory dealer status all the blocks were in place for the Chapter's formation.

Dale Robinson led the first 'organised' ride out one Wednesday evening from the shop in Morpeth. No one (not even Dale) knew where they were going and by all accounts he set off at a blistering pace, with a couple of visiting German bikers on his tail. The rest of the group, about 12, tried to stay in touch. Apparently Dale had raced Superbikes in the USA and he rode as if he'd been swept back in time and these two guys were not going to pass! In reality, they did not want to lose Dale! Several close calls later, after picking one bike from a hedge, everyone arrived at the pub where drinking and tales of 'daring do' were exchanged. The ride out's were interesting and not for the 'feint of heart' . . . makes you realise the importance of a well-trained Road Crew!

JUST HARLEYS was now ensconced in the existing premises in Newcastle, Dale and Kelvins 'baby' had grown out of all recognition. Kelvin had been back in the mobile catering business and Dale held on, growing and developing the dealership into a model others would follow; but at a price. The men in suites, with their accountants meant Dale went to a Group of Dealerships down South, now known as **MAGIC GROUP** who run five Harley Dealerships and a BMW franchise. So Dave Badcock took over as Chapter Director and Chris Wearmouth as Assistant director.

Chapter monthly meetings were a mixture of stand up comedy and structured communication, ensuring all members got to **Ride safe and Have Fun**. The regular early year rides to Scotland kicked off the riding year and they built from 12 of us to over 100 participants that recently attended the **ERRAGHAIL TOUR** for this season's kickoff event. It was bargain basement accommodation then, compared to the luxury we now go for, even the tour T-shirts were one colour print and now the fine designs we now see; how times have changed for the better, but still the same ethos: **Ride safe and Have Fun**.

The one and only **HEART 'N' SOUL RALLY** had originally been established as a JH event, but it was to become our annual contribution to biking in the North East and grow into the premier 'must do' event it is now. The first year in Clennell Hall, with about sixty people, straw bales and a flat bed truck, as the stage, is a far cry from the slick operation we now enjoy at the Gosforth Park Racecourse. This growth and change of the rally directly reflects the growth and change within the Chapter. Rough and ready was an understatement for those early days, whereas slick and professional are today's bywords!

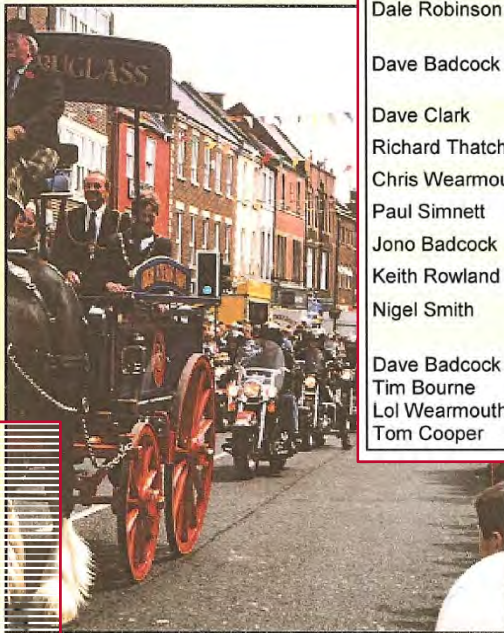
To run a club the size of Geordie HOG required dedicated individuals who were prepared to stand up and be counted, those stewards of the club should be applauded and praised because without them we'd have certainly floundered long ago.

It's a fact that we were the first UK Chapter to issue standards for Road Captains, which stands as a model today. All must have passed an Institute of Advanced Riders Course and been on an accredited first aid course. We were the first and I think still are the only Chapter offering a Road Marshal post to train up potential Road Captains. Yearly we encourage training. Many of our Road Crew have gained riding and first aid qualifications way above our minimum acceptable standard. We are the only crew to have had 'first bike on scene' training. We are all proud of our dedicated Road Crew and support them in all they do for the Chapter.

The Chapter is fantastic, It has grown and developed into a respected part of the Harley Empire. Many people have given much to the Chapter over the last 10 years and for sure the more you give the more you'll get out. So here is to the next ten years and those years after that; it's your Chapter and I am proud to be a member of it.

Ride safe and Have Fun!





The Georgie Chapter out in force at one of the highlight events of the year—the Morpeth Fair Parade which is followed by the parade to the Great North Road.

Dale Robinson	Director
Dave Badcock	Assistant
Dave Clark	Secretary
Richard Thatcher	Treasurer
Chris Wearmouth	Ladies
Paul Simnett	Activities
Jono Badcock	Photography
Keith Rowland	Historian
Nigel Smith	Editor
Dave Badcock	Road Captain
Tim Bourne	
Lol Wearmouth	
Tom Cooper	

GEORDIE CHAPTER EVENTS, 2001

These are the events that have been planned so far for this year - watch this space for more!

Month	Date	Event
January	8	Chapter meeting at the shop, AGM
February	12	Chapter meeting and bowling night
March	11	Ride out to Scottish Bike show - Tom Cooper organising
	12	Chapter meeting at the shop followed by workshop Q&A
	15-18	St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin (Aire Valley Organising)
April	9	Chapter meeting at the shop - first ride out, weather permitting
	14-15	Wansbeck Valley Easter Eggstravaganza. See Lol
	27-29	Iron Butt Ride - Dave Badcock organising
May	4-5	2nd Doomsday Party with Norwegians (Ride out on Saturday)
	14	Chapter meeting at the shop
	17-20	European HOG Rally, St Tropez, France
	19-20	BMF Rally, Peterborough. (020) 8942 7914 for tickets
	20	Sunday Run, Tom & Lol organising
	26-28	Wallace Rally, Stirling
June	10	Morpeth Fair Day & RV1 Toy Ride
	11	Chapter meeting at the shop
	17	Sunday Run, Dave organising
	21	Midsummer Golf Classic
July	9	Chapter meeting at the shop
	15	BMF Scottish Motorcycle Festival, Kelso Showground - Tim organising
	28-29	Camping weekend at Flaxton. Paul organising
August	3-5	Aire Valley Rally
	9-12	Bulldog Bash
	13	Chapter meeting at the shop
	19	Poker Run - Dave Badcock organising
	24-26	HDRGB Rally at Shipley
	24-26	Dunedin HOG Rally, Aviemore
September	1-2	Taff's Custom Show
	10	Chapter meeting at the shop
	16	Sunday Run, Lol organising
	28-30	10th Heart 'n' Soul Rally, Gosforth Park Racecourse
October	8	Chapter meeting at the shop
	14	Sunday Run
	27	Halloween at Clennell Hall
November	12	Chapter meeting at the shop with Pie and Peas

Got something to say? Then get in touch!

You can send Letters, Technical Questions, Readers Rides, or anything else that you think will be of interest, to:

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HOG OR A BUST!

By Paul Simnett

I still remember my visit to the Essoldo Cinema in Whitley Bay to see Easy Rider, I went three times, the third visitation accompanied by my somewhat beffed mother.

my dear wife, nay god, dess, suggested that I go for it. My 50th Birthday was due that August and it was to be shit or bust, was the kill to be as exciting as the chase, I was full of ap



HOG over the Tyne. Geordie HOG members on the Christmas toy run for the Salvation Army

As director of the Geordie Chapter I would like to give you a warm welcome to 'Hog on the Tyne', the very first edition of the official Geordie Chapter newsletter, which is planned to be printed and distributed to all members on a quarterly basis. We hope you enjoy reading all the news, views and hot gossip packed into the very first issue.



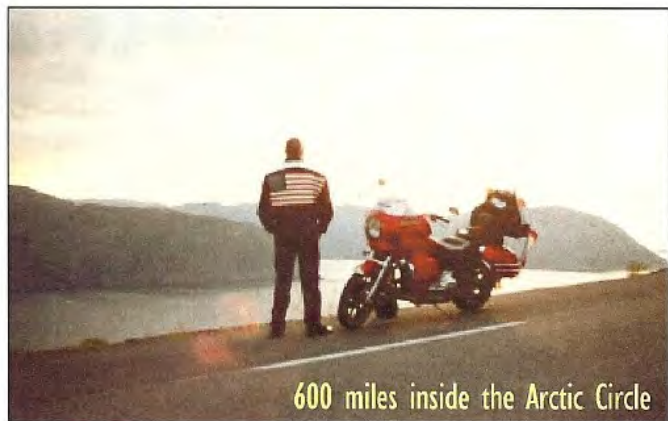
A Whole selection of Geordie Chapter goodies are available from Chris Wearmouth. See her at the monthly meetings or leave an order at the shop. Orders can also be picked up at the shop, then there is no P&P to pay.

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RIDEOUT REPORT - SCOTTISH MOTOR CYCLE SHOW

By Nigel Smith

This year's first ride-out, and a bright sunny Sunday morning saw around 13 bikes leave the shop bound for Edinburgh and the Scottish Motorcycle Show.

It was decided that the preferred route up to Edinburgh, by more 'interesting' roads, was not a good choice for the day. The rain was moving in from the west, there was still a lot of salt on the road (a killer for the chrome) and snow piled up at the sides. So we set off by the less interesting, but probably quicker, route straight up the coast on the A1 to Edinburgh. The sun shone on us all the way and it was great to be out riding in a group again. Just

the way, and we were at the show in time for lunch.

Entrance to the show was £12 this year, quite a lot for the few hours we were going to be there, but then what did I spy? Some kind of sole had left a fire exit door open, right into the main hall - get in - twelve quid saved!! The show itself although obviously not the size of the Birmingham show, is a lot bigger and better than the effort they've staged in Newcastle for the last couple of years. It is just about the right size for getting around in half a day, not too crowded, plenty of bargains to be had, and lots of outside attractions such as stunt riders to watch as well.

After a pleasant few hours wandering the journey back - but hang on, what's this? Heavy rain, that's what!! The light showers forecast for the afternoon had turned into continuous torrential rain. So it was a three hour ride back by the same route we had come, only this time in the foulest weather I have ridden in for quite some time. My top of the range, Hien Gerrick, 100% waterproof jacket wasn't. It has never let water in before. Nor were my leather trousers waterproof, but then they aren't supposed to be. I had forgotten to bring my waterproof over-trousers, so that was my own fault.

I arrived home cold and wet but very happy; I had just been on the first ride out of the year, the bike didn't miss a beat after it's 3 month winter hibernation, and the spring is just around the corner, so the weather can only get better.



Pre delivery

This month we look at a bike that has gone through quite a transformation—Jon's Fatboy, started out black, and then disaster struck. If you read the last edition of Hog on the Tyne you will have seen Jon's 'Ode to a Fatboy' where he described that fateful day that it went sliding down the road. Well, as the saying goes, we have the technology (at least, Just Harleys do), we can rebuild it. Luckily it cost less than \$6million (just), and it came out a gorgeous shade of blue!

TOURING ON YOUR HOG

By Dave Badcock

mirror or to check tyre pressure; a bulb; all can easily be done. You have the tools to do it. A good tool kit can also give you the confidence to be a good Samaritan - stopping on the AIM to help a Sporty rider, she was 24 hours touring Europe and a babe! I've seen wire that had the bike

a normal holiday, the only two items on my list that are different is wet weather gear and spare gloves. It is essential that when touring you take the necessary gear, weather can be a real challenge to serious touring trips. I experienced very low temperatures in Arizona which I

There is nothing worse than riding for hours or even days to arrive without your tickets, dooh!

thought was a desert, indeed most of it is but at 7,000 feet elevations and at night the temperature can plummet, be

allowed me to spend a couple of days prepared.



Viking Invasion. Members from Norwegian Chapters paid us their annual visit for the Doomsday Party in May

DAVE'S WISE WORDS

Thank you for electing me as the Director of Geordie Chapter HOG.

I have just received my ten-year patch from H.O.G., and what a ten years it has been. As I approached forty I needed something to refresh my life and as I had always wanted to own a Harley forty was the time to do it.

Like many of you out there my biking experience at 16 to 20 was a round of mopeds, field bikes and my pride and joy a BSA C15, 250cc single. I passed the test on the moped but never got a full bike license so at forty it was CBT and bike training to get a license.

My first Harley was an 1100cc 1988 Sportster. The 1100 was only made for one production year then it was upped to the 1200. Jono and I put 23,000 miles on it. We traveled the length and breadth of the UK, two up with camping.

Jono and I visited most UK HOG rallies and soon built up a good network of friends who shared the Harley passion. Onward and upward I invested in an FXRT. 73,000 miles later it was time to upgrade to my current Glide.

Dale Robinson approached me in 1997 to help set up a local chapter. The first meeting we had was in the Sun Inn Morpeth with Davey Mac, Dale and me. From little acorns big oaks grow. Now our Chapter has 200 members, a great dealership in Just Harleys and a very busy social calendar.

My over riding focus with anything to do with my Harley is to have fun and ride my bike. I will work hard to ensure we have a Chapter to be proud of. The mix of people we have combined with all their various skills and expertise can be focused into running a Chapter where we can all share in that mission state.

The best way to realize that mission statement is to get involved. HOG offers many benefits; they are only benefits if you can use them.



NEW WATER COOLED HARLEY UNVEILED

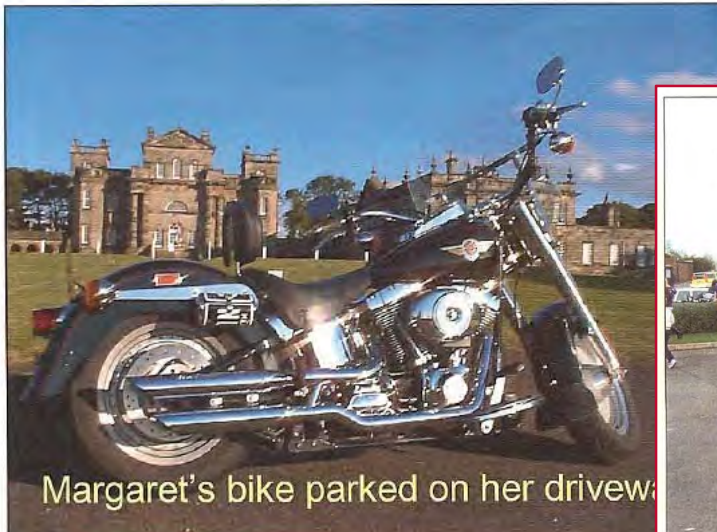
bike.

The first in the VRSCA family, the V-Rod was recently launched in Los Angeles. The styling is is not dissimilar to a V-Max or a Buell.

The engine, apart

being water cooled also de- from the 'norm' by

60-degree V twin, instead of will be very limited.



Margaret's bike parked on her driveway



A sizable contingent represented the Geordie Chapter at Hogging' the Bridge II



The last weekend in September, and that can mean only one thing - time again for the Heart 'n' Soul Rally!

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the planning and organisation had been going on since the end of last year's rally, so that this would be the biggest and best yet. Did we achieve this? - Well I think so!

quite a feat! The second band of the Wildcats of Killen different from the norm band you see at these events - not an electric guitar - but they went down Taking traditional Irish



basardising them (their words, not mine), I defy any music lover with a couple of pints



A month on from the terror attacks in the US, and while the world economy teeters, Harley-Davidson just keeps powering on. Perhaps Americans are backing the good old US of A more than ever before. The firm has just reported profits of £76 million in the third quarter of 2001, a £19 million increase on the same period last year. Shares in the firm rose to £29.31 on the New York Stock Exchange after the news. With sales of the new V-Rod still to come, Harley is expecting to grow even more – particularly in Europe. However, there's no evidence that Harley is likely to share its good fortune with us in the form



At last, the big day has arrived and the long wait is nearly over!



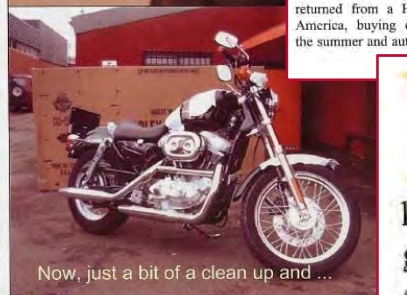
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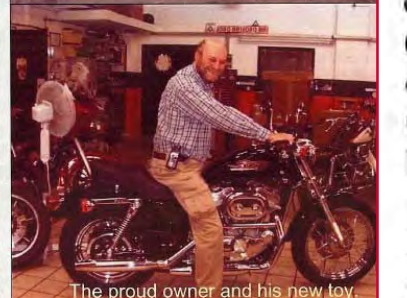
....it's a Sporty!



A first peek....



Now, just a bit of a clean up and ...



The proud owner and his new toy.

NEWS FROM JUST HARLEY

Despite the weather the year has started off very well with a great many orders being taken for the new registration in March, which will coincide with the first deliveries of the new V-Rod. I think we are all looking forward to getting back into the riding season when we're able to get out and about without getting dressed up like an Eskimo. As some of you are no doubt aware Nick and myself have just returned from a Harley trip to America, buying clothing from the summer and autumn ranges. I think you will all agree when you see the new ranges later this year that there is some great new lines especially in the ladies clothes (yes we do listen!). There was also a new line in ladies chain mail tops, however we avoided buying any of these as it took both of us to pick the things up! It was also an opportunity for us to view the first phase of the anniversary clothing, featuring the new anniversary logo. Needless to say we have ordered lots of stock for the shop. The Anniversary Clothing is all limited edition and will come in three phases, each phase containing different lines from the previous phase, with no lines being repeated, so if you see something you like there will only be one opportunity to buy it. The first phase is due in in March with the next two coming in September 2002 and January 2003. Having now finished all the re-vamps with the shop including the latest changes to the workshop and parts departments we can now enjoy all the new facilities without the interruption from builders this year. Happy riding

Plans are well underway for Harley Davidson's 100th Anniversary and here at Just Harleys we have a great number of ideas in mind to celebrate this unique event (however if you have a specific event in mind give me a call). Once we have finalised our plans I will let you know.

Now on to the bikes. Harley Davidson plan to celebrate their centenary differently to previous anniversary models. Each bike made during 2003 production year (that is 1st September 2002 to 31st October 2003) will be badged as an anniversary model with all bikes being available in the colours in the brochure, however there are two colours specific to 2003 – Sterling silver/ivid black and Gunmetal Pearl. I am off to Milwaukee in July to collect more specific details about prices and specifications and will let you know in early

LADIES OF HARLEY

A quick introduction.... Little Legs, AKA Ladies of Harley officer (not as in police, tho, I have had a run in with one of late, but that's another story!!). I'm hoping this will be a regular Ladies of Harley slot... Why I hear you ask? or maybe you don't. The reason is to encourage more of us females to have FUN, be it as pillion, riders or just party animals. For those of us without the dangly bits between our legs LOH is a also a chance to have a say in future events, and meet new like minded friends. As well as ideas for the future, if enough of you are prepared to let me print your innermost thoughts from the past, this LOH slot could run and run and run..... To help you out, here is an inter-

view I did with myself:

Q: What was your best moment on a bike?

A: The day I passed my test and took the 'L's off, magic.

Q: What was your worst moment?

A: Dropping my Fatboy just before a busy roundabout with no George (current husband) to pick it up, Help!!

Q: What gave you your most satisfying ride?

A: Apart from having George as pillion (fondling my boobs on the busy Coast Road, not much you can do but enjoy it or crash), it has to be the day I rode up Hardnott Pass, in the Lake district and survived!!

Q: What is the best rally you've been to so far?

A: Aviemore 2000. It was my first

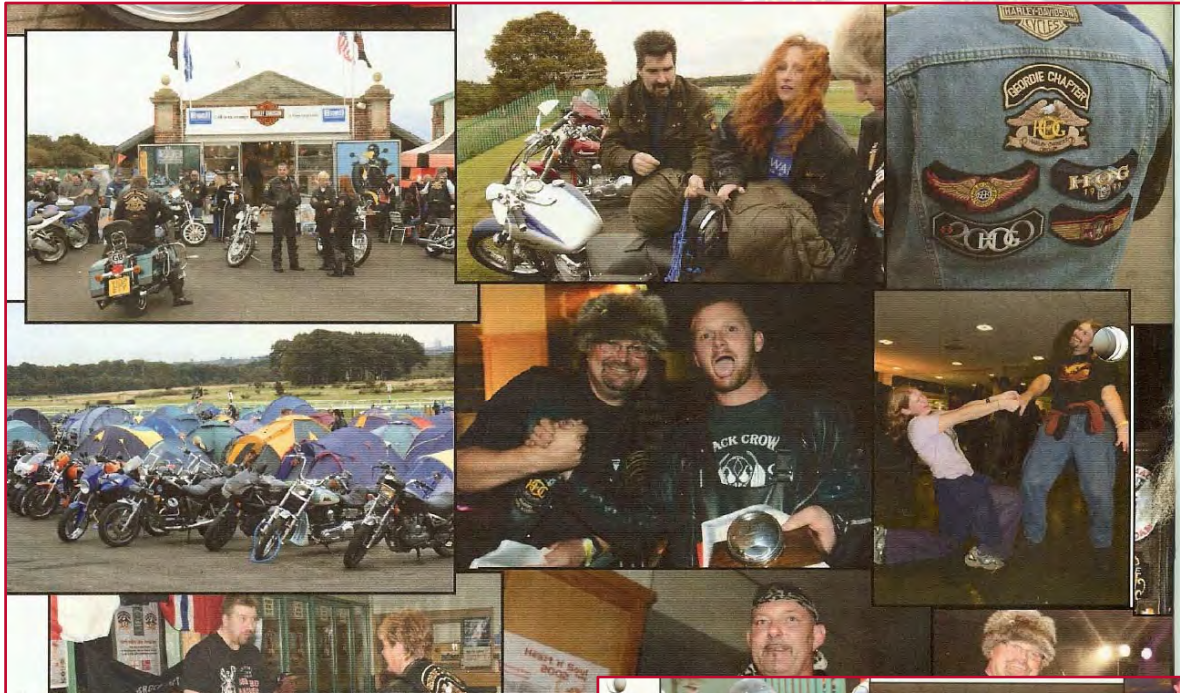
long haul on my first Harley, an 883 sporty, weather was good, campsite better, drink plentiful and, as Frankie would say, the 'crack' was brilliant.

My thanks go to all the other riders over the last couple of years who have helped me. There have been, words of encouragement, a lend of some muscle power when I've parked in a stupid place and the best compliment ever 'you're just one of the boys'. THANKS!!

I could go on and on and on and on, but this is not about me it's about everyone who loves to ride, wants to ride or gets a kick out of being a pillion.

Ladies, Your Chapter needs You!! Any stories or ideas for future events gratefully received.

Have Fun
Margaret Young



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**Getting ready for the
 ride to Hamburg from
 Ijmuiden.**

THE MALAGA MISSION (in THE GHOST FROM GRANADA)

By Frankie Goodall

Christmas day, same old thing - fags, socks and shreds. F*ck it, time-share beckons. In due course January arrives and the ferry is booked, Plymouth - Santander, August cannot come soon enough. OK Mr. Sporty, you will need a belta medical, so off to Just Harleys Mk1 (Morpeth). Marty, yes Marty (longest serving employee at JH), took my Sporty in hand and what wonders did he perform. Enter Dale, "A 1200 conversion is what you need for touring hotter climes" (smooth talking b*stard). Two weeks from vacation, Dale assures me my Sporty will be ready in time to run it in, have its first medical after conversion and still make the ferry. Well he was correct, but when flying by the seat of your pants on a Dale timetable, it doesn't half

foot on Spanish soil. There to greet me was my Spanish Amigo. He very quickly settled me in as I was in a bit of a flap as you can imagine, still half pissed and very nearly missed the boat (so to speak). My newly acquired pal told me that there was a cracking road through the mountains and I could follow him, but the fastest route was the one I had actually planned (as I had to meet my ex, Rachel, and my lads, Che and Daniel, in Malaga a day earlier than planned on Friday at 15:30). Now I was at Santander at 14:45, Thursday. I had to be the other side of Spain in Malaga



in just over 24 hours. Saying my good-byes to my Spanish pal, I declined his offer and headed off head-down, arse-up, hopefully on the correct route. Heading through some spectacular mountain scenery. I made good time and passed

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Norway Cruise & Viking Invasion 2003

By Dot Johnston

Teatime on Sunday 25th May saw about 70 bikes boarding the Fjord Line ferry 'Jupiter' at North Shields, ready and eager for the week-long party ahead. After embarking and dumping our stuff in our cabins, we headed straight for the party at the 'secret location' i.e. the ship's Helipad. It all got off to a cracking start with free beer as we glided elegantly down the Tyne, taking photos, waving to Jono, and silently praying for a calm crossing - sea-sickness is sooooo uncool! We spent the remainder of the evening in the Viking bar, where there was music and entertainment, good company, chat and much laughter. Oh, and more beer...

Barcelona or Bust

By Nige Collis

After months of expectation and lots of preparation and planning the great event was finally upon us. Eight days off work and lots of riding, drinking eating and partying to be attended to (Oh what a chore!).

Our plan for Barcelona was to ride down to Plymouth, catch the ferry to Santander, in Northern Spain, ride down through the centre of Spain to Barcelona and then reverse the order for the return journey, this is how it panned out.

As many of you will remember the original plan, for the Georgie Chapter, was to make a group ride from JH in Newcastle down to Barcelona with the shop supporting us on the way with the van (plus Eric) on the way. Owing to many changes in the information given on the event, and even the uncertainty that it was going to happen at all, this never happened and the fifty to sixty people who put their names down ended up making their own plans for the trip. Our group consisted of, Ian and Gill McClelland and Jan and myself and we with others in the Spaghetti Western lands of central Barcelona itself.

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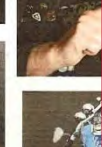
The Hard Rock Café in Barcelona was visited by many people

Christmas Party 2003 The Stout Fiddler—Newcastle



We were blessed with great weather over the weekend of 'Thunder

An excellent night at The Stout Fiddler for the Georgie Chapter. Attended by approx. 160 people. Well done to all who help



March	8	Monthly Meeting @ Just Harleys (Closed)
	17	St.Patrick's Day
	20	LoH Going to the Dogs!
	25	Ceilidh - Just Harleys Celebration Evening (Irish Club - Gallowgate)
April	12	Monthly Meeting @ Just Harleys (Closed)
	10-11	Eggstravaganza - Lol (Open)
	23	St.Georges Day
	23-25	Back to Basics in Scotland (Member)
May	10	Monthly Meeting @ Just Harleys & Ride Out (Closed)
	16	First Chapter Monthly Ride Out - Lol (Closed)
	22/23	BMF Rally (Rally Open to BMF Members, show open to all)
	23-28	Harley Cruise to Norway (Open)
	28-30	York Harley Cruise & Aire Valley Party (Open)
June	3-6	HOG Euro Rally, Monte Gordo, Portugal
	4-6	Tyne Phoenix Rally
	13	Morpeth Fair Day & Toy Run to Rvi Chapter Photo (Open)

The Geordie Chapter 320 Members & still growing



Well, here goes, first column as director and I want to take this opportunity to thank the rest of the year. Of course the biggie will be the Heart & Soul in September. It gets more and more difficult to top the success of previous years but with more bands, trade stands and a few surprises we're working on, we hope we've done it! This years rally team, for the first time, consists of two committee members and three chapter members so thanks to the new blood for all their time and hard work. I have always wanted to get those chapter members who want to more involved in the club and this is starting to happen with people volunteering their time and services. This is your club, enjoy it! As the chapter grows (we're now past the 300 member mark) we are trying to organise more choice of events and activities to suit just about everybody. However, if anyone had any ideas then please tell us. I know that the monthly meetings can be a bit chaotic at times but all of the committee have post boxes in Just Harleys so please put your views forward. Finally, as mentioned at last months meeting, we are looking at ways to "give something back" to the members so read your minutes for further details. Don't forget your subs are due and good luck to the members who paid by the end of the July in the draw for the £50 Just Harleys voucher.

Anyway enough from me

Enjoy yourselves and ride safe.

Chris Wearmouth - Geordie Chapter Director

Flaxton 2004



*A fine, dry Humber
Bridge deluded us into
thinking that the ride
be as
e down.*



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in September.**





Morpeth Fair Day & RVI Children's Ward Presentation

This year we were blessed with glorious sunshine for the whole day. The usual meeting time at the shop was observed and by 10.30 the ride out was heading for Morpeth. This year it headed for the Coastal route and came up the back road past Plessey Woods, which is of course the easiest way to Coopies Lane Industrial Estate where we were gathering. This was the site of Just Harley's first shop what seems a very long time ago. Here the ride-out met those who had ridden directly there and the numbers swelled to sixty bikes. Since we were also to be making a presentation later in the day to the RVI Chris Wearmouth and Carole Rowland had a collection to go towards the cost of the present. It was soon ten to twelve and time to join the parade. We snaked out of the estate onto the main road to be joined by a couple of late arrivals. Under escort by the Police we dropped down towards the town centre. Behind us the American Cars, the Classic Cars and the Floats joined in. Once the convoy reached



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Harry Lambert's 85th Birthday Special Courtesy Of The Geordie HOG



The ride south was blessed with glorious sunshine and soaring temperatures.



Mountains or plains, everywhere we went brought us glorious weather.

Halloween Party 2004

By Hilary Simnett

A week to go and we started gathering bits and pieces together for costumes for the H D Halloween Party at Otterburn Hall.

As late as 4.30 on the evening of the party, we managed to get a late cancellation for a room for the night, albeit a single room! Thanks to JH and Brian from Cramlington. I could see exactly what would happen! Never mind, we



had a room and anything was better than sleeping in the truck. Bedecked in our costumes, Paul a pumpkin and myself a witch, we set off for Otterburn Hall with our daughter, Lisa, as a 'she devil' and her fiancé Chris, as Wolverine. We had only driven down the street when we realised we needed petrol - oh no! There we realised we needed petrol - oh no! There we



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European Bike Week - Faak am See—Austria

By Nige Collis

What's this European Bike Week about? Isn't it just a bike rally in Austria where there are hundreds of bikes and a lot relating to Harley Davidson?

The answer isn't further from the truth. Think nearly 100,000 bikes and 60,000 people, around 90% of which are Harley Davidson and you get the picture.

Quite HOG being the best motorcycle in the world there will be a huge amount of Harley Davidson bikes.



Editorial

- DAVID HOUGHTON -

Welcome to the first issue of the 2006 'HOG on the Tyne' (HOTT) newsletter. A publication very much in its infancy, the initial priority to get the newsletter moving and provide a 'test bed' for future issues to be developed from.

I have been formulating ideas, which have evolved, been added to and restructured on a regular basis since early January. The idea to create a 'canvas that you can paint on'.



Chris Wearmouth (left), the outgoing Geordie Chapter Director, is presented with a gift and bouquet by the new incumbent, Julie Horsfield.



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MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Presented at the Chapter Annual General Meeting in January to Gerry and Maureen Lee, for their loyal Chapter work at the Ouseburn base camp, in particular the café. The fourth recipients of the "Memory of David Williams (1963 - 2002) HOG Geordie Chapter Member of the Year Award". David a member of the Chapter died tragically in an automobile accident in the United States. His family presented the award in his memory in 2002.



"THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG" - sort of. At the time of going to press Paul McPherson, AKA 'Tigger', was holed up somewhere and unable to "pose" for the above. Therefore - left to right: Paul Murphy (Maggie) Jimmy Jobson (Shipper), Ron McFadyen (Lost Ron) - the instigator of the "Meet and Greet" policy and Mick Ingledrew (Dellie Mick). I am assured that the guys are a lot friendlier than they look!



Stop Press!

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SUMMER RETAIL LIMITED have increased their Harley-Davidson and Buell operations to three with the acquisition of the **Just Harleys** dealership in Newcastle.

Burt Perry who was General Manager of the company's **ST LEGER HARLEY-DAVIDSON** site in Doncaster and who has many years of Harley and motorcycle retail experience has moved to head the Just Harleys site.



On a sad note, Chapter member David Monaghan lost his battle with cancer and passed away on 27th April. His last wish was for the Chapter to accompany him on his final ride. His funeral took place on Thursday 4th May with 50 bikes escorting him to the West Road Crematorium, followed by a service of celebration of David's life. It was a truly magnificent sight to see, as the "rolling thunder" snaked its way through the local villages. My thanks to all who attended, it truly made a memorable day for David's family.



The official 2006 Geordie Chapter HOG group photograph professionally created by Ian McClelland - what a tremendous image!



From the expression on Dot's face do I detect that she is doubting Janice's sanity and her own safety.

A Cautionary Note . . .

. . . the first ride out of the season sadly marked the first Chapter 'Off' of the year, when Carole and Joe Fairrie parted company with their Anniversary Glide on the return trip. Both Carole and Joe were injured, Carole more so. Joe's injuries were minor, as were the Glide (but spread across most of the nearside panels - ouch!). Unfortunately Carole is going to be incapacitated for up to four months with a double break in one leg. Our best wishes go to them both.

- EDITOR



YOUR CAFÉ NEEDS YOU!

The Chapter has a wee bit of a crisis down at the Ouseburn Café. We have a lack of volunteers, especially at this time of year, the height of the biking season, to donate some time to helping out behind the counter. It can be fun - honest! The stalwarts continue to 'put in their all', but can only do so much. Lack of support means that already we have had to close the facility from time to time and may have to continue to do so, at least over the summer months. I can be on a Saturday, or 2 to 4 on a Sunday, or even on a Monday (if you can) then **please** contact Keith Rowland on 0191 275 1111.



We enjoyed an on site barbecue during Saturday afternoon, to show off the Geordie hospitality, with everyone filling their bellies! The Caledonia Cruiser Club personally thanked the members of Geordie Chapter Hog, who provided the BBQ (Ken Carse, Karl Cooper, Paul Nichols, Margaret Carse).



Chapter BBQ at the Ouseburn

- Words & Pictures Julie Horsfield -

At the July Chapter meeting I asked for a show of hands, to see how many members would be interested in having a barbecue at the Ouseburn. Everyone agreed it would be a good place to enjoy a relaxing evening. So it was agreed and the date was set for the evening of Tuesday 18th July.



The One and Only 15th Heart 'n' Soul Rally

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For more breaking news see our web site: www.geordiehog.com

Chapter Bonding Weekend @ Flaxton

July 28th-30th 2006

Carole Fairrie • Photographs Julie Horsfield & Joe Fairrie •

ally arrived The was upon us.

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the tables, salads on go!

John and Angela provided food for the evening meal with a gang of willing helpers (Jeff Stephenson seemed to be doing a bit of everything!) The evening went over with lots of chatting (bonding) drinking and laughing.

We made our way 'home' in the dark!

honing that the good weather would



at other places, or events, on their way home. We packed up and set off around 11.00am this time following Gerry, Maureen, Julie, Jen and Michelle.



The only downside to the weekend was being told about the passing of Mary Lambert. Also a LOH member having a fall resulting in several broken bones in her hand and a stay in York hospital.



The Geordie Chapter attend the 15th Annual HOG European Rally in Kilbarniey - 22-25 June 2006 • Photograph: David Houghton



'Fatboy Al' Glasper on John's 'EXILE'

FAT BOY AL & THE FAT BOY BUILD - How to customise a mate's bike -

- DETAILS: ALLEN 'FAT BOY AL' GLASPER • WORDS: DAVID HOUGHTON • PICTURES: FAT BOY AL AND JONATHAN HALL -

As the newsletter has evolved I've thought of different ways to tweak the publication, in the hope of improving the content, involving Chapter members more in informative articles that (hopefully) will be of interest, entertaining and inspirational. Not just ride outs, events and rallies, but certainly bike related and dare I say 'educational', it's been enlightening for me if nobody else.

One thought, a bike build (not just adding shiny bits, performed by a Chapter member, or members, that may spur others into 'having a go'). The first such article was to be Grant Anderson's (Chapter Committee member and Just Harleys sales executive) interesting build. Due to some later spec changes the write up on his bike has had to be delayed to the autumn issue of HOG. At the time of going to press Grant's customisation, a bike built around a 1976 Shovelhead engine, is now completed.

So, in the interim, Allen Glasper stepped into the breach, well... it took several weeks to

This has been a tangential build where the original 'kit' for the main part of the build was bought by FBA for a bike he then owned, then shelved. Later Jon was happy to gain from Al's experience and put the kit to good use.



Technical details are legion - so here goes. The spec consists of I asked my questions from the front to the back, and made copious notes of the custom one-offs and after market parts. The front tyre, an Avon Venom (120 x 60 x 21 inch), wrapped around a 21 inch American wire wheel, with twisted spokes.

The frame is standard spec, yes - black, and the controls standard. Forward controls, incorporating the jiffy stand, are billet aluminium, again supplied by the American company DNA. Allen met the owner of DNA at the Exile 10th anniversary party, where the synapses started sparking and ideas formed.

Al and Co stretched the fuel tank for a smooth faultless contour and seamless neat fit around the black Le Pera 'bare bones' saddle modified by Al to fit precisely into the tank.

A stunning paint job complements the smooth lines of this build. Although colourful, mostly deep orange the appearance is one of subtlety, lending itself to the 'meatiness' of the bike. The 'Aztec Orange' is over sprayed with a black chequered motif, pearl white pinstripe and 14 coats of clear lacquer to add depth. The fabulous paint job was created by Steve at RAINBOW RIDES (www.rainbowrides.me.uk), in Crook, Co Durham



Earraghail Tour

20/23 April 2007 • WORDS AND IMAGES: DAVE BADCOCK •

Coastline of the Gaelic isles is the meaning, but the pronunciation of Earraghail is down to you! Friday 20th April and the riding season starts with our regular kick off event of a Scottish Tour, or some of us the riding season, in reality, never stopped but this one has always been billed as the kick off event (the Heart 'n' Soul is equally billed as the year end event but that's another story). The tour headquarters were Oban



I got fuel at Tobermory and saw what the islanders have to pay £1.04 per litre. We had lunch there, deciding to eat at MacGoochan's Bar & Bistro. I had Cullen Skink, which is a smoked haddock fish chowder; delicious!

On Saturday evening we were treated to a Scottish night. Highland dancing, bagpipes and a traditional accordion band.

Sunday 06:30 - typically of me



Grant won the Best Engineering prize in the 2007 HEART 'N' SOUL Custom Bike Show!



Just Harleys - update

STOPPRESS!

DEALERSHIP RELOCATION!



Welcome to the 'Christmas' edition of HOG ON THE TYNE. It's been a very eventful and memorable year for me and the staff of Just HARLEYS. I feel particularly privileged because after what has been a great year

2008 looks to be a momentous and even more exciting one. Not least the fact, that after almost eight years in Newcastle, Just Harleys will be moving back to its original location in the city.

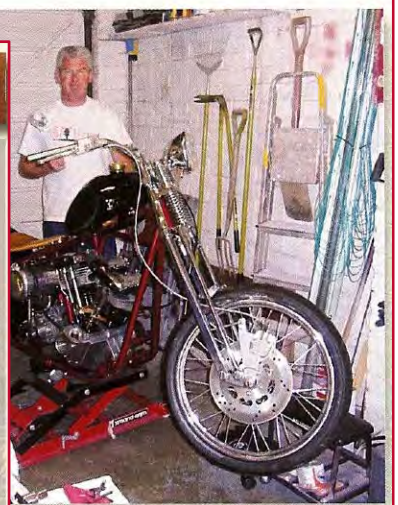


On a seasonal note please read on...
We Want Your Sportster!

During December Just HARLEYS are offering a cracking deal in 'Sporty' trade-ins, guaranteed to get you into that seasonal spirit by including a traditional Christmas hamper. That's right, bring your Sportster along, part exchange it for a new Big Twin and we'll not only give you a fantastic deal, but also a deluxe hamper will be yours to enjoy over the festive season.

Just contact Chris, or Grant, on 0191 232 7174, to get the ball rolling.

Remember... it's the season to be jolly!



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- Words: Allen (



So this is how it started . .

.. after a few drinks - it was decided that Johnny, 'Johnny the Chef' (who featured [it was his bike] in 'FAT BOY AL & THE FAT BOY BUILD', in the sixth issue of HOTT), having been the new boy, should sort out the trip to 'fingerinthehole'. About two

days later the Chef called and told me to look at my emails, as he'd done some research - as in booked the ferry one way from Plymouth to Santander and sorted out the hotel in Madrid for Monday night! No flies on Johnny! We also had a choice of three villas to stay at when we arrived at the 'Costa del Crime', or otherwise know as 'home' to some of you! As a new boy Johnny didn't realise when people have had a drink they say they will go anywhere, but when the time comes to pay up they remember that they can't make it for one feeble reason or another. But - as it happened, out of all those who said they would go only a couple dropped out for legitimate reasons. So the ride was set in stone, the line-up being: Ron 'Scary' Richardson, Aidan 'Bugsy' Malone, Andy 'Diesel' Powell, Johnny 'The Chef' Hall,

quite warm. Now you need to understand that FAKKER SEE is locally called FAK AM SEE and is a large lake. The police close the road



Big Paul's bike



50cc noisy (but looked good fun) things swarming about

offenders register in minutes, but anything seems to go at Falker See!



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Whilst



Dave Charlton, Jim, Gina, Crawford and Tom Coops relaxing in the hotel in Villach



Geordie Chapter HOG 1997-2007

Ten years on and on and . . .

BRIAN ROBINSON ► CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Brian Robinson ingeniously took a different slant on the tenth anniversary of our very own Geordie Chapter HOG. One hundred years, a century of important events, within Harley-Davidson . . . read on! - Editor

1907: William A Davidson, brother to Arthur and Walter Davidson, joins the Motor Company. The first Harley Davidson was sold for police duty.

This was located slap-bang in the middle between our 'local' dealers, THE HARLEY SHOP, at Whitwood and ALVINS, in Edinburgh, a 120 mile trip to either. There were of course other non-franchised shops, A1 MOTORCYCLES on Westgate Road and AMERICAN HEARTBEAT in Darlington, but no social scene like we experience now.

So with the opening of JUST HARLEYS in Merthyr and their elevation to factory

The one and only HEART 'N' SOUL RALLY had originally been established as a JH event, but it was to become our annual contribution to biking in the North East and grow into the premier 'must do' event it is now. The first year in Clennell Hall, with about sixty people, straw bales and a flat bed truck, as the stage, is a far cry from the slick operation we now enjoy at the Gosforth Park Racecourse. This growth and change of the rally directly reflects the growth and change

Lynn and Graham with a
'New' Chapter member?



Greg Holmes announcing
Marble Run winners



Riding a Dyna Superglide 35th Anniversary Edition

Duncan has had sports bikes for over 45 years and has moved from his previous bike which was a BMW Cruiser to owning his first Harley. Ownership comes after hiring a Harley in Florida 2 years and was

bitten by the 'Harley Bug'. Although Duncan had a brief trip away on his own last year, this year will be the first year He and his wife have a break together and what better way to do it than on The Clan Chief Tour.



Duncan Callum from Heighington

March 15th 2008

GEORDIE CHAPTER ROCK NIGHT

This was to be my first event as an Activities Officer. It would also be a first for such an



Of course the disco, all I had to do now was to see tickets were priced at £3 which included the



John was called to the front of the room, as it was his birthday where he was promptly 'arrested' by a scantily dressed 'policewoman'! I must say that he definitely didn't resist in fact he fully co-operated! It was certainly a birthday he will remember!

I believe everyone enjoyed the night. The band and disco were brilliant, the food was excellent.....there was very little left! There were raffle prizes, the free raffle 1st prize was £50 voucher kindly donated by Just Harleys.

Around 170 people attended of which approx 80-90 were Chapter members and guests plus some familiar faces from other bike clubs and their friends. From the feedback I received I can safely say the event was a success and I am looking forward to the next one. Watch this space!! - Joe Farrie

I discovered that customers old and new visited the Open Weekend enjoying a chat and a coffee while drooling over the merchandise!

Images by Ian McClelland—
www.ianmacphotos.co.uk



future potential customers, some were Geordie Chapter members, and others Harley Owners. It was great to see Just Harley's as it was when Ian and I joined the Chapter in 2001, it's hard to believe we've been members for almost 7 years. There was a great 'buzz' in the shop and I

customers, we've met loads of lovely people (and converted a few of them to Harleyism) and John loves getting out there on his bike and sharing the fun. It doesn't look like we'll be giving up the day jobs just yet, but maybe next year, watch this space.



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Happiness!!! -

Frankie Goodall unwraps his first Harley - his Fatboy
Geordie Chapter founder member and former Just Harley's employee Frankie remembers it well, it was 1997 at the old Just Harley's shop in Morpeth, you just might recognize some well known faces from the past in the background.

make this another year to remember for the Children of Chernobyl. They donned helmets and eagerly climbed onto back of a Harley for a memorable ride.

On this years visit to Seaton Carew



Run to the Sun – Ha, Ha, Ha



Run to the sun (not really) 21/05/08

Our mate Tom



Tom Cooper and I first met in early 1999 just after Just Harleys moved to Newcastle from Morpeth, we had both bought yellow sportster's and as we both lived in Gosforth constantly got mistaken for each other. It didn't take long before Dale Robinson and Lol Wearmouth got us on our first rideout and we were soon spending many a trip scraping the boards with Dale, Lol, Frankie Goodall, Dave Badcock, Brian Oxberry, George & Margaret Young and other members of the first road crew.

Dave Jackson

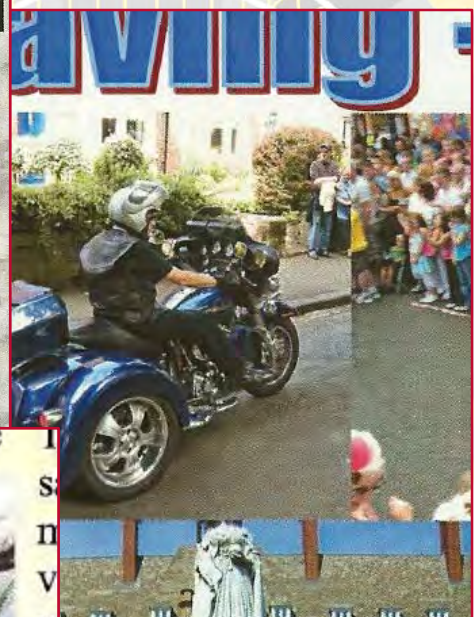


From Spennymoor, riding an Ultra Classic and the many reason for buying a Harley is he has always wanted one from being young. Dave is married to Joyce and has a Stepdaughter Sharon, and has 4 grandchildren the eldest Tony, Jon, Stephannie 18 and Jack 8. Dave's hobbies are visiting Country Music Clubs and riding his Harley – weather permitting.





not day, we headed back to Deadwood. We



Well Done!

To those Geordie Chapter members who sponsored and to those that took part in the Boundary 500 Motorcycle Group, Santa Run on the 20th December 2008.

180 bikers from various clubs took part and today a cheque for £25,347.14p was presented to Zoe's Place.

A fantastic effort by all con- Give yourselves a big Free back....



Ray Hales

From South Shields riding a Sportster Trike having always wanted one from being



Hi there,
my name is Debbie Polwarth, I am the current Ladies of Harley.

Geordie Chapter

Green's HOTT Pie Run 2009

The weather forecast was dismal for the first Chapter Rideout of 2009, which was a repeat of last year's successful pie-run, although the route ad-



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Al Thompson

From North Shields riding a Softail Deluxe.



He has always wanted to own a Harley and is married to Karen with 2 children Nathan 28 y Naomi 25. Al is a self employed b established for 5 years.

Ladies of Harley 'Pink' Ride



shouting No.24, we soon tear the first strip, and guess what, No.24, and Phil £20 the better. Then passing through the

the 'Tour' was

Julie announced Chapter Meet-ore us reserved



southern banks of the Tyne head wards the Wear, the next winner other than Debbie and it went to strip before we arrived at The W

Paul & Dawn Beattie from North-umberland riding a Road King. Bought a Harley because they are comfy and look good!



Paul is ex-Services and # 2 son is still in the Navy. Dawn is a NHS Nurse Specialist and NHS Manager.

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Ride Aid, The Return - 23 - 25th October 2009



With the Ride Aid team heading North from Exeter on their final leg on this marathon fund raising effort, we the Geordie Chapter did their proud by receiving

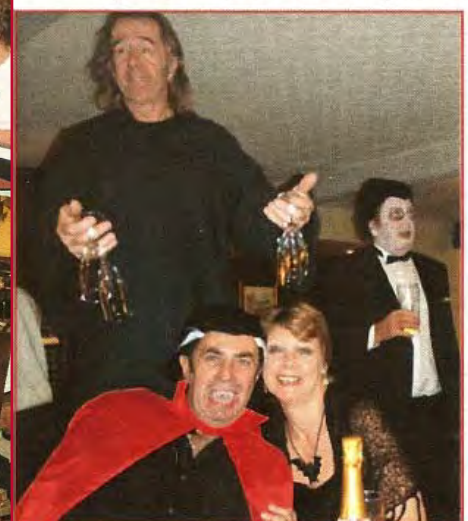
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presentations .. Tubesnake were ace and Tommy and the Oddballs .. pure magic!

addressed punters about we felt quite at



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	Nigel Collis
	Tony Pollard
Road Marshals	Graeme Turner
	Jeff Craggy
	Mark Leadbitter

OUR HARLEY DAVIDSON AMERICAN ADVENTURE WITH DOT & JOHN

29 JULY 2009 - UP AT 5.30am off on our great adventure. Can't believe we're actually doing this. Arrive at CHECK-IN all giddy - (look at us we are wearing our Biking Jackets we must be going on a motorbike - just in case anyone is interested - they aren't of course as they are all going on their own adventures). Next through airport security - luckily I have a pacemaker so have to be frisked instead of going through the beeping machine - just makes it a bit special don't you think? Went through to DUTY FREE where Bob bought me some perfume as it's my birthday today - the Beatles wrote a song for us WHEN I'M 64. The assistant didn't know it was my birth



On a sad note in April, George Maxwell passed away after a long illness. We also said goodbye to Rick Brown who passed away in May after a short illness. Both will be sadly missed but leave us with fond memories of their time as chapter members.

BONDIN' WEEKEND

Well, here it is at long last, bonding weekend. Three days in the Lake District riding my bike and having a laugh with the Geordie Chapter's finest. My baptism of fire. Weather forecast dry with sunshine, yee haa.

Slight problem to start off with as my pal Sniper couldn't get his Thursday flight from Amsterdam due to volcanic air chaos, so he booked on the overnight ferry and arrived in the UK 10am Friday morning. Adaptable is his middle name.....ok, alongside Cyril.....but I'm sure you all knew that.

Out of Westerhope, McDonalds at 11.30am and a brisk catch up ride to the café at Alston, where we all gathered over lunch. Soon we were off down the mountain towards the horses in that

and roads in the view point, which coffee break where in the stunning

Steve Burke from Newbiggin rides a 1200 Sportster .

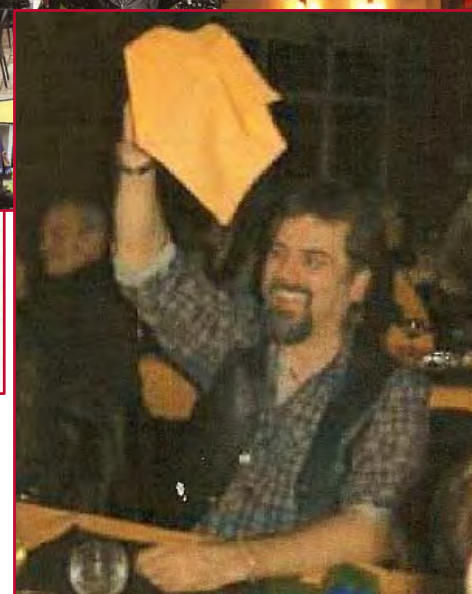
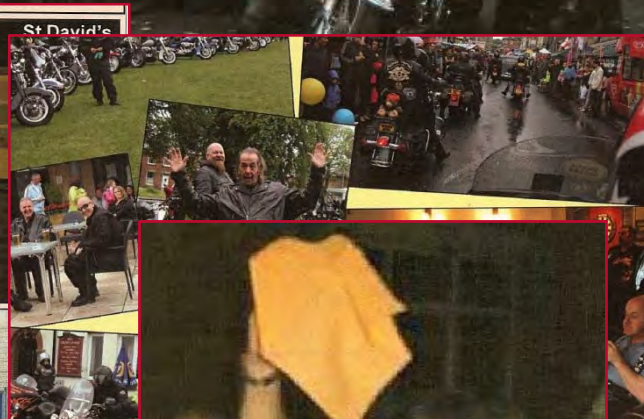
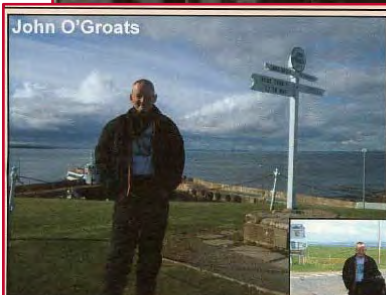


Fearlas Mor Tour 2010

The preparations began long long ago whence N uncharted reaches of Scotland never before vis
Geordie Chapter. The story begins back in May

Some 85 members prepared and ready set off fr
corners of our Chapter extremities, the 'Loons' fr
deen without a Quine to be seen, the many from
Wear and Tees area, those from the Eden who a
up the A9 to Aviemore amid rain storm and a little
through the winds of Thor cast upon us.

Ride Aid Cheque Presentation @ Newcastle College



the one & only 19th

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Everyone Welcome

Featuring:

As you all know, I am standing down as Director in January. After five years in office, I think its time to let someone else take over the reigns. I have enjoyed every minute of it, that's why it's been such a wrench, but you know, I'll always be there in some shape or form. I would like to thank my Committee and Road Crew for their support and EVERYBODY who helps at the Heart 'n' Soul Rally year after year, without your input events and ride outs just wouldn't happen.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year, Peace and Good Health for 2011.

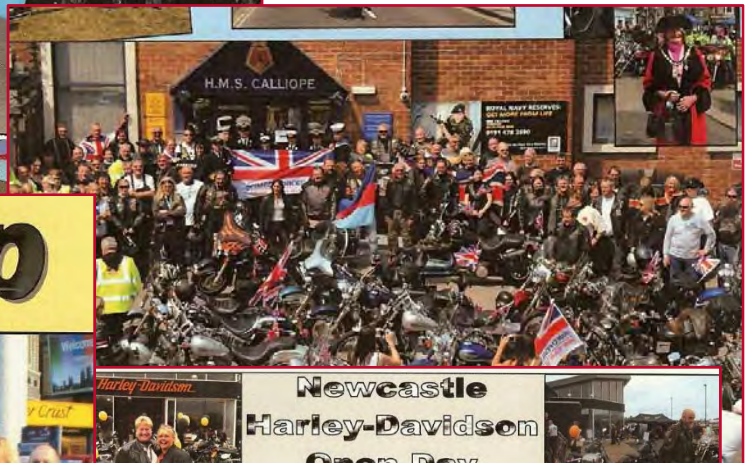


Season's Greetings

Julie



York Trip



MEL ARMSTRONG R.I.P.



Chapter Member Mel Armstrong passed away after a short illness in 2010. Mel worked for British Tours as a European Holiday work permit local council land. His funeral was on Thursday where the Chapter members gathered at his home in Preston, Lancashire. Frank, with his wife, were leading his final resting place. The rest of us followed the procession in fine tribute to Mel's untimely death.



Ladies Of Harley Pink Ride

Well once again the Chapter members did themselves proud! Nearly 100 of you turned up on what is an extremely fun, entertaining and downright PINK-EAST days ever!



nippy over the top.

Sadly one toilet was out of order "Sorry girls!" but we all still managed and got back to the ride and heading to the Raby Arms.



Finally, I was able to see you TOE before, during you are, with this the prem year, long may

TRIALS and TRIBULATIONS of ABCs



explained what it was all about at which point he said you better get the photo then, well never one to miss an opportunity I asked him if he could take the shot with me in it unfortunately there was too many cameras watching us by this time, so I took the shot then got asked where to now?

home says I, where's that? Newcastle way says I, he turned to the p/woman asked if she was a happy bunny? I says she, turn right turn right and follow yer nose says he.... WWWHHHHATTPISS OFF says he. So I went with a huge sigh of relief

DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION



Hello and welcome to this edition of The Sprocket on the Quayside. Many of us meet

Geordie Chapter

Directors welcome from Barry Gillespie

Hi and welcome to all our members, Here we are already in our second edition this year of our "Hog on the Tyne", the sun is finally starting to come out and the warmer weather is nearly upon us. Our bikes have waited a long time to spin their wheels again and wake up the neighbourhoods!

The chapter continues to grow with new members joining every week and some old ones re-joining, it's also good to see members that are taking the time to organise rides for others to come along and join them. Don't forget that the chapter's first marshalled ride will be on Sunday the 19th of May. Check the website for details.



THE CARN EIGE TOUR 29 MAY 2011

Well, there were a few things that happened to me in 2010.....and one of them was becoming the Scottish Trip organ-

In my Chapter years I was able to sit back in the seat thanks to Nige's efforts. There was me plastered, with no need of something to do, index fingers at the ready and when Nige decided on several successful trips to bonny Scotland it was time for a change I was eager to step in to fill this difficult role.



Gary Robinson is from Leadgate in Consett. He is married with one son who has just signed up for the forces. His hobbies include bikes, football and

motor sports. He works as an oper



As I'm writing this, Peter Currie, our events & activities officer, has now got the new chapter mobile phone and will be able to contact you all by text (if you gave us your phone number) to give you all the information regarding rides and events etc. Also if you are going to organise a ride let Peter know what time and when and where you are planning to leave and he can then send us all a message to let us all know. You can contact Peter by email on



Geordie Chapter

Monthly Newsletter, June 2016

Our new dealer, Jennings Harley-Davidson Gateshead, opened this month. Barry has a few words for everyone:

'Eighteen months ago, Geordie Chapter lost its sponsor Newcastle Harley-Davidson. I thought to myself the end of an era for the chapter and wondered what to carry on as a H.O.G. chapter'

Your 2013 Committee

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Monthly Chapter ride: 11 June 2017, led by Ray, to Eskdalemuir

LOH Afternoon tea: 4 June 2017, at Lumley Castle

LOH Bowling night: 17 June 2017, at AMF Bowling in Washington

Armed Forces Day parade: 18 June 2017, at Bents Park

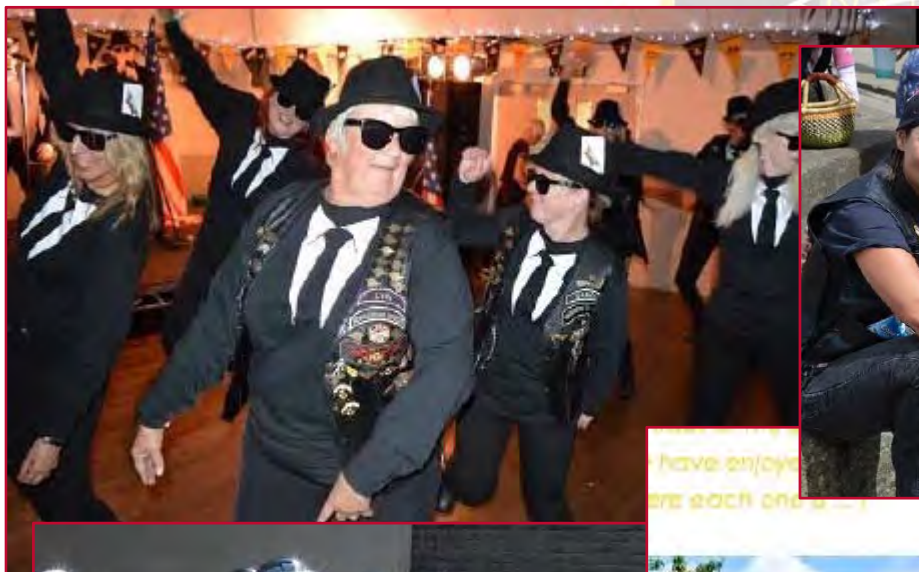
ABC ride: 24 June 2017, starting at Albemarle Barracks (you'll need photo ID to get in!)

Chapter Ride Weekend: 30 June 2017, at Clennell Hall in deep Northumberland



'Here's to twenty years – 1997 to 2017! We're looking forward to celebrating our twentieth anniversary next year and early show that it's going to be one of the best yet!

member, Paul Graham and Mark Jennings took us to



Geordie Chapter

Monthly Newsletter, December 2018



May then brought a Chester ride-out in glorious weather (a token rain)



Barry says ...

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2021!

When I sit and think about Geordie Chapter, I constantly look back to see how far we have come and I'm still excited about what the future will hold for us all.

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Tribute ...

On 21 October 2020, we said goodbye to Geordie Chapter member **Steve Burke**. Steve was 63, born in Newcastle upon Tyne on 10 July 1957. Steve had been battling pancreatic cancer. His wife Noeline was at his side.

As well as riding with Geordie Chapter for many years, Steve was a first team player at Wallsend RFC for over 10 years; he was also a member of the coaching





Iron Butt award (highest mileage by a male rider)

First	Mark Jennings	10,369 miles
Second	Simon Field	9,557 miles
Third	Greg Holmes	8,358 miles

L.O.H. award (highest mileage by a female rider)

First	Mandy Thompson	4,705 miles
Second	Sue Asken	4,688 miles
Third	Sue Ewington	4,688 miles



only years on the motorcycle, and I
friends to enjoy it with.

Gwyn Brooks

As you do ...

My introduction to Harleys was all be
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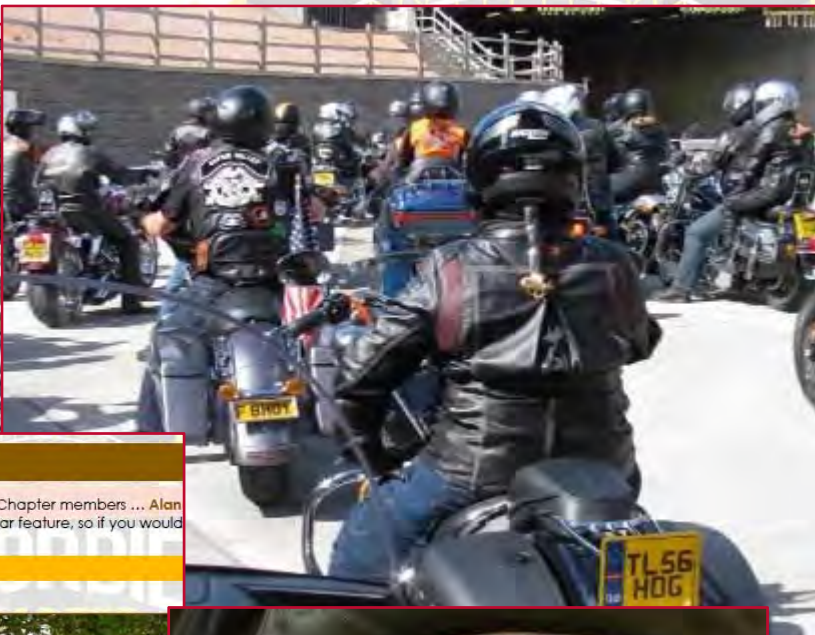
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EVENT SCHEDULE 2021, 2
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ut it was a bit too busy for me – too many people on m



Pizza or Pasta ...

Here we have a bite-sized breakdown of two Geordie Chapter members ... Alan Wright and Tracey Leadbitter! This is going to be a regular feature, so if you would like to get involved, then do get in touch.

Alan Wright

What's your favourite song?

Cowboy Song, Thin Lizzy.

What's your favourite film?

Based on the number of times seen, the John Ford western The Searchers.

What's your favourite food?

Roast chicken Sunday dinner, prepared by my lovely wife Chris.

What's your favourite tipple?

Highland Park Viking Honour, though I enjoy many more malts.



Wednesday morning suddenly landed – se
Park ready to get going. However, the ne
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people helping. The sun shone all morning

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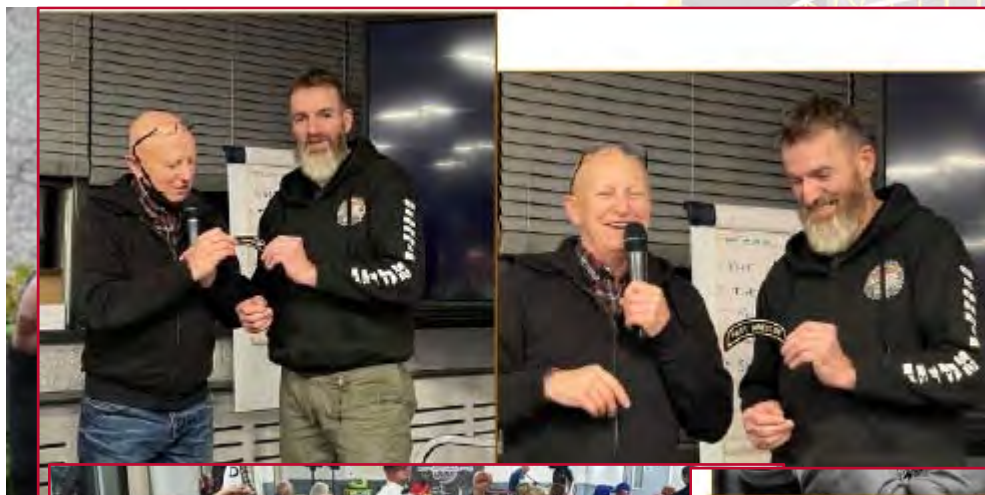


Barry's final words



By the time you read this, we will have had our AGM. I will be the Chapter Director. I would like to wish my sincere thanks and good luck in keeping the chapter in the right direction.

For those members who have been with me on this road for many years as the Director, I witnessed this Chapter grow from what it is today: in my opinion, it is the top three Chapters in the UK and Ireland. It has not been



Activities and Events



For me a stand out time since the last Spring never been before but I know a few people

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big bugger boys barrow trip

Our Head Road Captain, **Mark Leadbitter**, organised a ride and stopover for a bunch of folks back in July. Here's his recap of the great time they all had!

Back in July, I spoke to the guys, 'who fancies another weekend in Barrow, as we have been several time over the years?' It was unanimous, 'we have a free weekend starting 3 September', says Jimmy.

'OK, I will arrange', I said: so all the Road Crew plus friends from Bridgewater Chapter, Gloucester and Cambria invited among others, the Premier Inn (Barrow) booked - 'Hurray, and the weekend was a definite date!'



On Friday morning, we all met at 10.00 am in Stanhope - I was there first, soon followed by Badger and his new Ginger



Frank, Les and Keith

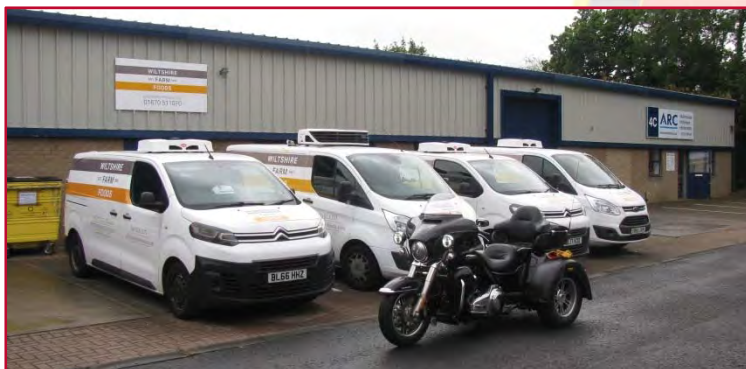
As we all know, 2022 is our twenty-fifth anniversary year ... we'll be getting tons of things underway to celebrate. To kick things off, Allen presented two Geordie Chapter members with twenty-five year awards at the March Chapter Meeting.

Frank Goodall, Les Britton and Keith Weedall have been in Geordie Chapter since the very beginning in 1997. Some of you will recall that Frank and Les wrote a piece in The Sprocket last year about their riding exploits ... within that, Frank told us that Geordie Chapter was formed over a pint in the Sun Inn, Morpeth.

Well, it was obviously a very worthwhile pint and here he is twenty-five years later, alongside Keith. Looks like he hasn't aged a bit! Les couldn't make the meeting so we'll no doubt get his award over to him somehow. **Congratulations to all three!!**



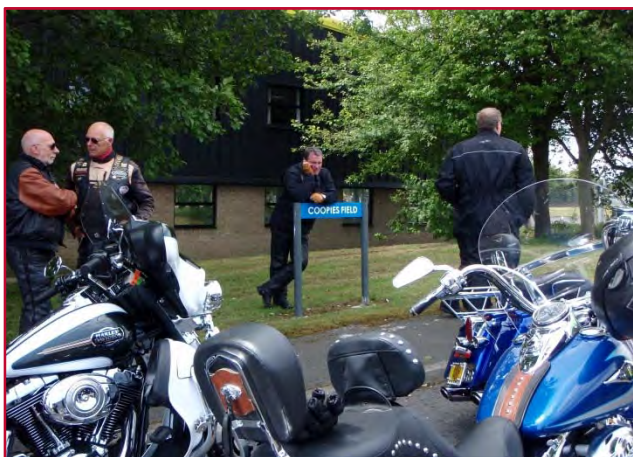
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