

Chapter 13

Sherwood Chapter

Harley Owners Group

2010



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Rider's Edge - 2009 [SK]

2010 Chapter Committee, Road Captains, Road Marshals & Membership

Primary Officers

Director

Pete Clifford

Assistant Director & Lincoln Area Representative

Kev Taylor

Secretary

Teresa Taylor (resigned Jan 2010), Paul Allen took on role from February

Treasurer, Merchandise & Ladies of Harley

Ann Clark

Chapter Officers

Dealer Representative

Richard Stevens

Head Road Captain

Darren James

Editor, Membership & Derbyshire Area Representative

Ian Page, Dai Gunter took on role from June

Webmaster & Photographic Co-Ordinator

Andy Fellows

Editor, Historian & Lincolnshire Representative

Dai Gunter, Kev took on Lincoln Rep role from September

Activities Officer

Paul Allen

Ladies of Harley

Jane James

Safety Officer & North Nottinghamshire Area Representative

Glenn Page

South Nottinghamshire & Leicestershire Area Representative

Mick Baines

Road Captains

Darren James (HRC), Pete Clifford, Dai Gunter, Paul Allen, Mick Baines, Roger Williams, Andy Fellows, Ann Clark, Steve Cranston, Glenn Page, Steve Fox, Ian Page, Sam York, Will Field, John Tonks & Steve Kinsey

Road Marshals

Terry Hill, Ian 'Bunny' Harper, Martin Haley, Nick Godsmark

Membership

January 2010 membership numbered 286

Sherwood Chapter Ride-outs as planned at 1st January 2010

Date	Destination	Lead Rider
March		
7	Ride-out from the Shop – Willoughby Woods, Market Rasen	Paul Allen
14	Afghan Heroes – tribute to armed forces at Wootton Bassett	Steve Fox & Dai Gunter
14	St Patrick's Day Ride to Leeds – carnival procession	Paul Allen
21	Robin Hood Mad March Rideout	Richard Stevens
27	Ride-out from the Shop	
28	New Rider's Ride-out – Rutland Water	Glenn Page & Paul Allen
April		
5	Hoggin' the Bard IV – Stratford-upon-Avon	Pete Clifford & Darren James
18	LOH Ride-out	Ann Clark
24	Ride-out from the Shop	
29	La Rochelle – Weekend away in France	Paul Allen & Ian Page
May		
2	Ride-out – joint ride with Peak Riders	Darren James & Pete Clifford
15..16	Robin Hood Coast-to-Coast ride	Ian Jennings
29	Ride-out from the Shop to the American Diner	Glenn Page
June		
6	Ride-out from the Shop – Skegness/East Coast	Mick Baines
11..13	Wales Weekender	Dai Gunter & John Tonks
20	Chapter Charity Poker Run	Will Field & Darren James
26	LOH Ride-out	Ann Clark
July		
4	Independence Day ride-out – Foxton Locks	Steve Kinsey & Steve Fox
11	Ride-out	Steve Cranston & Will Field
16..18	Hoggin' the Beaver VI	Pete Clifford & Sam York
22..25	Sherwood Chapter's designated rally for 2010 - Fenlanders	Dai Gunter & Pete Clifford
31	Ride-out from the Shop – Stamford/Rutland Water	Martin Haley
August		
1	Ride-out – Speedwell Cavern, Peak District	Mick Baines
7	Robin Hood Charity Ride-out	
8	Ride-out from the Shop	Steve Kinsey & Steve Fox
15	Ride-out - York	Andy Fellows
21	LOH Ride-out	Ann Clark
22	Ponderosa Café - Wales	Terry Hill & Ian Harper
28	Ride-out from the Shop	
28..29	Ace Café weekend	Ian Page & Darren James
September		
19	Joint ride-out with Peak Riders	Steve Fox
25	Heights of Derbyshire ride-out	Nick Godsmark
October		
2	Ride to the Wall	Steve Fox & Steve Kinsey
3	Ride-out to Cambridge	Dai Gunter
17	Ride-out from the Shop	Paul Allen
23	LOH Ride-out	Ann Clark
30	Mucky Duck ride-out	Sam York
December		
18	Dickie's Plum Duff	Richard Stevens
31	Warm Your Cocksles Ride-out	Darren James

Sherwood Chapter Events as planned at 1st January 2010

Date	Event
January	
30	Traditionally Late Christmas Doo – Britannia Hotel, Nottingham
March	
13	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
April	
7-11	Primary Officer's Training, Milwaukie, USA
17	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
May	
8	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
22	Robin Hood Open Weekend at the Shop
June	
19	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
July	
10	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
16..18	European HOG Rally – Lugano, Switzerland
August	
14	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
September	
2..5	THE LEGEND RALLY – Sherwood's 11 th Rally - Thoresby Estate
11	Chapter BBQ at the Shop
October	
9	Chapter BBQ at the Shop

January 2010

January is not the riding season by any measure – and January 2010 was no exception with heavy snowfall through the previous festive season and into the first two weeks of the month creating chaos on the UK's roads. The 2009 Brass Balls ride-out had to be cancelled and to make amends for the lack of riding; Paul Allen decided to practice his Road Captain's skills by getting members to join him for some winter scenic walks – plenty of

opportunity there to practice the Second Man Drop-off system. A second walk (and first of 2010) took place on the 17th of January and the 'Lead Walker' was Steve Bowen.

The day before the walk, there was a Robin Hood Cookies Day held at the sponsoring dealership, with 20% items if you turned up with some cookies – not bad eh?

The Traditionally Late Christmas Doo

The big event of the month took place on the 30th January with the Sherwood Chapter Traditionally Late Christmas Doo. This year it was held at the Britannia Hotel, St James Street, off Maid Marian Way, Nottingham. 86 members purchased their tickets in advance and enjoyed a silver service 3-course meal with cheap drinks and lively entertainment from the DJ. The black tie event was enjoyed by all



A walk in the snow [NG]



who attended.

A variety of amusing awards were presented to a number of Chapter Members, and here's the winners:

Best Trip Award 2009:

Glenn Page for his Route 66 trip.

Flash In The Pan Award 2009:

Keith Mitchell - It was a crap job but someone had to do it! – the 2010 Calendar (that never was).

Best Money Worst Spent Award

2009: The best money worst spent award and his fabulous (at the moment) "not breaking down machine", Buell owner... Ian Page.

Village Idiot Award 2009: This award went to an individual who kept us all smiling... Ian 'Bunny' Harper.

Best Mobile Café Award 2009: Sue Allen for keeping the dream team

Just Pete Bow & The Sherwood Chapter.
I would like to thank you all for inviting my
self & my daughter to your Xmas Party and
most of all the Standing Ovation which I
shall cherish for the Rest of my life.
I have never ever felt so important
in the whole of my life as I did on Saturday
night, no one has ever done that before!
and it felt Wonderful also thank you for
the flowers and the Award which is sitting
on my cabinet in the Lounge in front of me
I see it every morning and at night
before I go to bed.
I'm sitting here with a Brandy & lemonade
drinking a toast to you all the Sherwood
Chapter your good Health and safe driving
I thank you and my daughter thanks you!
Best Wishes to you All
Joan
(LADY OF THE HOUSE)

fed and watered when the going got tough – just take a look at Paul's belly...!

The Sherwood Chapter Michelin F-Word Award 2009: Ian Jennings & Richard Stevens at Robin Hood for missing the F-in-food.

The Most Important Person Award 2009: Joan Hazeldine for keeping members, guests and committee well tea'd and coffee'd and fed with fairy cakes.

The Busy Doing Nothing But Always Busy Doing A Lot Award 2009: Sam York for her silly games and behind the scenes efforts throughout the year.

The dinner party was organized by Pete Clifford and Sam York. Special guest, Joan 'Lady of the House' Hazeldine was treated to a lovely bouquet of flowers as a thank-you for all she has done for members who turn up at the shop and sample her fairy cakes, tea and coffee.

Organizing the year

The main feature of the year's calendar of events is the Ride-out. 2010 was no different from previous years with Darren James calling together the Road Captains and Marshals to two separate meetings in December 2009 to finalise the ride-out calendar for 2010. In January the ride-out events are made available to the Road Captains & Marshals for any fine tuning and then made available for Chapter members to insert place settings in their diaries.

The other big event for the Chapter is the annual rally. 2010 marked the eleventh rally for Sherwood (including 'the Rally That Never Was' – Rally 6). For those of you wondering what Rally 6 was all about, in just a few words, the Chapter organized the rally only to have it cancelled at the last moment by the organizers at Tattershall Country Park.

The planning for the 2010 'the Legend' Rally begun in January with early preparations getting kicked off to ensure another successful rally. Read more on the Rally later in this chapter.

Tats Tat – the end of an era for Teresa



Teresa Taylor tendered her resignation from her committee duties in January after serving nine years on the Sherwood Chapter committee.

Teresa had served on the Chapter Committee from 2000 as Area Rep for Leicester and then in 2001 as Membership Secretary where she filled the role until 2003. In 2004 Teresa took on the additional duties of Chapter Secretary until she took a year out in 2008, rejoining the committee for her final year in 2009 as Secretary & Membership Secretary. Teresa had also been a contributor

to the Quill & Quiver Chapter magazine with her write-ups (and long may they continue) and her regular Tats Tat column.

Events & Ride-outs in January included:

- ✓ 6th Jan Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Centurion Pub, Newark Road, North Hykeham.
- ✓ 9th Jan Robin Hood Harley-Davidson's Curry Day hosted by Ian Jennings (Dealer Principle) and Richard 'Dickie' Stevens (Dealer Rep) at the Robin Hood dealership 216 Queens Road Beeston Nottingham.
- ✓ 11th Jan RTTW2 cheque presentation at the national Arboretum for Ride to the Wall; £29,000 raised at the 2009 event.
- ✓ 12th Jan Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire Area meeting held at The Denby Lodge, Denby Village.
- ✓ 14th Jan Sherwood Chapter Nottingham Area meeting held at The Hogs Head Aysworth.
- ✓ 16th Jan Robin Hood Harley-Davidson 'Homemade Cookies Day'.

- ✓ 17th Jan Sherwood Chapter walk. Led by Steve Bowen - met up at the Arkwright's Mill at the North end of Belper by the River Gardens, for a steady walk following the River Derwent to the Strutt Arms Hotel Milford, Belper for a Sunday lunch.
- ✓ 18th Jan Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting held at the Railway Inn, Station Road, Lowdam.
- ✓ 20th Jan Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Centurion Pub Newark Road North Hykeham.
- ✓ 24th Jan Sherwood Chapter Committee meeting held at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson.
- ✓ 26th Jan Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire Area meeting held at The Crewe and Harpur, The Corner/Barrow Lane Swarkstone.
- ✓ 28th Jan Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Ilkeston Road, Trowell.
- ✓ 30th Jan " *The Traditionally Late Sherwood Chapter Christmas Dood*", at the Britannia Hotel, Nottingham.

February 2010

A slight change in line-up for committee: with the resignation of Teresa Taylor, Paul Allen took on the role of Secretary with Ian Page taking on the Membership role.

February has always been a quiet month for motorcycle clubs in the UK, so why shouldn't HOG be any different? Well to start with, the snow we had in January returned again in February, along with the coldest winter in 30 years. But that didn't stop members of Sherwood Chapter getting together and continuing their socialising.

The usual plethora of area meetings were held across the region and some members organised group events to see various live entertainment, including 'auditions' for potential rally bands (what an excuse for a night out eh?). Even if the entertainment wasn't rally calibre, the nights out were fun.

On the 14th February, Steve Bowen organised a St. Valentine's Day Treasure Hunt. It kicked off from Robin Hood Harley-Davidson Dealership and finish in the Newark area; this allowed members from the Lincoln Chapter to join in the fun too.



Tuesday 16th February – Lincoln Chapter had a curry night at Saffron, Lincoln, and members of Sherwood joined the contingent and filled their bellies. Another event demonstrating cross-chapter friendships being cemented.

The Derbyshire area meeting on the 23rd February was held at the Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse. This was by popular demand, especially from Dave Shaw who had badgered Paul Allen for a while to go to the venue. It was once a farmhouse and the Old Oak was under threat of demolition when in 2003, it was acquired and renovated by the Denby based Leadmill's

Brewery. With real fires and low beams but no food it is well worth a visit.

The rally season kicked off really early this year with 'Rally with a Chalet'. This open event held at Stockport, was attended by several Sherwood Chapter members. The title of the rally says it all..!

Events & Ride-outs in February included:

- ✓ 1st Feb Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting held at the Oak Tree, Mansfield.
- ✓ 3rd Feb Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Centurion Pub, North Hykeham.
- ✓ 6th Feb Robin Hood Chili Day hosted by Ian Jennings and Richard Stevens.
- ✓ 9th Feb Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire Area meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 11th Feb Sherwood Chapter Nottingham Area, Hogs Head, Awsworth.
- ✓ 14th Feb Steve Bowen's St Valentine's Day Treasure Hunt.
- ✓ 15th Feb Nick Godsmark's Bowling - This also doubles up the North Notts meeting.
- ✓ 16th Feb Lincoln Chapter's Saffron Curry Night (open to Sherwood members).
- ✓ 17th Feb Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Centurion Pub, North Hykeham.
- ✓ 20th-21st Feb - Robin Hood Harley-Davidson Open Weekend.
- ✓ 23rd Feb Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire Area meeting at the Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse.
- ✓ 25th Feb Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 26th-28th Feb 'Rally With a Chalet' Southport.

March 2010

The start of the 2010 riding season kicked off in March. Another busy riding calendar supported by a healthy number of Road Captains & Marshals to chaperone Chapter members. After a very cold winter, the first signs of spring couldn't come too soon and one of the memorable March events, Afghan Heroes, was bathed in sunshine for those who ventured to the Wiltshire town of Wootton Bassett.

Several Sherwood members also attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Leeds. So, a good start to the riding season, with the offer of a busy 2010.

Lincoln Area meetings moved to The Pride of Lincoln as of 3rd March. 20 local members met for the first meeting at the new venue. Some old faces appeared and it was really good to see them getting involved with the Chapter again.



Sunday 7th March saw the first Sherwood Chapter 'Official Ride Out' of the riding season. The ride to Lincolnshire stopped off at Lincoln Harley-Davidson Dealership. An easy ride to ease back into the flow was led by the Paul Allen with Ian Page as Tail End Charlie. With the three chapters at Willoughby Woods the area saw almost 80 gleaming examples of American chrome & steel.

On Saturday 13th March, the first of the 2010 Sherwood BBQ's was held at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson. Head chef, Pete Clifford, cooked up his specials for anyone who handed over their £2 for a burger.

Sunday 14th March 'St Patrick's Day Parade' at Leeds. The annual event celebrate St. Patrick's Day and this year Sherwood members, led by Paul Allen took the journey north to Leeds and met up with Brian Roche and the new Sherwood members who had recently joined the chapter from Aire Valley.

Also occurring on the 14th March was the tribute ride through Wootton Bassett. Over 10,000 motorcyclists had pre-registered for the event with in excess of 15,000 bikes turning up for the ride through Wootton Bassett. Money raised for the Afghan Heroes charity was in excess of £150,000 and with national and international media coverage, the townsfolk of Wootton Bassett and our troops over in Afghanistan were given an amazing reception from bikers and onlookers alike.

Other Chapter ride-outs taking place in March included the Mad March Shop Ride on the 21st with a departure from Robin Hood Harley-Davidson, led by Dealer Principle Ian Jennings. A gentle ride into the Derbyshire hills through Leek, Ashbourne and Carsington stopping for a coffee and finishing up at the renown biker's paradise 'The Gate Inn' at North Wingfield for a late lunch.

Road Marshals Ian 'Bunny' Harper & Ian Page took a troop of Sherwood members to the Robin Hood Centre in Sherwood Forest on the 27th of the month.



Charlie & Jane Easton
Bottesford Egg Run (NF)

And to complete March's rides, on Sunday 28th the 20th Bottesford Egg Run left the Red Lion Pub at Bottesford heading for Grantham.

The Egg Run was "started over fifteen years ago by the Triumph Owners Club; bikers assemble in and around the Red Lion, gathering from miles around, for the ceremonial ride taking their presents of Easter Eggs to the Grantham Leisure Centre for distribution. The sun shone on

these warm-hearted bikers in their hundreds, on all ages and types of motorcycle. Engines rev and thunder. At the appointed time the police escort leads off and this armada of knights of the road makes its way out of Bottesford down Grantham Road. Some were dressed as Easter Bunnies. Some towed trailers that looked suspiciously like barrels of ale. There were mighty american machines alongside nippy scooters. Living History photographers were there to capture the event." (Source: Bottesford Living History website)

Events & Ride-outs in March included:

- ✓ 1st Mar Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting held at the Railway Inn, Lowdam.
- ✓ 3rd Mar Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 7th Mar Ride-out from the Shop, led by Paul Allen taking the ride-out to Lincoln H-D and meeting with Lincoln Chapter & Peak Riders at Willoughby Woods, near Market Rasen
- ✓ 6th Mar Sherwood Chapter Committee meeting at the Robin Hood Harley-Davidson.
- ✓ 9th Mar Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Gate Inn, North Wingfield.
- ✓ 11th Mar Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Aysworth .
- ✓ 13th Mar BBQ at the Shop, Robin Hood Harley-Davidson. BBQ sponsored by Sherwood Chapter.
- ✓ 14th Mar – Afghan Heroes – Ride through Wootton Bassett in support of our troops over in Afghanistan. Led by Steve Fox & Dai Gunter.
- ✓ 14th Mar St. Patrick's Day Parade. Sherwood members joined the carnival ride through Leeds.
- ✓ 15th Mar Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting held at the Oak Tree, Mansfield.
- ✓ 17th Mar Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 17th Mar 'Ladies' Tech Night' at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson.
- ✓ 21st Mar Mad March Shop Ride – hosted by Robin Hood Harley Davidson.
- ✓ 23rd Mar Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 25th Mar Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 27th Mar Ride-out from the Shop. Robin Hood Centre in Sherwood Forest led by Ian 'Bunny' Harper.
- ✓ 28th Mar New Rider's Ride-out to Rutland Water, led by Glenn Page & Paul Allen.
- ✓ 28th Mar 20th Bottesford Egg Run.
- ✓ 29th Mar Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting held at Railway Inn, Lowham.
- ✓ 31st Mar Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.

April 2010

Hoggin' the Bard IV – the start of the season

April 5th marked this year's Easter Monday, with the traditional (and official) Sherwood Chapter's opening ride-out of the season to Stratford-upon-Avon and "Hoggin' the Bard IV". Although the ride-out may not be the first for the members of Sherwood Chapter in 2010, it does mark the first 'big event' of the season's calendar.

The ride-out left the Friendly Farmer on the A46, Newark, on an overcast Easter Monday morning, picking up Sherwood Members en route to the first stop at Draycote Water visitor's centre. After some light refreshment the ride-out continued onto Stratford-upon-Avon where Sherwood Chapter Members met up with ride-outs from Great Western, Rutland, Peak Riders and 3-Rivers Chapters (with the odd back-patch from Fenlanders and St Ledger, and a little sunshine. Once again the Holiday Inn allowed us to use their parking facilities and also supplied tea & coffee. Having raised some coins for the Holiday Inn's charity (Whizz Kidz), the ride-out returned north via the old Fosse Way route.

Rider's Edge – Road Captain Training for Sherwood RCs & RMs

The Riders Edge Road Captains course has now been booked for the weekend of the 9th/10th/11th April to ensure that all the ride outs are conducted to the highest standards. There are presently 20 RC's and RM's on the books with 14 going on the course some for a second time. All Sherwood Chapter official ride outs will have to have a recognised Sherwood Chapter trained Road Captain in attendance and all these can be seen on the Chapter website. All other ride outs are personal and not associated with the Sherwood Chapter. We now have an established procedure for the selection and training of RC's and RM's and it is the prerogative of the Head Road Captain to decide and agree which candidates are suitable, hence the probationary period as a RM.

Primary Officer's Training

Previous POT (formerly known as HEAT) for HOG primary officers tended to be based somewhere in Europe, usually somewhere warm and cozy, like Spain. But this year, HOG invited the Chapters' primary officers to join them in Milwaukee, Illinois. Sherwood Chapter Director, Pete Clifford, decided to attend and spent almost a week having to attend the training sessions and then, in the evenings, having to socialize with Chapter directors from all over the globe, a chore – but someone had to do it!

Ladies Tech Nights

Getting the nails varnished, making sure the hair's just right, the correct shade of lipstick, the best perfume... yes life can be so hard for the Ladies of Harley. But not for the Sherwood Chapter Ladies. With Robin Hood's expert Techies on hand, and sharing their knowledge of all things chrome & steel, the Ladies Tech Nights at Robin Hood have become very popular. Soon, the LOH will be offering services to the men-folk of the Chapter.

Items covered by Steve and the team at the workshop include:

- Spring wake up bikes from storage
- How to check oil and tyre pressure/damage
- Safety checks
- Preparing for road
- The benefits of regular servicing
- FAQ's

Variety... the spice of Harley life

Derby area members have seen changing meeting venues over the early part of the year. Why? Because Ian Page, Derby Area Rep, felt that it would be good to have a change now and then, just to keep things fresh. Venues for the Derbyshire area meets have included Cherry Tree Farm Pub, Old Oak Inn, Horsley Woodhouse and of course, the Denby Lodge to name just three. As long as Ian is the area rep, the Derbyshire meetings can expect a variety of meeting places.

Events & Ride-outs in April included:

- ✓ 3rd Apr Ride for Life charity run led by Nigel Higgins.
- ✓ 4th Apr Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to Hartington, Derbyshire.
- ✓ 5th Apr Hoggin' the Bard IV led by Pete Clifford.
- ✓ 6th Apr Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Cherry Tree Farm Pub.
- ✓ 8th Apr Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Aysworth .
- ✓ 9th-11th Apr Road Captain & Marshal training at Rider's Edge.
- ✓ 12th Apr Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 14th Apr Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 14th Apr Ladies of Harley – Tech Night at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson.
- ✓ 17th Apr BBQ at the Shop, Robin Hood Harley-Davidson. BBQ sponsored by Sherwood Chapter.
- ✓ 18th Apr Sherwood Chapter Ladies of Harley Ride-out led by Ann Clark.
- ✓ 20th Apr Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 22nd Apr Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 24th Apr Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to the American Diner in Swadlincote led by Glenn Page.
- ✓ 26th Apr Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, ride-out to the Dovecote at Laxton.
- ✓ 28th Apr Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 28th-4th May La Rochelle weekend – Pal Allen's weekender in France.

May 2010

Just for a change of scenery, and after some arm bending from Richard Stevens (Dealer Rep), the May Chapter Meeting was held at the Meadow Covert at Edwalton. A beautiful early summer's evening and a large turn-out from the membership, with added hospitality from Brian the landlord in the form of a BBQ and lawn games, made the night really memorable. Although this is a first for Sherwood Chapter at the Meadow Covert, it may not be the last visit...



Robin Hood's Coast-to-Coast Run

One of the major events of the month was hosted by Robin Hood Harley-Davidson with their Coast-to-Coast run. The run covered two days of riding with a little socializing for those who attended. Ian and the team took the intrepid riders over 500 miles through the May bank-holiday period from Yorkshire to the Lake District – See the Q&Q Excerpt with more detail and some pictures in the event, courtesy of Ian Jennings.

Anyone for a burger?

With the onset of a warm spring and a promising summer, the new Sherwood BBQ was another great hit. Pete's burgers were responsible for far too many greasy chins and swollen bellies. Last year's BBQs have been bettered with the aid of carefully prepared onions, neatly sliced buns and well matured cheese slices. The ketchup's not bad either.

Yes the Sherwood BBQs have become a huge hit with the membership and visitors who pass by the shop on the Saturday monthly meetings.

Events & Ride-outs in May included:

- ✓ 2nd May Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to Holmfirth and the Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition led by Steve Fox.
- ✓ 4th May Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at Alfreton Services, A38 for ride-out to The Gate at North Wingfield.
- ✓ 5th May Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awsworth
- ✓ 8th May Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 10th May Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham – ride-out to Bridge Inn at Oxtun.
- ✓ 12th May Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 15th-16th May Robin Hood Coast to Coast Ride-out led by Ian Jennigs.
- ✓ 18th May Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 20th Chapter meeting at Meadow Covert Alford Road, Edwalton, invited by the management and Richard Stevens our Dealership Rep to enjoy a BBQ, Biker Quiz and Yard Skittles.
- ✓ 22nd-23rd Open weekend at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson.
- ✓ 24th May Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meet at the Bridge at Oxtun and ride-out to the Fox Main Street Kirton .
- ✓ 26th May Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting. Wednesday night ride-out.
- ✓ 29th May Sherwood Chapter Ride Out.
- ✓ 30th May Hoveringham Charity Event.
- ✓ 31st May Hog Roast and Ride-out at the Railway Inn Lowdam.

Dai & John's Trip To God's Country

Ride to South Wales on Friday 11th June 2010,
overnight camping, then a Saturday ride-out
to either the Brecon Beacons and a
visit to Big Pit,
or
Take in the superb scenery of the Gower Peninsula
and chill out with an ice-cream from
the world famous Joe's IceCream Palour.

Ride home Sunday 13th June to the shire of England
after a chilled out and relaxing weekend,
counting sheep and singing hymns and arias.

A small deposit will be required from each
person intending to join the pilgrimage to
reserve their place as there will be a limit
on pilgrim numbers

More details available from:
historian@sherwoodchapter.co.uk

Don't miss out on this great weekender..!

***Wales Weekender – Dai & Jon's Wales
Weekend Trip to God's Country***

The Chapter's third weekender in Wales was hosted by Dai Gunter & John Tonks. Twenty Sherwood members soaked up the sun (yes, no rain, just sun) and took in the fantastic views as the company of HOG members took in two ride-outs during their visit.

After setting up tents (a slack handful opted for B&B) the group took in some refreshments and a great meal at a nearby pub/restaurant. Day 2 consisted of a visit to Big Pit where the group went down a real coal mine and learned something about the Welsh industrial history that made the Welsh valleys famous. This was followed by a run through Brecon National Park and a BBQ back at the campsite. Day 3 and the ride home was detoured with a visit to John's home town of Pontypool and a Sunday roast at his local pub, 'The George'

A great weekend enjoyed by all.

Sherwood Chapter's 3rd Poker Run

Organised by Darren James and ably assisted by Will Field, the 3rd Annual Poker Run (well 3rd for Darren in recent years anyway) was held on the 20th June. Two starting venues – one at Lincoln and the other at Robin Hood Harley-Davidson – met up at the Bubble Car Museum near Newark. Money raised from the £5 per entry fee, was channelled into the Charity fund in aid of the Lincolnshire & Nottingham Air Ambulance.

Area Meetings in Summer = More Ride-outs

All area meetings through the late spring and summer have been organizing evening ride-outs. June was no exception with rides to Matlock, Coalville and Chellaston to name just three of the venues. Numbers attending the ride-outs vary depending on weather (yes, there are some fair-weather bikers in the Chapter), but enthusiasm and camaraderie of those attending is strong.

The Lincoln Area members visited the annual Lancaster Bomber event at East Kirkby Air Museum on the 23rd. There were also adhoc rides such as the Secret Chip-Shop ride – cannot say too much about these here as it's a secret..!

The best way to enjoy your Harley is to ride it and have fun. The Area Meetings are organized just for this reason.

Ann's Presentation Takes On the WI

Sherwood Members rode Route 66 last year. The ride was organized by Glenn Page and was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Ann Clark, Treasurer for Sherwood Chapter, was one of the group on the Route 66 road trip. Ann was invited to attend the Egmonton Women's Institute to give her presentation, thrilling all who listened and watched as Ann delivered her story of the 3000+ mile road trip from Chicago to the American West Coast.

Old Editor Is New Editor

Unfortunately, due to personal commitments, Ian Page, Editor, Membership Secretary & Derby Area rep, had to resign the Editor position. Ian felt that he couldn't give the role the time needed to produce the publication. Luckily, there was a safety net in the shape of Dai Gunter. Dai, former Q&Q Editor, took up the role with an issue of the Quill & Quiver going to the printers at the end of the month.

The membership duties were taken over by Chapter Secretary, Paul Allen. Ian continued as Area Rep for the Derby Area.

Events & Ride-outs included:

- ✓ 1st Jun Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge – ride-out to the Bonnie Prince Charlie, Chellaston.
- ✓ 3rd Jun Sherwood Chapter Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awsworth.
- ✓ 6th Jun East Coast ride-out led by Mick Baines.
- ✓ 7th Jun Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 9th Jun Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 11th-13th Jun Dai & John's trip to Wales
- ✓ 15th Jun Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at Denby Lodge.
- ✓ 17th Jun Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 17th Jun Ann Clark at the Egmonton WI for a Route 66 presentation
- ✓ 18th-19th Jun Druid Coast-to-Coast run – hosted by Aire Valley
- ✓ 19th Jun Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 20th Jun- Charity Poker Run – Sherwood Chapter's 3rd Annual Poker Run (of modern times) in aid of Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance led by Will Field & Darren James.
- ✓ 21st Jun Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham – ride-out to Matlock
- ✓ 23rd Jun Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln. Ride-out to East Kirkby Air Museum to see the Lancaster bomber run up its engines
- ✓ 25th-27th Jun Knockdown Weekend, raising money for 'When You Wish Upon A Star' Charity
- ✓ 26th Jun LOH Ride-out Ladies of Harley ride-out - Charity Fun Day at the Knockdown Inn, Carsington Water, Derbyshire.
- ✓ 28th Jun HOG Million Mile Monday (HOG event)
- ✓ 29th Jun Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting – ride-out to the Victoria Bikers Pub, Coalville, Leicestershire



The new look Quill & Quiver hit the memberships' door mats this month. The third edition of 2010 marked the first of the revised A4 colour printed magazine for the Chapter.

But all was not straight forward in its development. Some technical issues had to be resolved between the Editor and the Printers to make sure the text and images were fitting right on the page. New terminology was learned, words like gutter and overflow, just two among the thesaurus of editorial vocabulary. Needless to say, the printed edition was welcomed by the membership with positive feedback all round.

To even up the required number of Chapter newsletters, there will be the introduction in August of the 'eQ&Q', Sherwood Chapter's first electronic Quill & Quiver. Why? Well it's a simple matter of economics – the cost of printing a colour Q&Q is significantly more than its A5 black & white equivalent, and every HOG chapter has to publish a set number of newsletters per annum, so the eQ&Q bridges the gaps on both accounts.

Coast to Coast



A band of Yorkshire Riders of Sherwood (aka YROS) arranged a ride from the East coast to the West coast of England and in the process raised a large amount of money for the Chapter's charity, the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

The ride was well organised and attended and has proven to be a very popular event with tea & biscuits at a Volvo garage (!!!) – see the Q&Q write-up excerpt for the full story. Many thanks to Colin Young & Wayne Clamp and their supportive left hookers, for making the event the success it turned out to be.

Hoggin' the Beaver VI

2010 saw the return of Hoggin' the Beaver after a break last year. Over 125 invited guests invaded the camp site at the Dirty Duck, near Belvoir (pronounced 'beaver') Castle.


Another great weekend of chilled-out fun and relaxation.



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In the UK there are eighteen dedicated Air Ambulance operations and all are reliant upon charitable support. An Air Ambulance provides an important and sometimes vital additional patient care service for our most critically ill and injured patients.

The Sherwood Chapter has organised a Coast to Coast Ride on the **11th July 2010** in support of the Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air Ambulance.

Each rider will contribute an enrolment fee of £10 to participate in the ride and will receive a commemorative Coast to Coast tee shirt. T-Shirts also available to pillion riders at a cost of £5.00

The ride will start in Leeds West Yorkshire and head towards the East Coast stopping in Bridlington. The riders will then make their way across country riding through Harrogate, and onto Blackpool on the West Coast. Finally the riders will then head back to Leeds – a **Total of 325 miles.**

All proceeds of this ride will be donated to.
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Road Marshal, Martin Haley's First Ride-out

The 31st of July saw Martin Haley take his first official ride-out with Sherwood Chapter. Destination Stamford, via Melton Mowbray, Oakham and Rutland Water south shore saw the group arrive at Stamford around 2pm for a late lunch. A write-up for the ride-out appeared in the next edition of Q&Q praising Martin for his lovely ride and professionalism as lead rider for the group.

Events & Ride-outs in July included:

- ✓ 1st Jul Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Aysworth.
- ✓ 3rd Jul Robin Hood birthday bash & BBQ – 1970's fancy dress party.
- ✓ 4th Jul Independence Day Ride-out to Foxton Locks led by Steve Kinsey & Steve Fox
- ✓ 5th Jul Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham – ride-out to MFN at Shipley.
- ✓ 7th Jul Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 10th Jul Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 10th Kegworth Village Carnival featuring Sherwood Chapter Harley-Davidsons – led by Terry Hill & John Tonks. Charity stand hosted by Shirley Whitworth.
- ✓ 11th Jul Sherwood Members from the Yorkshire Area Coast to Coast Ride in aid of our Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charity.
- ✓ 13th Jul Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 15th Jul Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 16th-18th Jul Hoggin' the Beaver VI.
- ✓ 19th Jul Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 21st Jul Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 22nd-25th Jul Fenlanders Rally – Sherwood Chapters Designated Rally for 2010.
- ✓ 27th Jul Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby – ride-out to Sixhills, Leicester led by Paul Allen.
- ✓ 29th Jul Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Aysworth.
- ✓ 31st Jul Stamford via Melton Mowbray Ride-out led by Martin Haley.

Martin's first lead ride-out

Fifteen bikes turned up to support Martin Haley on his first lead ride out from the shop. We took a leisurely ride across the A52 and on towards Melton Mowbray passing the town with its Stilton cheese and pork pie factories. I was already hungry and now I couldn't wait to get to Stamford for fish & chips. We all arrived safely with Kristina directing us into a parking

space and Paul arriving at the rear as Tail-end Charlie.

Finally we slummed it

with our take away fish & chips and watched Paul enjoying waitress service.

WELL DONE Martin on your first ride out.

Thoroughly enjoyed it; Tanya & Stuart Morgan



August 2010

Perhaps the busiest month for the Chapter Committee in getting everything set up with final preparations for the Legend Rally next month, and still quite a full calendar for ride-outs, meetings, events and of course, Thunder in the Glens – a favourite with the Sherwood membership.

Ride-out attendance by chapter members varied considerably with a slack handful attending Mick Baines' ride to Eden Camp and a good number turning out for the rides from Robin Hood and Terry Hill's Ponderosa ride-out. With more than 300 members in the Chapter you'd expect at least 10% of the membership turn out for ride-outs. The Road Captains & Marshals put in a lot of effort in planning a safe and enjoyable day's riding and it can be disheartening when you've invested time and effort for just a very small number; however, those that turn up enjoy... and that's what riding a Harley is all about, enjoying the ride with good company and friends.

Rally Volunteers' Meeting at the Meadow Covert

The planning for the Legend Rally meant using the help of Chapter Members and to co-ordinate those that had indicated that they wanted to help; a meeting was held at the Meadow Covert on the 23rd of the month. Around 30 members attended, which was truly encouraging and the committee was not expecting as good a turn-out.

Following a briefing from Dai Gunter, Rally Co-Ordinator and Pete Clifford, Chapter Director, on expectations and areas where particular assistance was needed, committee members took lead roles in pulling together their volunteered help to organise the labour on offer.

The meeting was a success and the proof was in the way the volunteers pulled together during the Rally in September.

Events & Ride-outs in August included:

- ✓ 1st Aug Eden Camp ride-out led by Mick Baines.
- ✓ 2nd Aug Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, met at Bridge Inn, Oxtun and ride to the Barge at Newark.
- ✓ 4th Aug Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 8th Aug National Motorcycle Museum Ride-out led by Steve Fox & Steve Kinsey.
- ✓ 10th Aug Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 12th Aug Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Meadow Covert, Edwalton.
- ✓ 14th Aug Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 15th Aug National Railway Museum, York, led by Andy Fellows.
- ✓ 16th Aug Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 18th Aug Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 21st Aug LOH Ride-out Ladies of Harley ride-out to Patchings Farm, Calverton led by Ann Clark.
- ✓ 22nd Aug Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to the Ponderosa Café, North Wales, ride-out led by Terry Hill.
- ✓ 23rd Aug THE LEGEND Rally Volunteers Meeting at the Meadow Covert, Edwalton, Nottingham.
- ✓ 26th Aug Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Hog's Head, Awsworth, Nottingham.
- ✓ 28th Aug Sherwood Chapter Ace Café ride-out & weekender cancelled.
- ✓ 30th Aug Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.

September 2010

Probably the most exciting month of the year for Sherwood Chapter as the Chapter hosts its annual rally. A culmination of almost a year's preparations comes together to deliver one of HOG UK's most memorable rallies – or so the feedback says..!

THE LEGEND – Sherwood Rally XI

Following on the great success of the 10th anniversary rally at Thoresby Estate in July 2009, the Chapter decided to build on the positive feedback and keep the second LEGEND Rally at Thoresby Estate but reverted back to the rally's traditional date of first weekend following the August Bank Holiday (usually the first weekend of September). The Sherwood Chapter Rally, rebranded 'THE LEGEND RALLY', was held over a four day period extending from Thursday 2nd September to the following Sunday 5th September.



Preparations began as early as November 2009 with a review of feedback from the previous rally and fresh thoughts and ideas lay on the table during the November committee meeting. Keeping much the same formula, it was decided to once again keep the medieval theme for the rally.

The roles were divvied up amongst the committee and they set off to get proceedings underway soonest to prevent the mad rush nearer the event.

The main challenge came during a committee meeting in June when Pete Clifford, Chapter Director, stated that he was concerned about the fall-off in attendees at other rallies so far during the year. After some hard decision making, the committee agreed to cut back on several items in order to prevent a loss for the Chapter should the event suffer similar losses to other Chapters' numbers.

Once of the two bands for the Saturday evening was cancelled, along with the fireworks display; and there was a cut back in the amount of medieval entertainment scheduled.

However, there was a flurry of late ticket sales and numbers, although slight lower than 2009, were much healthier than expect. The medieval entertainment was fully reinstated, but it was agreed to hold on the fireworks and second band for Saturday night's entertainment.

With superb weather for the weekend, the rally saw more than 420 guests enjoy the superb estate scenery, rally entertainment, and a surprise visit from the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance to pick up a nice fat cheque for £9500 raised by the membership for their sponsored charity for 2010.

The main ride-out to Nottingham Castle was once again greeted by the Mayor of Nottingham and the local officials. The Chapter guests were then offered to take the cave route under Nottingham Castle to the Olde Trip to Jerusalem, England's oldest inn.

Another change to this year's preparations was the involvement of the 30 or so volunteers. There have been volunteers helping out at previous rallies, but this year there had been a pre-meeting at the Meadow Covert on the 23rd August to arrange who's who and what to do.

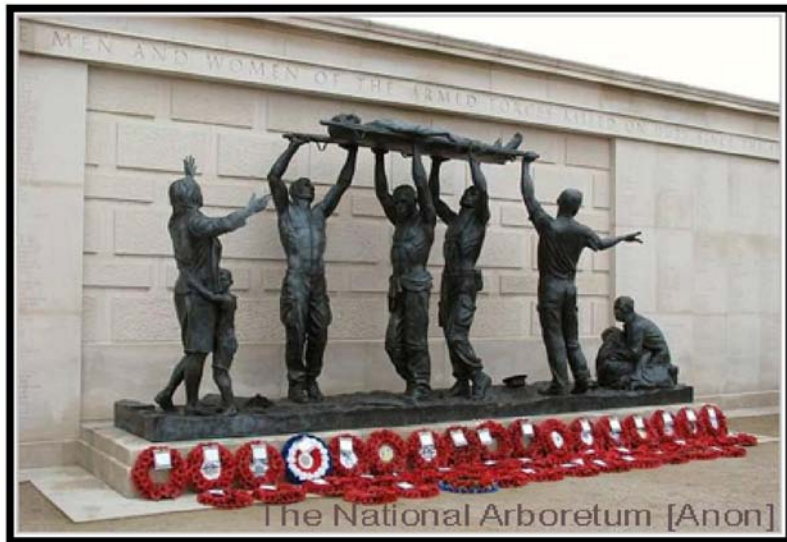
This proved to be a decisive move as the role of the volunteers was much involved and specific and welcomed by all during the rally.

Events & Ride-outs in September included:

- ✓ 1st Sep Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 2nd-5th Sep the LEGEND Rally, Sherwood Chapter's 11th Rally
- ✓ 7th Sep Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting – fish & chip run to Ashbourne.
- ✓ 9th Sep Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 11th Sep Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 12th Sep Sherwood Ride-out to Saltburn-by-Sea led by Brian Roche
- ✓ 13th Sep Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 15th Sep Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 18th-19th Sep BMF Tail Ender at the Lincoln Showground.
- ✓ 19th Sep Joint Ride-out with Peak Riders cancelled
- ✓ 21st Sep Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 23rd Sep Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awwsworth.
- ✓ 25th Sep Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to The Bull i' th' Thorne inn at Hurdlow, led by Nick Godsmark.
- ✓ 26th Sep Golden Wedding Anniversary Ride-out led by Jane James.
- ✓ 27th Sep Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 29th Sep Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.

October 2010

Steve Fox took the lead for Sherwood Chapter in organising the Ride-out to the National Arboretum to mark the third Ride to the Wall (RTTW III). The event has become a regular fixture in the Sherwood ride-out calendar. Ride-out participants met at Donnington Services and then rode on to Drayton Manor, which was the official departure point. At the National Arboretum thousands of bikers congregated to mark their respects to those who have fallen in battle since the Second World War.



Events & Ride-outs in October included:

- ✓ 2nd Oct Ride to the Wall III led by Steve Fox.
- ✓ 5th Oct Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Coopers Arms at Weston-on-Trent.
- ✓ 7th Oct Sherwood Chapter meeting at the Meadow Covert, Edwalton, Nottingham.
- ✓ 9th Oct Chapter BBQ at Robin Hood.
- ✓ 11th Oct Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 13th Oct Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 17th Oct Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to Newstead led by Mick Baines.
- ✓ 19th Oct Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 21st Oct Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awwsworth.
- ✓ 23rd Oct LOH Ride-out led by Ann Clark.
- ✓ 25th Oct Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 27th Oct Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 30th Oct Sherwood Chapter Ride-out to the Mucky Duck led by Sam York.
- ✓ 30th Oct Robin Hood Harley-Davidson Halloween All-Day Party at the Shop.
- ✓ 30th Oct Clive & Jean Parker's Halloween Night Party.

November 2010

The end of the riding season, the onset of frost and rain; yes, November is the month in which the Sherwood Chapter Annual General Meeting was held this year.

A good number of the membership turned out at the Festival Inn, Trowell to listen to the various reports from committee members on how the Chapter has fared for the past twelve months. Reports were well received by the membership and the committee were applauded for their work through the year for making 2010 another successful year for Sherwood Chapter.

Sherwood Chapter bowlers strike at Ilkeston (words from Nick Godsmark)

Monday 1st November was another memorable date for Ilkeston Bowling Alley, as the Sherwood Chapter descended upon them once again for another 10-Pin Chapter Challenge.

Although there were provisionally 6 lanes booked for the evening, the bowlers almost had one lane per couple, as there was only 13 bowlers in total. However, this meant they got double the amount of games, as some people were using 2 lanes at a time!

The usual challenges were attempted - fastest ball, slowest ball, and even one for bowling backwards (but I'm not saying any more about that one) Paul Allen had the fastest recorded bowl of the evening at 22.4 miles per hour (or so he claimed), with Karen Elliott achieving the slowest, at 3.15 mph.

In the end it was decided to award the trophy to the person with the most consistent number of points over the two games, and congratulations went to the overall winner - Karen Elliott.



Glenn's Charity Bash

Glenn Page, Area Rep for North Nottingham & Mansfield, pulled together a night of music and fun at the Railway Inn on November 15th with skiffle comedy band 'Kick 'n' Rush'. For £5 a ticket members and guests could sample the hot food laid on by the Landlord of the Railway Inn as well as the comedic antics of Kick 'n' Rush. Monies raised were donated to the Chapter Charity – Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

Events & Ride-outs in November included:

- ✓ 1st Nov Ten-Pin Bowling at Ilkeston, arranged by Nick Godsmark.
- ✓ 2nd Nov Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Old Oak Horsley, Denby.
- ✓ 4th Nov Sherwood Chapter Annual General Meeting at the Festival Inn, Trowell.
- ✓ 8th Nov Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 10th Nov Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 13th Nov Robin Hood chilli cook-off.
- ✓ 15th Nov Glenn Page's charity night at the Railway Inn with Kick 'n' Rush.
- ✓ 16th Nov Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 18th Nov Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awsworth.
- ✓ 22nd Nov Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 24th Nov Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 30th Nov Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge cancelled due to snow.

December 2010

Late November and early December heavy snowfall resulted in several cancellations of events – the two scheduled Road Captains' meetings were postponed and the Robin Hood Christmas Party was held a week later than planned. With the amount of snow severely affecting the UK's transport systems, it meant that for most of the membership, the only hands-on on the Harley was polishing and dusting.

All this bad weather didn't dampen the spirit of the festive season though and December saw the first of Sherwood Chapter Christmas bashes.

The Derby & North Notts area held their Masked Party at the Denby Lodge on the 10th. Well attended and large volumes of liquid cheer were the order of the evening. This was followed the following week with the Lincoln area's Christmas bash at Yo Yo in Beijing Chinese restaurant in Lincoln. Again, well attended and copious amounts of food and liquids consumed.

And to close out the year, the obligatory New Year's Eve ride-out took place – yes a slack handful of souls braved the cold weather and met up at the Shop for a short ride-out led by Jane James.



Events & Ride-outs in December included:

- ✓ 2nd Dec Robin Hood Christmas Party cancelled due to snow
- ✓ 6th Dec Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham. Guest speaker Gary Fleshman of HC Travel.
- ✓ 7th Dec Road Captain's meeting at Inn on the Green, Coddington
- ✓ 8th Dec Road Captain's meeting at Meadow Covert.
- ✓ 8th Dec Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 10th Dec North Notts & Derby Christmas Mask Party at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 11th Dec Robin Hood Harley-Davidson Christmas Party at the shop.
- ✓ 14th Dec Sherwood Chapter Derbyshire meeting at the Denby Lodge, Denby.
- ✓ 16th Dec Sherwood Chapters Nottingham Area meeting held at the Hogs Head Awsworth.
- ✓ 18th Dec Dickie's Plum Duff Ride-out cancelled.
- ✓ 18th Dec Lincoln Area Christmas party at Yo Yo in Beijing, St Mark's Street, Lincoln.
- ✓ 20th Dec Sherwood Chapter North Notts Area meeting, Railway Inn, Lowdham.
- ✓ 22nd Dec Sherwood Chapter Lincoln Area meeting held at the Pride of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- ✓ 31st Dec Warm Up Your Cockles Ride-out led by Ian 'Bunny' Harper.

Excerpts from the Quill & Quiver and the eQ&Q

John Tonks' "Madnificent Seven" write-up – published in volume 1002 of the Quill & Quiver

THE MADNIFICENT SEVEN

OR THE LAST RIDE OF THE YEAR

December the 31st, New Years Eve ride out, is traditionally called "The Brass Balls" ride out.

This ride out was well supported last year despite the low, (freezing) temperature. This year, 2009, was a little warmer but we had snow. Yes a real white Christmas enjoyed no doubt by children of all ages everywhere. However this did mean that riding conditions were far from perfect. In fact I did wonder if anyone would turn up especially as I'd had an email from Paul (Smiling Assassin) to the effect that it had been cancelled.

Not to be deterred a few phone calls and texts were exchanged and seven of us met up at Arnold McDonald to ascertain the weather.

It was cold but not too cold and the sky seemed clear enough, so after some deliberation (read McDonalds breakfast) we set off with Terry; one of our new Road Marshals taking the lead.

We headed off from Arnold up the A614 to Ollerton where we took the 2nd exit on the roundabout (not island) through Sherwood Forest toward Bolsover. Our destination was Chesterfield and another McDonalds.

Imagine how we felt as we passed some lakes that were frozen!! Not being easily put off we carried on, looking forward to a "healthy" burger and coffee in Chesterfield.

Once sustenance had been had we returned to our bikes, feeling a lot warmer, ready to continue?

"Where now?" I asked. "Matlock" answered Ian and Terry. So off we went, Terry at the front followed by Ian, Nick and Fiona, Paul and his wife then yours truly bringing up the rear.

The journey to Matlock went smoothly and trouble free. It's worth pointing out that the scenery at this time of year was excellent. A bonus on arriving at Matlock was that of parking. No fee New Years Eve and plenty of spaces.

Once parked we crossed the road to a very pleasant pub with a real open fire.

It was while stood chatting around the fire that thoughts turned to the past year. So much had happened. We had the Ostend trip and loads of very enjoyable ride outs. The highlight of the year being The Legend Rally.

We talked of the coming season with the trip to France organised by our activities officer Paul Allen (thanks Paul looking forward to it) and the Wales trip. Both of which should be good fun.

After finishing yet another coffee we said our farewells to the couple running the pub and crossed the road back to the bikes. As this was our last stop before going home lots of handshakes and cries of "Happy New Year" were exchanged.

The ride home saw us journeying down the A610 and then breaking off as we neared home.

Time then to clean off the bike before sitting down to write up the ride.

It was so good to see 3 new Road Marshals and 1 new Road Captain out at such short notice. Terry took an excellent ride ably assisted by Ian and Nick; 3 excellent Road Marshals who will no doubt make very good Road Captains.

Thank you one and all for such a pleasant end to the year. A huge thank you to the wives and partners who put up and partake in what to us guys is a way of life. Without the support and understanding of those close to us a lot of rides could not go ahead, so thank you.

Just for Ian (Bunny) looks like another pair of Ugg's mate.

Happy New Year Everyone

John Tonks



Paul trapped me into doing this write up in a moment of weakness on the return ferry, it must have been either the Guinness or the fact I didn't have my hearing aid so I just grinned and nodded inanely. Here goes!!

Most of the tourists met at the Donington Services for 1230, I say most because some were travelling to Portsmouth separately. The weather was overcast and the forecast was cold and wet, but what's a bit of dodgy weather when France beckons. As it happened, on the way we picked up other members of the group at Cherwell Services. As an aside when I got back to work I was speaking to one of our contractors who happened to pull into the services when we were arriving. He said he was worried about getting out of his car until the helmets came off and saw it was a bunch of, in his word 'old farts'. For his trouble he got a Baldrick's version of a cappuccino when he came to the office blagging a cup of coffee. Anyway the trip down was going great until we met a tailback of traffic on the M27 between Southampton and Portsmouth. This was due to an accident so it called for some filtering that resulted in the group getting split up; however, we all met up at the fuel stop in Portsmouth. We were in plenty of time for the ferry and most were onboard; bikes strapped down and settled in fairly quickly. Needless to say many of the group gravitated to the bar in the evening where the highlight was Terry being given his birthday cake. The singer didn't look too chuffed though as Happy Birthday drowned her song.

Docking at St Malo sunshine greeted us; the world was looking good again. A steady ride to the La Rochelle dealership was only temporarily held up by one of the bikes having problems with the side-stand cut-out. As last year Ricardo came up trumps to work his magic and get the bike sorted. In the absence of Hog Assistance, Richard is the next best thing and taking him with you should be mandatory along with bulbs, first aid kit etc.

The visit to the dealership was marred by Joan's accident. Len had come to a stop and Joan dismounted as she'd done a



thousand times before but she caught her foot and fell to the ground. She was obviously in great pain and the ambulance was called. Clare took charge of the situation and also accompanied Joan to the local hospital while Glen rode Len's bike to the hotel. The hospital did what had to be done and when the

doctor's were happy she was eventually released albeit with some metalwork. It says something for Joan and Len's attitude that they carried on with the holiday and while Joan travelled back in one of the support cars, Len rode his bike (at a fair lick I might add).

After some retail therapy at the dealership and playing with a loopy boxer (dog) it was only a short distance to the two hotels and soon everyone was settled in. Our hotel (St Nicholas) was very comfortable; Paul had obviously done his homework on selecting it. Friday was chill-out time with people doing their own thing. The weather being fine meant the outside restaurants were doing a good trade with the area around Le Vieux Port being popular. Suffice to say there were bars, cafes and restaurants to suit everyone.

Saturday was another chill-out day with no specific activities. Being May 1 and the French being unable to resist a demonstration there was a march round the town of what appeared to be trades unions, French Communist party members and OAP groups. After marching round the town they fetched up at the Place de Verdun where they had a bit of a rally. It all got somewhat lively with the speakers sounding like they were inciting the storming of the Bastille.

Around the Vieux Port there were drumming bands, market stalls in addition to the bars and with the weather being fine it was great to sit with a beer and something to eat, wander around the market or join in with the drummer's procession. I did get a shock when a foot long finger poked me on the shoulder as I was holding back a ten foot dancer. Heading back towards the hotel there was a group of Samba dancers and surprise surprise there was a goodly collection of Sherwood Chapter members, nothing to do with the lightly clad dancing girls then! Personally I think the idea of a chill-out day was great success at least that seemed to be the general view.

In the evening a group meal was held at a restaurant Paul had found earlier, Les Comediens (I think). While the manager said he could take everyone I reckon we overwhelmed them somewhat. That didn't stop the fun though. Drink flowed, food came the jokes seemed to get funnier and Bernadette seemed to have an everlasting Coke bottle. Not sure of the contents of the bottle but effect seemed lethal and led to Bernadette giving us a warts and all insight into her job as a York taxi driver. Some stories got a bit lively to say the least. The evening flew by and Pete gave his and our thanks to Sue and Paul for arranging the trip and announced it was Clare and Mark's plus Sheila and Jack's wedding anniversaries. Len also gave thanks to Clare and everyone for helping when Joan had her accident, all in all a good evening.

Sunday started out a bit wet and overcast. A ride out to the Ile de Re was scheduled for those who wished to have a look at the surrounding countryside. A good number took the opportunity and while it was a bit windy the rain kept off for the most part. For the rest of the day people did what they wanted to and the same in the evening. Being Sunday the town was relatively quite in the early evening but some of the eating places were open.

Monday was travel back day. The plan was to leave in the morning and travel via Mont St Michel to Ouistreham.

Some of the group were staying in La Rochelle and other lucky so and so's

were going on to St Tropez (hope you had a good time Steve Kinsey and Co). Others were making their own way back in their own time or diverting to see friends.



The Mont St Michel group were lined up ready for off at the St Nicholas awaiting the arrival of the people from the other hotel. They duly arrived, but hang on, someone's missing, who could it be, why Bernadette. Apparently she got lost between the two hotels. Paul went off to try and find her but sod's law meant she turned up while he was away. Eventually we got away and headed towards the famed Mont. On the way a lone rider was seen peeling off down a slip road to another motorway. This meant we had to pull in to see who it was. Three guesses, Bernadette. We waited a while and after 15 minutes or so a Harley could be heard burring by on the motorway, so off we set again. This time we made it to Mont St Michel. It was a good move to go there, as it is a lovely place and you could easily spend a day or more there. With time now moving on we continued to Ouistreham via Caen. We had a bit of time to wait for the Ferry and that gave time for the entire group to meet up in the service area to have something to eat and drink. We embarked on the ferry with no problems (although the wet car decks can be lethal) and once we found the cabins and dumped our gear we were in the bar, not too long as the trip was shorter and we had to get up at silly o'clock in the morning. Once we'd docked we made our way out of the ferry port. This is where the ride got split up as some were directed straight onto the motorway out of Portsmouth. The result was that we made our way home in groups, Paul kindly checked up later that day to see if everyone was safe and sound.

This was only our second foreign trip away with the Chapter and for me it embodies everything that being in a Chapter means. Great times, with great like-minded people on great bikes, although I have say Len expressed it far more eloquently at the Saturday night meal.



It only remains for me to say thank you to everyone who arranged the trip especially Paul and Sue and thanks to Ian and Pete for back marking/sweeping plus the drivers and crews of the support cars without who we would have been in trouble.

Finally if I've got the course of events wrong blame me, likewise wrong names etc because I am living proof of the saying "At times my mind wanders and sometimes it leaves my body entirely". Here's to the next trip

Ride safe everyone, Steve B



Robin Hood Harley-Davidson's Coast to Coast Ride

I'd like to firstly offer one or two thanks to the first one to the intrepid group who ventured onto the continent over the May Day bank holiday weekend; suffered the arctic conditions and managed to get Richard back safe and sound. The second thank you is to all those brave folk who took part in the first and probably last coast to coast ride held over the weekend of the 15th and 16th May. The challenge and I will call it a challenge covered some 566 miles mainly on A and B

If you fancy having a go here are some pictures to help motivate you along with the route taken...

road's and ventured over the north Yorkshire moors through the Yorkshire dales and finally around the Lake District.

Ian Jennings



Robin Hood's Bay



Sutton Bank, Pickering



Wensleydale



Stone Cross Manor, Kendal



North York Moors

Ponderosa Ride-out – 22nd August

At 9.30 on Sunday 22nd August fourteen Harley's rumbled out of the Golden Arches Derby heading for the Ponderosa on the Horseshoe Pass, Llagollen, Wales. This is not where they filmed the livestock – rich Cartwright family for the 1960's TV series Bonanza – it's a cafe. Although the forecast was for showers we stayed dry the entire day routing up via Ashbourne, Stoke, Whitchurch & Lynn's Raven Cafe (excellent food & a bikers meet venue in Shropshire). Terry's first official lead of a rideout and he found some cracking country roads.

They say in Wales that if you can see the mountains it's about to rain and if you can't it already is. Not true; the views on the way up the Horseshoe pass and at the top were stunning and bathed in glorious sunshine for the day. Sherwood Chapter made the most of it as we lunched outside – the place was busy with tourists and bikers – including a very old and beautifully restored Harley Bobber. Tales were told including ones about previous rallies and several members were looking forward to this year's Thunder in the Glens and Sherwood rallies.

It came to that time and in Cartwright keeping we saddled up and headed out confident that if anything untoward occurred the tail-enders Bunny and The Smiling Assassin would be there to assist – cheers guys. Terry led us back taking in more sights and country roads eventually passing Stoke to arrive back in Derby at half five. Terry's first official rideout – a massive success – this was a brilliant ride out to which this write up doesn't do proper justice.

Ponderosa Support

I'd like to thank every one who turned up to support my first official ride-out to the Ponderosa cafe. We didn't get lost or lose anybody; at least everyone seemed to enjoy it and thanks for their texts afterwards – very appreciated. The weather stayed good as ordered after all fingers and toes crossed. Again many thanks to all who helped tail-end (Bunny & Boiler) and sweeper (Paul & Sue), without their help I could not have done it.

Thanks Terry & Tracey

Ride Harley, Malcolm Pritchard





MRS SHEARD'S DIARIES

SHERWOOD COAST TO COAST CHARITY RUN

The Yorkshire contingent of Sherwood meet every Sunday for a ride-out to various destinations, depending on what's going on or where the sun is shining the most. We also gather on a monthly basis socially for a catch up and discuss where we are going on future ride-outs. At one meeting Colin and Wayne mentioned that other Chapters were doing various charity runs so why don't we do a 'coast to coast' run and make a few quid for the Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air Ambulance, the Chapters chosen charity this year. We all agreed this was a good idea and were keen to give this ago.

Wayne initially put the proposal to the Chapters Committee who supported the idea and a ride date of 11th July was agreed.

Colin and Wayne drove the route, sponsorship forms and registration forms printed and distributed and details were put onto the Sherwood Chapter web site.

Colin agreed to his company sponsoring the tee shirts as part of the £10.00 registration fee. Members were asked to go forth and get their own sponsors by calling in favours and a suggestion was put forward to sponsor other members if you were not doing the ride itself.

Colin had a secret weapon – his 11 year old daughter, Courtney (nickname chip), who was going to ride pillion with her dad, she was brilliant at persuading people to part with their money and she alone collected in excess of £500. Not all the sponsor money is in yet but when collected will be added to Shirley's fund raising total.



So, on 11th June, the ride set off from Leeds on a sunny Sunday morning at 8.45am. Dave Farrand (HOG Road Captain)

gave us riding info and the intended route; Wayne and Brian (Hog Road Captains) were at the rear with Colin leading the ride. We operated the 2nd rider drop off system and headed towards Willerby Services where we joined Pete Clifford our Director and several other members of Sherwood.

Colin had negotiated a free breakfast for us with McDonalds for Sausage and egg butties and a drink and this set us up for the rest of the morning. Off we went to Bridlington where we parked up in the

harbour forecourt for a photo shoot and to stretch our legs. This had been pre-arranged with the harbour master beforehand so that we could all park together.



After a short break, we set off across country for Blackpool going through Harrogate

and stopping at the Mill Volvo Dealership who provided us with complimentary sandwiches and drinks (and very nice too). This again had been pre-arranged by Colin and more photos were taken outside the premises.

Colin's wife Nina was there and took orders for drinks to go with the carvery he had arranged for us at the Lee Gate Pub in Preston. Nina followed the ride in her "Volvo" before turning off towards Preston.

We arrived at Blackpool around 4.15pm and parked in the Savoy Hotel car park for another photo shoot and then a ride along the prom before we headed off to the Lee Gate pub for our well deserved carvery.



The weather had turned a bit chilly in the afternoon so the hot meal was a welcome treat. As the Sherwood members had a longer journey home, some went straight home from Blackpool but others did stay with us for the carvery.

It was a brilliant day, we clocked up 348 miles and raised a lot of money for a worthy cause. The 2nd rider drop offs worked well and we didn't lose anybody or have any problems. The day was very well organised and thanks must be given to Colin & Nina Young and Wayne Clamp the organisers and to Dave Farrand, Brian Roche for their involvement and to everyone else who took part.



Margaret



YOUR WORDS NOT MINE

GILL WARD'S WHITBY WRITE-UP

Whitby

August 20th 2010, Whitby – Should be good. The forecast for the previous week was NOT good. Rain all day Friday, slight improvement Saturday & Sunday. This was the first camping trip for the “Yorkshire Riders” of Sherwood.

We left home on the Friday morning in light but steady rain. By the time we got to Leeds it had stopped & the sun was trying to come out – there were even a few small spot of blue in the sky. Heading north the roads were dry but a sneaky breeze was starting to get stronger. We arrived at the campsite around 1 pm. & unloaded tents from the trailer. Then the fun began!

We were camping up on a hill about a mile outside Whitby & it was very “slightly” breezy. It was a bit like chapter games – put your tents up in a gale force wind. It was literally all hands to the pump or in our case the tents. Then putting up the activity shelter aka “The pleasure dome” was a real challenge akin to paragliding..



We decided to stay on the site Friday night & have a BBQ. This worked really well with plenty of food & drink. We sat out until late in the night and only 2 suffered a slight dampness in the nether regions due to water in the prevailing “breeze” – the sort of thing you only feel when you stand up.

Saturday morning saw the BBQ's used to cook breakfast then we woke the bikes up which quite effectively roused any



sleeping campers! Today's destination was over the moors to the Transporter Bridge at Middlesbrough then on to Seaton Carew for coffee & then Hartlepool Quay for lunch. (There is a really good £1 shop there, -don't let anyone tell you we Yorkshire folk don't know how to enjoy ourselves). On our way back we called in at Redcar for ice creams..

This was a great ride out, in sunshine. The crossing in the Transporter Bridge Gondola was referred to as a white knuckle ride by one brave soul (who perhaps should get out more?) We enjoyed it so much that we decided to blow the expense -60p each bike- and repeat the crossing on the way back. Unfortunately the police had other ideas as they closed the road. Never mind- we'll just go back later.

Saturday night we took Whitby by storm- Good pubs & interesting beers were enjoyed followed by precision logistics to get everyone back to the campsite. Sunday dawned bright & warm & after bacon sandwiches the tents came down & it was a brilliant day for a ride down the coast- a great end to a great weekend – hopefully the first of many.

Big thanks to Keith & Julie Wainwright for making it all possible.

Gill Ward

