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Harley Owners Group

The Red Rose Chapter crossing the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco - well two of us anyway!
We waited as long as we could for the rest of the Chapter but nobody else turned up!



John and Sue Benn crossing the Golden Gate Bridge on a rented Road King



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Enjoying the sea at Crosby at April's Rideout

Editor's Note

I know it is a little self indulgent to use my picture on the front page, but it is not everyday you get a picture of yourself going over the Golden Gate Bridge on a Harley.

I have only been back a week, so sorry this edition is a little lightweight - remember, send in your stories and your pics, they all help to make the eMag a little more interesting.

Keep an eye on the website for the latest details of this month's events.

Ride safe and have fun

John, Editor





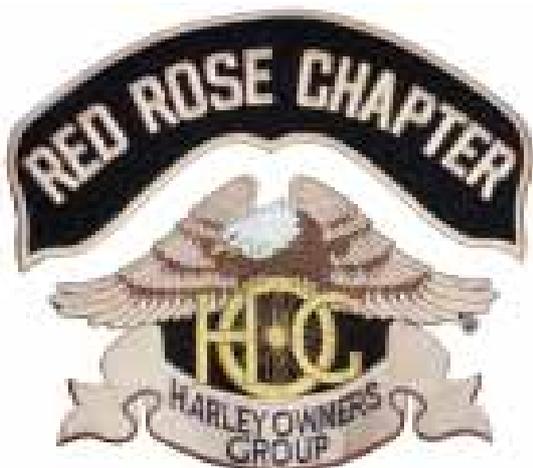
Director's Report

What a great day I had when I rode into Keswick with the Chapter on my Mountain Bike! I got some ribbing about my outfit and the legs! But who cares it's all in good humour, when I stopped for lunch on the top of Latrigg Fell the sound of all the Harleys leaving Keswick was brilliant. I really must get out on more rides this year both on the Harley and the Mountain bike its a shame Harley don't do a cycle rack for the Fatboy then I could really maximise my time off!

105 years of Harley-Davidson, 25years of HOG and one year for Red Rose Chapter it will be good to celebrate all that the Chapter has achieved in its first year. We have had many ups and downs but over all it has been amazing to get so many members and enjoy such success, it is something we should all be proud of being part of I know I certainly am and will certainly be celebrating at Minehead.

Note:

HOG UK have informed us that you will not be able to buy a ticket on the gate for admission only at Minehead. There will be NO day tickets only. If you have other accommodation (i.e. Caravan) on site, you will be allowed entry but must source the ticket from the owner of the accommodation.



Greg Lockhart

Southern California Road Trip

Needless to say we had a fantastic time during our 10 day road trip around Southern California. I am not going to go into great detail, but, thought I would share with you a few moments from the trip.



Where Sue would like to put me sometimes - banged up in Alcatraz

We were joined on the trip by our friends, Geoff and Iona Hull from Clyde Valley Chapter. Our route was down Pacific Coast Highway from San Francisco, through Los Angeles to Dana Point. Then inland to Palm Desert and then north to Yosemite National Park and back to San Fran'.

When we set off the weather was unseason-



Wrapped up from the chilly weather next to the Pacific Ocean



Having a cool one in Clint Eastwood's bar, the Hog's Breath Inn in Carmel - the beer is alcohol free in case you are wondering!

ably cold (I can hear you all saying ahhhhh!), but by the time we got to LA the weather had totally flipped to a heatwave - just in time for the desert section!! Moral to the story is take plenty of clothing layers. I set off from San Fran' in two t-shirts, a hoodie, a fleece and a summer motorcycle jacket. By the time we got to Palm Desert(106 °F) I was down to a t-shirt (plus jeans of course).



Splashed out at the Econolodge in San Louis Obispo - I know how to treat a lady!

Ian Fitzpatrick gave us a tip to visit Topanga Valley just outside LA - well worth it if you are a 50/60s child like me - thanks Ian.

Other than visiting Santa Barbara and Santa Monica (where Route 66 ends), we took advice from locals and decided to ride right through LA on the interstate to pick PCH up again at Huntington Beach - good decision.



Made up for the Econolodge by booking into the Malibu Beach Inn - that's us with the hotel in the background - got my Brownie points back.

US1 goes through some dodgy areas in LA.

Heading inland the temperature is always higher, but, as I said earlier, we hit a heatwave at just the wrong time. The desert is an awesome place to ride - the vastness just takes your breath away, and so does the heat. This



The Route 62 Diner is attached to the Yucca Valley Harley-Davidson dealership and opens from 7am to 2pm - brill place for breakfast

was my second trip through the desert so I knew the score **Top Tip** - if you intend to ride

through desert sections, particularly in the summer months, make sure you are properly prepared i.e. do most of your riding in the morning 7am to 12 noon, take plenty of sports drink(gatorade), wear white clothing if possible, keep skin covered up even if you only

wear a t-shirt, take frequent stops to cool off and park your bike in the shade whenever possible.

Riding up from Barstow we had an over night stop at the famous Dow Villa Hotel at Lone Pine. Lone pine is adjacent to the highest point in USA, Mount Whitney and the lowest point, Death Valley. We rode as far as you can go up Mount Whitney (around 9000 feet), what an amazing view.



Mojave Desert near Barstow - hot,hot,hot, - what a contrast to a couple of days earlier

An amazing trip of 10 days over 1600 miles. Memories? cold wind, heatwave, snow, cruise control, french toast and syrup, desert, Alcatraz, Chinatown, KLM losing my new windscreen, not a drop of rain.

John & Sue Benn



Two days after the desert picture at the top of the page, we are above the snowline in Yosemite National Park - surreal

Off The Record

June 2008

Since February we've organised quite a few events, ranging from monthly social nights, chocolate tasting, IAM motorcycle training, a curry night and rideouts to Settle, Crosby, Stafford, Keswick and Liverpool. I hope that you have all found these events varied and interesting. Of course, we also have many other events lined up for the months ahead. Please let us know how we're doing though. If you have any comments/feedback on any of these activities do write to the corresponding officer (Kirsty for events and activities; Jane for Ladies of Harley; Ian for rideouts). Likewise, if you have any great ideas for future events or rides, tell us all about them.

New Events Calendar

You will have noticed that our events calendar got a bit of a revamp earlier in the year and became a fancy, colour-coded (sorry – I got carried away!) affair. The whole point is to clearly display all our events in an easy-to-read format. Again, if you've got any ideas for improvements, do let me know. The calendar is accessible from the chapter website and on the notice-board at PH-D. Please note that the calendar is always changing so it's worth revisiting the website now and again for updates.

Even though it's just half way through 2008 we have started to map out events and rides for the 2009 calendar. So again, if you know of any great events or rides or have any pressing ideas for future activities, do get in touch.

Rally Liaison

For information, the calendar also lists most of the major and local rallies. We cannot possibly attend all these events but, where an officer is planning to go, his/her name will be listed as a coordinator. Likewise, if you're planning to go to a rally, and would like to liaise with other attendees, do let us know.

Locations for Chapter Meetings

We've also moved the default location for our chapter meetings to the Derby Arms at Treales. It's proving to be a good choice. However, we're very aware that our members come from right across the North West region and we want the chapter to be accessible to all. So, we're on the lookout for other handy locations for social meetings. To date, Quattros at Cabus (north) and the Shireburn Arms Hotel at Hurst Green (east) have been selected for a trial run. Tell us if you know of any other biker-friendly locations.

Ride-Out Meeting Points and Departure Times

One new feature on the events calendar is the introduction of rideout meeting/pickup points. The default meeting point for most rides will always be at Preston Harley-Davidson. However, we are aware that getting into (or out of) Preston city centre is not particularly easy, so we've introduced a few pickup locations. These include Carnforth Truckhaven M6 J35 (North), Tickled Trout Services M6 J31 (East) and Knutsford Services M6 (South).

The calendar will indicate which pickup location(s) are applicable for each rideout and their corresponding departure time(s).

Rideout start times are meant to be departure times! Well, that's the plan going forward anyway. We got a bit sloppy in the past and, as a result, kept people waiting much too long before setting off. So, for clarity, if the start time says (e.g.) "09:00", that's the time we should be hitting the road. We need some time before departure to check radios/equipment and provide a route/safety briefing. Therefore, it is advisable to arrive at the meeting point 20-30 minutes before the advertised departure time. Of course, don't forget "empty bladder, full tank" as well.

Chapter History

As Chapter Historian, I have also been busy developing a template for the chapter history. Unsurprisingly, its format is based on the new events calendar. Kieron is currently making changes to the website to accommodate these documents, so you should be able to see them online soon. The chapter history thrives on personal anecdotes and observations from all members so please send in your comments.

2008-09 Subscriptions

What did you think of the existing subscriptions matrix? A different fee for each month; confusing wasn't it? We agreed - it was also difficult to administer and forecast against. So, for the next membership year, beginning on 1st July, a new, simpler matrix will apply:

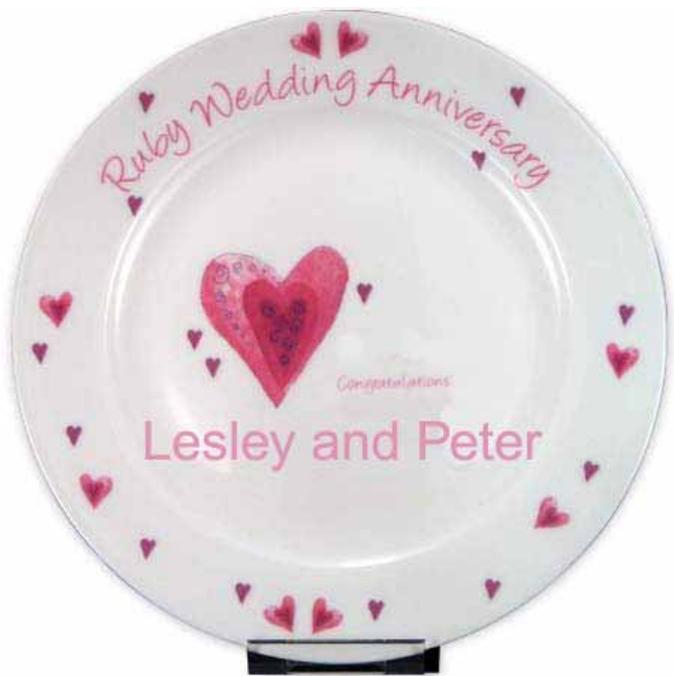
Subscriptions 2008-09

	Full Year(Jul-Jun)	Half Year(Jan-Jun)
Full Member	£24	£12
Associate Member	£12	£6

Watch out - Amy will be chasing you for your membership fees soon. The good news is that the cost of joining this great chapter hasn't changed this year!

Jeremy Addy

Chapter Secretary & Historian



Lesley and Peter, have a fantastic day later this month when you celebrate your 40th wedding anniversary.

All your friends at Red Rose Chapter and Preston Harley-Davidson hope you have a great day and, of course, many more anniversaries.

Have a good one!!



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Coming into June we have plenty going on with the Custom Weekend on the 14th and 15th of June with the unveiling of two special bikes by Polar cycles on the Saturday and the band 'The Pleasers' on Sunday. We will also be having a BBQ and some special offers throughout the weekend. The 21st and 22nd we have the XR1200 launch weekend with demos available over the weekend. Having ridden this bike the other day it is fantastic, it turns and stops like no Harley has ever before!

Bike availability: we have managed to get a black Fatbob and two Rockers which are available immediately, one in Black and the other in Blue, these are the last two available until August or September so if you want one you better be quick!

We are having a lot of success at the moment with the XL883 with the 33BHP restrictor kit

fitted for new riders, this kit is only £99 fully fitted, including VAT, allowing learner riders to 'Live the Dream'.

In Aftersales Harley-Davidson has reduced the retail price of all accessories by ten per cent so in conjunction with the Red Rose Chapter ten per cent, defining the look of your motorcycle has never been cheaper. We have also fixed our menu service prices to ensure your bike is ready to eat up those rally miles.

The Summer clothing range is amazing, if you have not been in for a week or so come and have a look there are lots of new clothing and our new range of T-shirts with a new and different back print. The new Buell line is now here, and of course not forgetting the fabulous garden furniture!

Greg, PH-D

A man appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the man offered. "On a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.

So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, "Now, back off, or I'll kick the sh*t out of all of you!"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple of minutes ago."

Stafford Classic-bike Show

Well Sunday as predicted was wet and unfit for human enjoyment! but a few of us did brave it and turned up at the designated meeting points.

I arrived at the Tickled Trout around 07:45 and was soon met by John & Katie Holden, Paul Sanderson and partner Lynne. After a few grumbles at the weather we set off (08:15) for the second meeting point Knutsford services station M6.

Heavy rain still falling as we rolled into Knutsford services, a crowd of waving hands were spotted (*two persons*) with smiling faces and laughing at the stupidity of bikers having fun in the rain! Dave Evans and John *Fatboy*) and his family were there to greet us.

After a photo shoot & fag break (*Sandy & Lynne*) we mounted up and rode onto Stafford (*still raining*). Arriving on-site we parked up, paid the entry fees and strolled into the event (*rain now a drizzle*). If anybody has been to the BMF show at Peterborough then this show is something like that but a little smaller. First things first, breakfast & a cup of tea was the

priority, that done we set about seeing what the classic bike show has to offer?

Well as the name would suggest that is exactly what it was! mostly British/Jap bikes in pristine show condition and all manner of spares and second hand bikes for sale. Strolling around it's like "opening Pandora's box "with just about everything you would need to build or refurbish a project. In addition I found a stall selling single phase machines (lathes, stand-drills, Bridgeports etc) to manufacture your own components.

Is it worth it????? well if you are into that sort of thing and as it's is on our doorstep then as a day out it's a must do!

Mid-afternoon and still raining (*a little*) it was time set off home, dry out.... polish the beast...have a beer and fall asleep (*well that's what I did*) till the next time.

See Ya,

Paul

Big thanks to Dave for leading the Liverpool ride, and pointing us all in the right direction to food, drink and shopping etc! Thanks also for the 'spares' and charged radio I took, I'm really pleased to have a full set of working stuff. Will be picking up a charger from Gordon soon.

14 members on 11 bikes turned up on the day, another good turn out, especially for a Bank Holiday when some were at rallies and doing holiday stuff with family.

Thanks also to Keith and Swampy for 'seeing us off' and to add to Keith's pics I believe Chris has some that I am sure he'll get to Keith and/or Kieron.

Looking forward to the next one. Catch you all soon.

Regards, Ian

Road Captain



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J U N E							
5 Thu	Ladies of Harley	Preston Chiquito/Odeon cinema	"Sex And The City" Evening Dinner at Chiquito; Movie at Odeon cinema	Ladies Only	19:00	Evening	Jane Peters/ Kirsty Wolstenholme
6-8	Rally	Brough, East Yorkshire Brantingham Park	HOG on the Humber VI Aire Valley Chapter (www.AVHOG.co.uk)	HOG	---	220 miles	---
6-8	Rally	Killarney, Kerry Ireland	Ireland Bike Fest www.IrelandBikeFest.com	Open	---	660 miles	---
8 Sun	Ride-out	Richmond Yorkshire Dales	Tan Hill Inn - Britain's Highest Inn www.TanHillInn.co.uk via Hawes	Chapter	E 08:30 N 09:00	150 miles	Carl Dixon
13-15	Rally	Chester Chester Rugby Club	Circus Maximus VI Deva Legion Chapter (www.DevaLegionHOG.co.uk)	HOG	---	110 miles	Paul Jackson
14-15	PH-D Event	Preston Harley-Davidson	Customising Weekend with Polar Cycles www.PolarCycles.com	Open	09:00	2 days	Greg Lockhart
15 Sun	Show	Padlham Gawthorpe Hall	Classic Bike Show & Rotary Enthusiasts Rally www.LancsMuseums.gov.uk	Open	12:30	till 16:30	---
20-22	Rally	Hamburg Germany	Hamburg Harley Days www.HamburgHarleyDays.de	HOG	---	1550 miles	---
21 Sat	Ride-out	Wanlockhead Dumfries & Galloway	Scotland's Highest Village Picnic and Camping (optional)	Chapter	E 08:00 N 08:30	350 miles	Gordon Dick
25 Wed	Social Event	Treales, Kirkham Derby Arms	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
27-29	Rally	Dovedale, Derbyshire Peveril of the Peak Hotel	Peak District Rally Peak Riders Chapter (www.PeakRiders.co.uk)	HOG	---	160 miles	---
28 Sat	Social Event	Greenhalgh, Preston c/o Universal Products	Red Rose Chapter's Birthday Gala ***Family Fun and Games***	Chapter	12:30	Afternoon	Kirsty Wolstenholme

J U L Y

4-6	Rally	Minehead, Somerset Butlins	Harley-Davidson 105 th Anniversary www.Harley-Davidson.com	Open	---	520 miles	Greg Lockhart
10-13	Rally	Barcelona Spain	Barcelona Harley Days www.BarcelonaHarleyDays.com	HOG	---	2250 miles	---

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13 Sun	Ride-out	Todmorden	Big D's Diner www.Big-Ds.co.uk	Chapter	? TBC	80 miles	John Holden
19 Sat	Ride-out	Liverpool waterfront/docks	Tall Ships' Races 2008 www.Liverpool08.com	Chapter	? TBC	80 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick
TBC	Social Event	Blackpool Tower Lounge	Party with DJ Key (aka Kieron) www.TowerLounge.co.uk	Chapter	TBC	Afternoon	Kieron Lunn
26 Sat	Ride-out	Flookburgh, Cumbria	Cumbria Steam Gathering www.SteamGathering.org.uk	Chapter	? TBC	100 miles	Greg Lockhart
27 Sun	Ride-out	North Lakes	Carlisle Castle	Chapter	? TBC	200 miles	John Benn
30 Wed	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme

AUGUST

1-3	Rally	Bisley, Surrey National Shooting Centre	SOFER (South of England Rally) www.SOFER.uk.com	HOG	---	460 miles	---
10 Sun	Ride-out	Matlock Derbyshire	Cat & Fiddle	Chapter	? TBC	170 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick
14-16	Rally	Roskilde Denmark	Scandinavian Harley Days www.ScandinavianHarleyDays.com	HOG	---	1900 miles	---
16 Sat	Ride-out	Liverpool Mersey waterfront	Off-shore Powerboat Championships www.Liverpool08.com	Chapter	? TBC	80 miles	Carl Dixon
TBC	Social Event	Cartmel, Cumbria TBC Holker Hall	Picnic at Holker Hall (TBC) www.Holker-Hall.co.uk	Chapter	---	Full-day	Kirsty Wolstenholme
22-25	Rally	Aviemore Highland Resort	Thunder In The Glens Dunedin Chapter (www.DunedinHOG.com)	HOG	---	620 miles	Gordon Dick
27 Wed	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
29-31	Rally	Grantham Woodland Waters	Sherwood 9 Sherwood Chapter (www.SherwoodChapter.co.uk)	HOG	---	300 miles	---
31 Sun	Ride-out	Langollen via Horseshoe Pass	12 th Langollen Hot Air Balloon Festival www.HotAirBalloonFestival.co.uk	Chapter	? TBC	170 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick

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SEPTEMBER

3-7	Rally	Faaker See Austria	European Bike Week www.EuropeanBikeWeek.com	Open	---	2240 miles	---
6 Sat	Ride-out	Southport	Southport Air Show www.VisitSouthport.com	Chapter	? TBC	40 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick
14 Sun	Ride-out	Leeds to Doncaster	Poker Run Aire Valley Chapter (www.AVHOG.co.uk)	Chapter	? TBC	200 miles	Gordon Dick/ Ian Fitzpatrick
TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meal	Chapter	20:00	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
19-21	Rally	Newcastle Gosforth Racecourse	Heart 'n' Soul Geordie Chapter (www.GeordieHOG.com)	HOG	---	270 miles	Paul Jackson
25-27	Rally	Lake Garda Italy	17 th European HOG Rally www.HOG.com	HOG	---	2130 miles	---
24 Wed	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
28 Sun	Ride-out	Cartmel, Cumbria	Holker Hall www.Holker-Hall.co.uk	Chapter	? TBC	100 miles	John Benn

OCTOBER

12 Sun	Ride-out	York		Chapter	? TBC	200 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick
TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	10-pin Bowling	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
26 Sun	Ride-out	Blackpool	Blackpool Illuminations www.VisitBlackpool.com/Illuminations	Chapter	? TBC	45 miles	Paul Jackson/ Kieron Lunn
29 Wed	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme

NOVEMBER

TBC	Meeting	Preston Preston Harley-Davidson	Chapter AGM	Chapter	TBC	TBC	Greg Lockhart
TBC	Social Event	Trafford	Skiing at Chill Factor ^e www.ChillFactorE.com	Chapter	TBC	Afternoon	Greg Lockhart

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28-7Dec	Show	Birmingham NEC	International Motorcycle & Scooter Show www.MotorcycleShow.co.uk	Open	---	10 days	---
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TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	Christmas Event	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme

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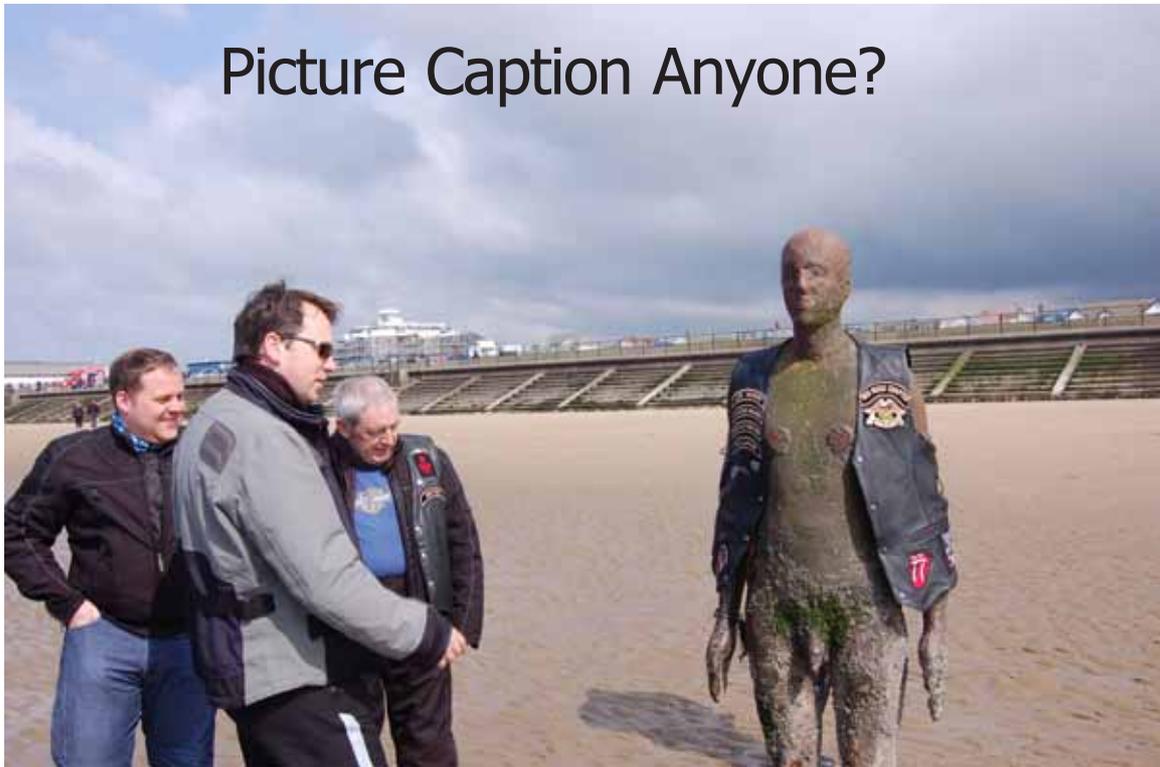
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AND FINALLY...



One Sunday, an old biker walks into church and sits down in the front row. As the preacher is beginning his sermon, the devil suddenly appears at the altar. The members of the congregation, including the preacher himself, flee the church in terror, all except for this one biker in the front row.

The devil notices this one biker still in the church and walks down from the altar to confront him. He roars to the man, "Do you know who I am?" The biker replies, "Why of course I know who you are," he says, "You are the devil."

"And you're not afraid of me like the others?" the devil asks somewhat miffed.

To which the biker replies, "No. Why should I be? I've been married to your sister for the last 25 years!"

Saturday 28 June is our first anniversary Gala day - a day for all the family. We have a programme of events so keep a look out for email updates and the website for the latest news.

Kirsty

Note:

At the next Chapter Meeting, 25 June, we will be having a final discussion about last minute plans for Minehead.

Those that are planning to go down as part of RRC, should attend so we can answer any last minute questions.