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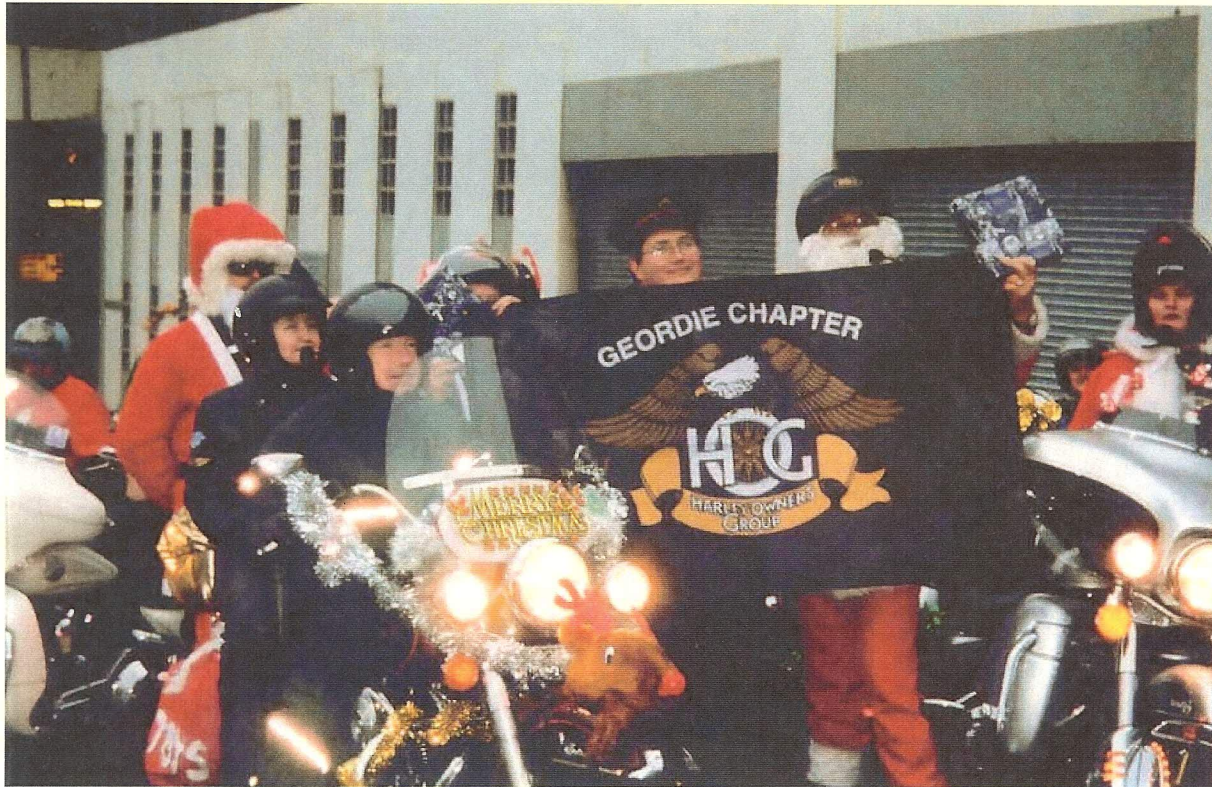
The official newsletter of HOG Geordie Chapter



# HOG on the Tyne

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## Bumper Double Issue!



Chapter members take part in the Christmas Toy Run for the Salvation Army. Full story inside.

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**H**ello, and welcome to this special 'Bumper Double Issue' of HOG on the Tyne, designed to chase away those winter blues, and keep you busy until Spring decides to put in an appearance (don't hold your breath)! Now, you're probably wondering, either a) why is this a 'Bumper Double Issue', or b) why has it been so long since I last read HOG on the Tyne. Well in a way, the second question is the answer to the first. We were all so busy riding our bikes and having fun (now where have I heard that before?) during the Summer that there seemed to be no time to put together the newsletter, and no articles to put in it! Now the nights are drawing in, we've all had a bit of time to look back at the year, and send in reports about the various events that we've taken part in. So to make up for missing an issue, we decided to make this one larger. Christmas and New Year are usually the times when you sit back and reflect on the year that's passed. As far as the Chapter goes, it's been the busiest yet, with enough events to keep even

the keenest of us fully occupied, and it was topped off, as always, by the biggest and best Heart 'n' Soul ever! Inside this issue there are pictures from the rally, and also reports and pictures from various other events that people have taken part in. And rest assured, the committee are already putting the final touches to next year's event's list, and having a tough time keeping it to a manageable length! What with Harley Davidson celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year (as if you hadn't heard), the choice of things to do both here and abroad will be overwhelming.

One of the most surprising (to me) things to happen recently is the parting of ways between John Stares and Just Harleys. It's a shame, because we as a Chapter had established a good relationship with John - now we'll have to start again with the new manager. However, I'm sure that Dave and the rest of the committee will strive again to build good working relationships with him (or her?). After all, the Chapter and the shop are very important to each other. I'd also like to pass on my best wishes to John in

whatever he decides to do in the future.

As those of you who read the minutes from the Chapter meetings will know, I am standing down as Editor, and from the next AGM there will be a new brave sole taking my place. I have been producing HOG on the Tyne for 2 years now, and I feel it's time for some new blood to come along and give the newsletter a new lease of life and new ideas. It will also allow me to spend more time re-vamping the website (God knows it needs it!) and hopefully bring some new and innovative ideas to that. So this is my last issue as editor of HOG on the Tyne. I'd like to say thanks to all contributors to the newsletter, both past and present - as I've said before (so it must be true), it would have been so much more difficult to do this job if it weren't for you. Please support your new Editor by continuing to send in items for publication, and I'd like to wish them all the best in their new role!

So, for the last time, on this page anyway,  
Ride Safe,  
*Nigel.*

## NEWS FROM JUST HARLEYS

**H**ello, Nigel's screaming about deadlines, so I'm doing the shop bit this issue.

Unfortunately the riding season is over and the dreaded gritter has been spotted, however I don't despair there are some cracking dry days over the 'social season' to get out and ride the Springer. It's also an ideal time to give her a thorough overhaul and maybe fit those shiny bits I've ordered for Christmas (Hint to Lynn).

Whilst we're on the overhaul

topic Russell will do a free collection within a fifty mile radius if you require a service. Just give him a ring (something free from Russell - Blimey!)

2002 has been a splendid year for us at the shop with record sales plus increasing levels of new customers buying their first Harley and of course being welcomed as Chapter members.

With the support of the Geordie Chapter I'm sure Anniversary Year is going to be a stormer with all the goings on - the shop

trip to Barcelona, the extended Viking Invasion, the Flaxton Camping weekend and of course the Heart & Soul to name just a few. All details will be posted on the notice board nearer the times so keep a look out.

Thank you for your support over the past year and if you have any ideas for events in 2003 let us know and don't forget this is your shop.

Anyway that's enough of my ramblings see you soon.  
Happy Harleying!

*Grant.*

