



The official newsletter of the Geordie Chapter Harley Owners Group

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Welcome to the fourth and final edition of HOG ON THE TYNE for 2006. An eventful year for many of us and not least 'things Harley'. A plethora of events attended, as usual so many bike related activities and so little time, that few of us, if any, managed to do it all. My calendar was empty at the start of the year, with some hopes, no plans, but luck and close mates (thank you) - you know who you are - behind me meant that I was lucky enough to make it to the 'Cider Rally', Killamey, Hamburg, Aviemore and the USA. The latter not bike related, just missed Oktoberfest (bugger), but managed two trips to the recently opened Orlando Harley-Davidson East store. As most of you know the merchandise there is half the price of UK stores and they gave me a 10% discount as well! Bits to put on over the winter.

An important factor for us local HOG folk is that the Geordie Chapter has grown considerably in strength this year. We unwittingly turned a major and potentially dangerous corner in February when ST LEGER HARLEY-DAVIDSON took over JUST HARLEYS and quickly proved what the shop should really be like, that the customers are very important and that the folk who run the store should be passionate about bikes - they are!

Chapter wise it's been an interesting twelve months for me and an awareness that there is a lot of work involved in putting the newsletter together, 45+ hours per issue, plus filling the envelopes, sticking on the address labels, stamps and posting. I've produced the artwork for the HEART 'N' SOUL RALLY, for the past 5 years. I'm currently working on the 2007 artwork. It's fun, what I was trained to do and sadly so few of my working hours involve artwork these days (I attend meetings and send/receive emails for my sins).

With each newsletter I learn a little more. In the first edition I said that I wanted HOTT to be a 'canvas that you painted on'. There are those who contribute articles, some regularly and to them I'm grateful. Sometimes I wonder whether folk think I contribute too much 'wordwise', but it's a question of filling pages when nothing else is available.

I hope that the New Year brings us lots of fun rides and new adventures.

Finally, if you've been reading your copies of HOTT throughout the year - thank you.

So fellow Chapter Members, or 'Shiny People', as the Chapter is 'affectionately' known by other clubs, I wish you a happy and healthy 2007.

Have a cool yule!

- DAVID



'Tis the season . . .

- JULIE HORSFIELD ▶ CHAPTER DIRECTOR -



. . . to be jolly, not only with Christmas almost upon us, but in reflecting over the past year. Since the last issue of HOTT the HEART 'N' SOUL RALLY has been and gone for another year. Into October and the final Chapter ride out; a treasure hunt organised by Dave Cook and Bev Muizelaar. Before we knew it we were enjoying live music from Heir of the Dog at our Halloween party, held at the Shieldfield Club. Close on its heels was the LOH River Cruise, themed fancy dress, pirates me hearties, what a turn out! Depending on the distribution of this issue of HOTT the Toy Run and Christmas party may have, or not, occurred? Our usual meet at JUST HARLEYS, where the Salvation Army collected the gifts donated by us for needy children, the ride to St Oswald's Childrens' Hospice in Gosforth, where a cheque is donated annually and onto Newburn Leisure Centre. Here - a donation of 150 selection boxes at the Newcastle Foster Childrens' Christmas party. Finally back to the Ouseburn 'base camp' for well earned hot soup etc. But not over yet - the Christmas party to wind up the year's events.

Time to reflect on the Chapter year. The January 2006 AGM saw Chris Wearmouth standing down after two years of being at the helm as Chapter Director and Chairman of the Rally Committee. I was voted in as the new Director and a year of activities began and with them a steep learning curve of the myriad things needed to run a Chapter of nearly 300 members! Within a month the Valentine's party had been held, followed shortly after in March by the first LOH night. Organised by Dorothy Moody we were entertained by a hypnotist at the Avalon. "Look into my eyes, look into my eyes!"

April, the start of the riding season, we geared up for Nige Collis's NESSIE TOUR and a cracking long weekend in Inverness and some fabulous riding on Scottish roads.

Not all of the events were happy, life has a habit of balancing the good with the sad too, where once again it proves that in adversity people rally round and make something positive from an otherwise solemn event. Whist we were in Scotland Dave Monaghan lost his brave fight with cancer. He is sadly missed. His funeral took place on one of those special days when the weather was glorious, reflecting his full and worthy life, celebrated by over 50 Harleys escorting him on his last ride.

May brought the Norwegians thundering along the roads to York, where a memorable party was held at the racecourse there.

It was June already and along came the 15TH EUROPEAN HOG RALLY in Killamey. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many Geordie Chapter Members make the journey across the Irish Sea. A grand total of 72 members met for a photograph on the Saturday evening at HOG HQ, July and the first Chapter BBQ was held on a warm balmy evening at the Ouseburn. The following weekend we were at Flaxton for a little bonding!

Sadly whist in Flaxton we lost another friend, Mary Lambert, who many of us knew through her zest for challenges for charity. Mary died at the age of 88, peacefully in her sleep. Almost 40 Harleys attended her farewell.

Late August and the THUNDER AMAZON RIDE, 4 breast cancer survivors, lead by Marjorie Ragg (HOG UK), riding for Breast Cancer Awareness, passed through Newcastle en route for Aviemore. We provided a splendid BBQ for them on the Saturday evening.

THE 15TH HEART 'N' SOUL with 1,200 rally goers through the gate. A very successful event, which brings me back to the beginning of my introduction of this the fourth issue of HOG on the Tyne for 2006.

All that remains for me to say is I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Ride safe

- JULIE

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