

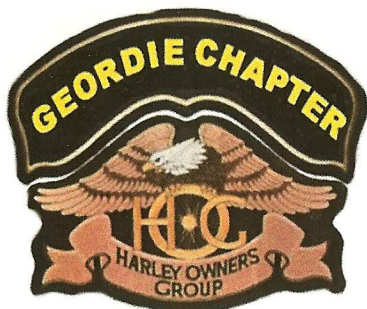


## GEORDIE CHAPTER

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## DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS.....



I can't believe November's here already, where has the time gone? Its time to check the bikes over, before the damp and cold weather really gets a hold. Have you checked your tyres, battery and oils lately? – A cold snap will sharp short you out if you haven't.

Since our last issue of HOTT, the Heart'n'Soul Rally took place in September and I am pleased to report that once again it was a very successful weekend. After the appalling weather all summer, a lot of rallies were washed out or cancelled and we really didn't know how ours would pan out. However, they say every cloud has a silver lining and the weather was FANTASTIC, as you'll see from the pictures in Rally Round-up.

A lot of you attended Lake Garda, Italy for this year's HOG European Rally, from the feedback I have been given, it seems that a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, Dave Badcock T-boned a sheep on the way there, the result being, Dave and Jen ok, but 1 week old bike not. They made the decision to carry on and drive by car to Lake Garda then back onto the UK.

Moving swiftly into October, I had the unfortunate task once again to inform you all that Chapter Member John Codling had passed away after a short illness. John took ill at the beginning of January this year. He worked offshore so was limited to when he could attend our meetings. When he was on home leave, he always made a point of coming to the Ouseburn for a coffee and something to eat and liked to catch up with what was happening with Keith and I. The family requested that we attend John's funeral and a small group accompanied John on his last ride. John's son Alan rode with the group. A donation in lieu of flowers was made to St Benedict's Hospice

At the end of the month, the Chapter Halloween Party took place at the Shieldfield Club. Apart from Chapter Members at-

tending, a lot of members from the coalition clubs came too. Well done Joe and Carole for their input and making the evening a success.

The latest news on the bike raffle is only 34 to go, we're getting closer. As soon as all the tickets are sold, the draw will take place. Tickets cost £30 for a 300/1 chance of winning a brand new Harley-Davidson Motorcycle.

Moving on to December, donations of toys will be handed over to The Salvation Army before we head off on our Christmas ride-out to St Oswald's Hospice to present a cheque donation and see the children, then onto the Age Concern OAP Homes at North Shields to deliver Christmas Cakes and drinks. This year we are making an additional donation to the Daisy Chain Charity. This charity is established to address the needs of both children with autism and their families. They provide a range of services and activities at their 5.5acre farm in Stockton-on-Tees where they are based. MDA is another charity which benefits our support.

The Christmas Party takes place at The Fairholm Social Club, Ferguson Lane, Denton Burn, with live music, buffet and raffles galore on offer. I do hope that you can come along.

Finally, I would like to thank all of my committee for their time and commitment. The Road Crew for making the numerous ride outs possible and most importantly SAFE. Also those members who have contributed their time and efforts, helping out at the Heart'n'Soul Rally, you know who you are. Without your support events like this just wouldn't happen. For that I thank you all, I hope it continues in the future – REMEMBER 'its not what you can get out of the Chapter, it's what you can put in – that's what makes it a good Chapter.



Image by Ian McClelland

I wish you all good health, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, all the best for 2009.

Julie

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