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Well, after eight issues, it's time to hand over the Editor's job to someone else. It has been a privilege to be the first editor of the Red Rose Chapter but now is the time to move the magazine onto another level.

In truth, I have always struggled a little with time and living as I do in Carlisle has meant I have not been as active within the Chapter as I would have liked. Still, I will remain a member and a road captain/marshal and will attend rideouts whenever I can.

Thank you to all those who have helped me put the magazine together and to those who have contributed.

As I write this, I don't know if anyone has volunteered for the job, but whoever it is can count on my help when ever it is needed.

Ride safe and have fun

JB

outgoing Editor





Director's Cut



On the Wednesday night Meal at Quattros restaurant I announced my retirement as Chapter Director, I have handed the torch to Gordon Dick who you should all know as our more than capable Assistant Director. I have great confidence that Gordon is the right person to take Red Rose Chapter into the future and improve our great Chapter. I will continue to help and support the Chapter in any way possible as Dealer representative.

It has been great to start the Chapter and looking back, it has been a fantastic journey, we, as a collective, have had our highs and lows, but in the main, it has been amazing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported me in creating a group of friends who like to ride and have fun.

Feel free to contact me at any point if you have any questions or need any help or advice and I will be more than happy to help.

Greg, **outgoing Director**

Incoming



What a summer! Sorry, what summer? We didn't have the weather we'd have hoped for but what we did with it is the most important thing. I've been wet, dry, sunburned, windswept, and a lot more. I've also been to Aviemore, got lost in Yorkshire, cruised the illuminations, rocked to the Quo, toured the lakes, all with other members and for those memories, thanks!

I'd also like to be the first to thank Greg (Past Director now Dealer Rep) for starting an excellent Chapter and helping to bring together so many of us. The last year and a bit has been a rollercoaster, but would I change it - not one bit! I hope I can continue the growth and development we've started and look forward to more memories over the months and years to come!

Thank you to all members of the chapter for making this a great first year especially those members that have contributed to events, ride-outs and the social outings. Please remember that this is your chapter and any suggestions for things to do will always be greatly appreciated and taken on board. Please forward any suggestions for ride-outs or social events whenever they come to mind.

Can I also reiterate the need for help; we can only continue to offer a range of events and rides with the help to support them. I obviously leave a vacancy for an Assistant Director. John has also decided to make this issue his last (and best yet?) Thanks John for excellent magazines and not to forget all the other help! If anyone feels they could help with these vacancies or any thing else please let us know.

Ride safe and have fun, Gordon, **Incoming Chapter Director**

Carlisle Rideout

by lead road captain, John Benn

So I turned up at Truckhaven, Carnforth at 9.45am, having left home at 8.45am, to lead the rideout to historic Carlisle. Waiting for me were Gordon, Peter and, Stephen and Pam Porter. We waited for the rest of the Chapter to arrive from the Tickled Trout only to receive a call from Head Road Captain Ian saying no one had turned up!

Decision time. Gordon had no alternative but to abandon the rideout and the four of us decided to go our own ways. I considered it my duty to complete the task of leading

the rideout, so we (my Fatboy and I) left Truckhaven at 10.30am. I was in the lead, I acted as sweep, and I was the road marshal.

As planned, we headed up the M6 to junction 36 and then took the A590 and A591 to the Duke of Cumberland at Kendal, arriving as planned at 11.15 am.

We left there and pulled in to the petrol station in case any Sportsters or Vrods needed fuel - none did, in fact there weren't any, so it was up the A6 towards Penrith. The

weather going through the village of Shap was normal for this time of year - pouring down with rain!

Through Penrith and over the M6 taking the B6305 towards Wigton. Twelve miles along this road we turned right onto the B5299 towards Dalston and Carlisle. This 20 mile run from junction 41 of the M6 to Carlisle is a great bike road with little traffic.

Arriving in Carlisle I turned into the Castle car park, remembered I was on my own, and went home!!





Rideout to Historic Carlisle- 4 members met, 1 finished!



Carlisle Castle



Duke of Cumberland, Kendal



Just Champion Mike

Our treasurer Mike Peters On His Championship Winning Season (Lewis)

It's been an interesting season.

Having opened back in March at Donnington it looked like it was going to be a difficult year. On the first lap of qualifying the car had a total brake failure which meant I qualified 38th (and last!) on the grid This was particularly bad news as this would therefore be my grid position for both races of the weekend. The ran car superbly in both races after some swift rebuilding of the brakes, and finishing second in



each race, which though disappointing was a good result under the circumstances.

Donnington was followed by rounds at Oulton Park, Silverstone, Anglesey, back to Oulton and then Cadwell where the car performed wonderfully, getting pole and a win at each.

So going into this weekend at Croft I had a two point lead and needed a single win out of two races to secure the championship.

Qualifying was on Saturday afternoon, before the two Sunday races. With a pole position with a three second advantage over the nearest competitor all looked set for a fairly relaxed first race on Sunday. Preparation being half the battle, we got to the circuit early and checked everything twice, fuel, oil, water, tyres, nuts and bolts etc.

So all felt good as we set off for the warm up lap in sunny weather - until I looked in my mirror and saw plumes of smoke billowing from the car. The cockpit was soon filled with smoke so I had no option but to pull into the pit land as fellow competitors lined up and started the race. I had assumed I had major engine damage but a quick inspection showed that the pre race checks had left me with a pipe that should cover the dipstick hole unattached and spewing oil onto the manifold. It was quickly attached and I joined the race after all others had completed about a quarter of a lap.

I was clearly not going to catch the race leader but had made it up to fourth when an incident meant the red flags had to be brought out. So with 10 minutes of the race to go it was restarted and I was lucky enough to have a good start, pass the others and win. So a bit of good fortune, but it brought the result that was needed to win the championship. In the second race there were no major incidents and I managed to get away from pole with a good start, and build on it lap by lap winning by 30 seconds





Red Rose Chapter out and about



A rose between two thorns? - more like three thorns!!



South of England Rally or SOFER SO GOOD

by Martin Wyatt

Martin and Barbara Wyatt took a trip to Bisley and all they brought back was this article!

The South of England Rally (SOFER) is now in its 5th year and has got a reputation as one of the best Harley rallies in the UK. In fact, so good is its reputation that I can't think why we haven't been to it before. But this year, we were determined to go so we bought our tickets and set off on Friday 1st August. Barbara and I (Sportster 883C and Evo Fatboy mounted) decided to do the motorway for a change - big mistake!

The Friday traffic on the M6 was a pain, but then we made the error of taking the M25 and ended up white-lining for



SUNNY DAY AT BISLEY PAVILION

15 miles or so. Horrible. So we were glad to reach the SOFER rally site at Bisley.

First impressions were that this was a very big rally indeed. In fact, there were over 2000 attendees, in

chalets, caravans and tents. The site itself is famous for being the National Rifle Association's National Shooting Centre and is huge, with parklands, a central pavilion and many other buildings belonging to rifle clubs.

It took a few minutes to wend our way through the site to the reception but we were soon checked in and given our goody bags. It was a short walk to our accommodation so we went to check it out. A simple room with sink, shelves and two beds that looked rather army-like. In fact, that is what they were - we found the WD arrow stamped on the frame! The grey blankets were probably army issue, too. Fortunately, a modern mattress was



THIS WAY TO THE VENDORS

provided and proved to be pretty comfortable. The nearest loo and showers were just a few doors down our block, so this was looking OK. Better than camping, anyway, when you start to get a bit creaky!

It is tempting to compare the SOFER with HOG UK's Minehead rally, and in terms of organisation, the SOFER knocks it into a cocked hat. The goody bag had a nice pin (which didn't disintegrate when you tried to put it on), bottle of water, patch and H-D keyring plus lots of info, plastic bags and a copy of the "Bisley Buzz", a newsletter printed specifically for the rally.

There was a good selection of bands, with Dr Feelgood headlining on Friday night. I have to say I liked all the bands I heard, and with a range of music from classic rock to Rhythm 'n' Blues, Rockabilly (Yay!) to Country Rock, there was something to please everybody. Saturday saw The Mods and Ruthless Blues play some top sets to a packed pavilion while during the afternoons there were bands playing outside too from a trailer bed.



ANDY HORNSBY (AMERICAN V) AND TOOTY FROM THUNDERCITY LOOK OVER THE BIKE SHOW ENTRANTS

fleet providing some bikes for people to try, and several organised run-outs including one for Ladies of Harley only on the Friday.

There were more vendors than there were at Minehead, including Bikers Gearbox and other familiar ones from other rallies, and 3 H-D dealer stands, a tattooist and outdoor food stalls too. The place was stuffed with bars. Aside from the main pavilion and the marquee bars, most of the rifle clubs clubhouses had bars

and served food too, so there was plenty to eat and drink.

On Saturday there was the chapter challenge, with events such as slow riding and a game that involved pillion passengers picking up little pigs with a pole. There were more off-bike games too,

with mechanical bull-riding and an inflatable assault-course race to sort the winners from the losers. While that was going on (between the heavy showers) the ride-in bike show was being judged with Andy Hornsby of American V helping out (and good luck with that - pretty tough deciding amongst the entrants). I didn't enter the Fatboy - resplendent in new white-walls - as it was too dirty from the ride down

We were surprised we didn't see more Red Rose Chapter members other than Ace and his family and ourselves. Really all that the event lacked was a good turnout from our club. Maybe next year, guys?

At some time in the evening Nene Valley Chapter turned up in force wearing an



SLOW RACE SKILLS, USEFUL ON THE M25



less than 5 chapters (Invicta, Oxford, 1066, Thames Valley and Surrey HOG), the South of England Rally is a lesson on how to run a big event, maybe something that HOG UK should have taken lessons from for their 105th anniversary event. Along with the Cider Rally and Thunder in the Glens I can see SOFER becoming one of those Must Do regulars.

Nitro.

interesting interpretation of army clothing, led by Kilt-wearing RSM and treated us to a chaotic drill parade. This has become something of a tradition with Nene Valley and they certainly drew a big crowd, most of whom ran away when the Officers showed us what was worn under the kilt (nothing - it was all in perfect working order).

A brilliant night spent talking to folks, listening to the bands, etc, culminated in a big firework display which everyone piled outside to watch, but the image I remember most was of a woman wearing nothing but a thong riding through the crowds on a V-Rod. What's not to like? (The V-Rod, suggested Andy Hornsby).

Next morning we were away early before the traffic woke up and did a detour to the Ace Café for breakfast - and bloody good it was too. It

was our first time at the Ace, and it was nice to get there on our own bikes. Much to our amazement the roads were pretty quiet on the way home and we were able to maintain a 70 mph average all the way back to Cumbria.

So, SOFER so good? Absolutely. Organised by no



AGM

Wednesday 29th October 2008

Come and join in with the Chapter. Review 2008, plan for 2009 and suggest events or rides to include in the calendar. Remember we are acting on your behalf but you have to help us, help you! If you have any large issues to raise please inform us prior to the meeting by email ([Red Rose Chapter](#)).

Agenda

- Directors Welcome & Review
- Dealership Report
- Treasurers Report
- Ride outs & Safety Issues (Head Road Captain)
- Events (Activities Officer)
- Media & Communication
- A.O.B.

Following each section we'll hold a short questions and answers session. The AGM will be held in the most relaxed manner we can manage. Please come armed with questions / comments and **don't forget your membership cards!**

See you there.

Gordon

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Dealership News

We now have, as demonstrator, the all-new 2009 Roadking! And available from stock we have many 2009 models including the Fatboy, Fatbob, Crossbones, Rocker, Rocker C and XR1200, with many more 2009 models arriving daily.

For Buell we have the 1125R available from new and deals on our ex-demonstrator.

Check out our website for our 2008 model ex-demo sale!

The offer on Fatboy essentials packs and low rate finance on XL883 models has also been extended.

In the service department we have the winter campaign which has just started, this includes a winter service and spring check-up for only £149, free fitting on Genuine Harley-Davidson tyre pairs. We also have 15 per cent off any Genuine Harley-Davidson fitted accessories!

The Clothing Department has the amazing new 2009 Core line coming through, and the Fall fashion quarterly product arriving soon. We have also just received some new Jewellery and Boots too. Our Custom designed Preston Harley-Davidson Lanyards have now arrived at only £1.99 each.

Check out our weekly offers by popping in!



Rocker C



2009 Fatboy



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Events Calendar 2008

Chapter Hotline 07976 312729



Date	Activity	Event Location/ Ride-out Destination	Event/Route Details	Access Type	Starts/ Departs	Duration/ Mileage	Coordinator/ Road Captain
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S E P T E M B E R

28 Sun	Ride-out & Picnic	Cartmel, Cumbria	Holker Hall www.Holker-Hall.co.uk	Chapter	E 10:00 N 11:00	100 miles	John Benn
28 Sun	Picnic	Cartmel, Cumbria	Holker Hall www.Holker-Hall.co.uk	Chapter	12:30	Afternoon	Kirsty Wolstenholme
29 Mon	Ride-out	Blackpool Illuminations	Fylde Bike Meet - Illuminations Run £1 Donation for North West Air Ambulance.	Chapter	P 18:30	20 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick

O C T O B E R

11 Sat	Ride-out	Ride to the Wall www.RTTW.co.uk	National Memorial Arboretum – nr Lichfield www.TheNMA.org.uk	Chapter	N 07:00 E 07:30	200 miles	Gordon Dick
19 Sun	Ride-out	York	Off to see the Vikings!	Chapter	N 09:00 E 10:00	200 miles	Ian Fitzpatrick
29 Wed	Social Event	Derby Arms Treatles, Kirkham	AGM & Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme

N O V E M B E R

6 Thu	Ladies of Harley	Preston Harley-Davidson	Clinique Evening www.Clinique.co.uk	Ladies Only	18:45	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
TBC	Social Event	Trafford	Skiing at Chill Factor ^e www.ChillFactorE.com	Chapter	TBC	Afternoon	Greg Lockhart
TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	10-pin Bowling	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
26 Wed	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
28 Fri - 7 Sun	Show	Birmingham NEC	International Motorcycle & Scooter Show www.MotorcycleShow.co.uk	Open	---	10 days	---

D E C E M B E R

TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	Christmas Event / Shopping	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme
TBC	Social Event	TBC TBC	Chapter Meeting	Chapter	19:30	Evening	Kirsty Wolstenholme

LEGEND	Social Events	Ride-outs	Rallies	Ladies of Harley	PH-D Events	Misc
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Access Types: **C** Chapter Members and Guests only; **HOG** Members and Guests only; **O**pen to general public and **Ladies Only** means just for the girls

Ride-out Meets: **P** Preston Harley-Davidson; **N** Carnforth Truckhaven M6 North J35; **S** Knutsford Services M6 South; **E** Ticked Trout Services M6 J31

See www.RedRoseChapter.com or contact the event Coordinator/Road Captain for more details

Last update: 24th September 2008

Situations Vacant

The Red Rose Chapter is looking for an Assistant Director to take over from Gordon and an Editor to take over from John.

Anyone interested in these posts should contact the Director or any member of the committee.

A warm welcome to these new members of **Red Rose Chapter**:

- Andrew Roach
- Dee Wilson
- James Sammon
- Graham Sanders
- Anthony Allen
- John Baxendale
- Paul Mellows-Facer
- Mark Harrison
- Graham Taylor
- Craig Smithson
- Rod Chapman
- Jonathan Pickup



AND FINALLY...

Biker George was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed trying to steal his Harley.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no". Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed trying to steal my Fatboy. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at George's house and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

WELL, THAT'S IT - TAKE CARE EVERYONE.

JOHN BENN

FORMER EDITOR