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FROM THE EDITOR

1066 Chapter
End-of-Season Issue

Firstly, thank you to our departing editor, Ian Beardsley who has worked tirelessly to produce magazines throughout 2025.

As the riding season winds down and we trade long summer rides for evenings in the garage, it's time to reflect on another memorable year for 1066 Chapter. From our first spring kick-off ride to the final autumn ride-out, we've shared miles, laughter, and a few well-earned pints — the kind of moments that remind us what this Chapter is all about.

This issue also marks a new era for 1066, with fresh leadership taking the handlebars and guiding us into the next season. Our new leadership brings fresh energy and vision—honouring the impressive legacy of those who came before while inspiring new ideas and adventures on the road ahead.

Inside this issue, we celebrate the rides, the machines, and the people who made 2025 one to remember. So whether your bike's tucked away for winter or still clocking miles on crisp Sunday mornings, take pride in being part of a Chapter that keeps the spirit of riding alive — together.

Here's to new roads, new leadership, and the same 1066 brotherhood that keeps us rolling.

Ride safe.
Ride proud.
Ride 1066.

Chris Lloyd

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A MESSAGE FROM JOHN & DENISE SYKES – SYKES HARLEY-DAVIDSON



RICHARD KENT

After six fantastic years of dedication and leadership, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Richard Kent, who is stepping down from his role as Director of 1066, to take effect as of 25 October 2025. Richard has been an outstanding ambassador for 1066 and Sykes Harley-Davidson — passionate, loyal, and tireless in his commitment to ensuring riders get the very best from being part of this community.

We know the Director's role is never an easy one; it takes time, effort, and a lot of heart. Richard has given all of that and more. As he steps back to spend more time with his family and focus on his important work with the Harley-Davidson Owners Group UK team, we're delighted that he will continue as an active Road Crew member, staying involved with the group he's helped to grow and strengthen.

Richard — thank you sincerely for your commitment, leadership, and passion over the years. Your loyalty and your dedication are second to none.



STEVE C WILLIS

We are pleased to announce that Steve Willis, Dealer Principal and Managing Director of Sykes Harley-Davidson, will take on the responsibilities of interim Director of 1066 until a new permanent Director is chosen.

As one of the founding members of 1066, present at the very first meeting in 2002, Steve brings a deep-rooted passion for all things Harley-Davidson and a strong understanding of the vital relationship between riders and the dealership. His focus will be on growth, engagement, and creating opportunities for members to ride, connect, and have fun together — keeping the Harley spirit alive and thriving.

With the advantage of being based at the Dealership, Steve welcomes everyone to pop in for a chat, with constructive feedback and shared ideas, let him know what you'd like to see as we look ahead to 2026 and beyond. He has always maintained an open-door policy and is keen to hear from Chapter members, working with the same shared enthusiasm that makes 1066 so special.

We'd also like to thank Ian Woodman, who is stepping down as Assistant Director. Ian has been a valued member of the team, supporting Richard and always giving his best to help the group move forward. His time and commitment have been greatly appreciated.



IAN WOODMAN



DENITA COOPER

We are delighted to announce that Denita Cooper will take on the role of Assistant Director, supporting Steve in helping the group move forward and continue building a strong, engaged, and fun community.

Ride safe and see you soon at Sykes!

JOHN & DENISE SYKES
SYKES HARLEY-DAVIDSON



CHAPTER DIRECTOR AND DEALER PRINCIPAL REPORT
STEVE C WILLIS
MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEALER PRINCIPAL SYKES HARLEY-DAVIDSON & INTERIM 1066 DIRECTOR

First of all, a huge thank you to Richard Kent. After six dedicated years as Chapter Director, Richard's loyalty, commitment, and partnership with Sykes Harley-Davidson have been nothing short of outstanding. On behalf of everyone, thank you, Richard, for the time, passion, and energy you've poured into 1066 — it's noticed and deeply appreciated.

My own Harley-Davidson journey began back in 2002, when the dealership first opened its doors. I started as Service Manager, moved through Sales, Sales Manager, General Manager, and Sales Director, before becoming Managing Director in 2017 when John and Denise took ownership. Looking back, it's been quite a road — and what a ride it's been!

I've seen this brand evolve through so many exciting chapters: from early Twin Cams and anniversary models to the Milwaukee-Eights, and now the incredible new Touring Helix platforms. I've been fortunate to join U.S. Harley-Davidson teams on panels discussing new models and ideas, and to travel across America — experiences that have truly carved the letters H-D into my heart.

Today, Sykes Harley-Davidson has a 23-strong team across sales, service, parts, accessories, and logistics. It's not always easy, but it's always rewarding. Enthusiasm, determination, and a drive to represent the Bar & Shield at its very best keep us pushing forward every day.

I've also been honoured to serve on the Harley-Davidson UK Dealer Advisory Council, working with other dealer principals to share best practices and help shape the brand we all love. Over the years, Sykes has achieved more than I ever imagined — seven Bar & Shield Awards and, most recently, Motorcycle News' Best Independent Dealer 2024. These aren't just trophies; they're a reflection of our incredible people, passion, and community.

Admittedly, as the business has grown, my saddle time has taken a bit of a hit — but when I do get out, I make it count. From H.O.G. rallies in Prague, Budapest, and St. Tropez to that unforgettable 600-mile-a-day ride from L.A. to Milwaukee for the 115th anniversary, and the Malle Mountain Rally across the Alps and Dolomites — every trip reminds me what it's all about.

Our goal for 2026 is simple: to get out there more, join more rides and meetings, and enjoy life on two wheels alongside all of you.

As a founder member and former Chapter Director, I know how special this Chapter is and what our members value. Our aim is to keep pushing forward with the same enthusiasm and pride that have always defined 1066 — fun, no politics, just a shared love of riding and belonging.

That's what it's all about: the pride of rolling in with a group of Harleys, the camaraderie, the laughter, and the friendships that come from being part of something global, iconic, and utterly unique. No other brand or club comes close to what Harley-Davidson and H.O.G. stand for.

So here's to the miles behind us, the open roads ahead, and to keeping that 1066 spirit strong. Let's ride, laugh, and keep doing what we do best — living and breathing Harley-Davidson.

Ride safe and ride proud,
Steven C. Willis

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HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN REPORT
DARREN GEORGE

Well folks, here we are — the end of another cracking season! Feels like only yesterday we were lining up for the Kick Off Ride, and now we're swapping sunscreen for thermals. What a year it's been — packed with miles, memories, laughter, and a fair few rain showers along the way.



Steve

First up, a huge thank you to **Steve** and **Mitch** for their time and commitment on the Road Crew. You've both given your all — rain or shine — and the Chapter's rides have been all the better for it. You'll always be part of the 1066 story, and we hope to still see you out there with us, enjoying the ride without the clipboard!



Mitch



Gus

Next, a warm welcome to **Gus**, stepping up as our new Safety Officer. You've got the knowledge, the passion, and the calm head we all rely on — great to have you on board, mate. And speaking of returns, it's fantastic to see Marty back on the Road Crew — welcome home, brother!

We're also welcoming some fresh faces to the team — **Steve Hearn, Erwin van Looy, and Paul Henderson** — our newest Road Marshals. You've earned your stripes, and we're all looking forward to seeing you out front in the orange vests, helping to keep our rides smooth, safe, and full of that HOG spirit.

A special congratulations goes to **Chris Lloyd**, who's successfully completed his Road Captain's Course! Well done, mate — you've put in the miles and the effort, and we're proud to have you stepping up into the role.



Now, as we roll into the colder months, a quick word on winter riding. If you're still out there putting in the miles, layer up and keep an eye on those road surfaces. Cold tyres and damp leaves can be a nasty mix. Check your lights, keep your visor clean, and remember — smooth is safe. For those tucking the bike up for a winter nap, give her a proper send-off: clean, dry, and on a trickle charger. A bit of fuel stabiliser and some love now will save you headaches come spring.

Finally, I want to give massive thanks to the entire Road Crew. You're the backbone of this Chapter — the early starts, the planning, the route checks, the patience… it doesn't go unnoticed. You make every ride-out a safe and brilliant experience for everyone.

And to Tony Vine — my rock. Couldn't do it without you, mate. Thanks for sticking with me for another season. Knowing you're still by my side means the world.



Tony

Don't forget — any suggestions for rides next season, please send them to roadies@1066chapter.com.

That's it from me for now, folks. Rest up, tinker, polish, and dream of the open road — spring will be here before we know it.

Until then… RIDE… and HAVE FUN!!
Dazza Head Road Captain, 1066 Chapter
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
CHRIS LLOYD

As the riding season ends and we move into the winter months, things tend to quieten down on the membership front. Not so many people buy new bikes at this time of year. Of course membership for the 26/27 season will kick off from the AGM onwards with renewals due my end of March. More on this will appear in the newsletter starting in January. Please don't pay for your renewal before the end of 2025 as it complicates the year-end finance process.

As of 1 December 2025, our membership stands at an impressive 435 — 298 full members and 137 associates. While a few have moved on as their H.O.G. memberships expired, we're delighted to welcome 11 new members to the 1066 family.

A big 1066 welcome to our newest riders and associates:



- Terry Mynard (full)
- David French (full)
- Dominic Fengaras (full)
- Peter Collins (full)
- Matthew Cox (full)
- Antony Harrison (full)
- Christopher Bohee (full)
- Craig Rowsen (full)
- Conrad Giles (full)
- Michael Berry (associate)
- Trudy Glenister (associate)
- Elaine Collins (associate)

Sadly we have recently lost two long-standing members: David Earl from Brighton who joined in 2008 and Derek Taylor from Crawley and, recently, Hailsham, who also joined in 2008. More will be said about David and Derek in the next issue but, for now, our condolensces to their wives Linda Earl and Wendy Taylor.

As always, the best way to get the most from your membership — and your Harley — is to get involved. Come along to the ride-outs, meet new people, share stories, and make memories on the open road. That's what being part of this Chapter is all about.

If you have any membership questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you all for your continued support — and here's to more miles, smiles, and sunny weekends ahead!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- **Remember to let me know if you move home - email your new address to me so we can keep our records up to date.**

- **You must be a current member of H.O.G™ to be in the Chapter (H.O.G™ rules). Occasionally H.O.G™ auto-renewal doesn't work - usually if someone's bank card details have changed. If your H.O.G™ membership lapses I'll send you a reminder.**



- **Chapter renewals will start at the AGM in January and should be completed by end March. After that new membership digital cards will be issued.**

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LADIES OF HARLEY REPORT
DEBORAH LAURENCE

Afternoon Tea

On a glorious sunny Sunday in October a group of Harley ladies from the 1066 Chapter met up in the Orangery at Ashburnham Place for afternoon tea and a catch up.

Ashburnham Place is a rural idle, situated five miles west of Battle, in East Sussex. It was one of the finest houses in the southeast of England in its heyday, but much of the structure was demolished in 1959 and only a drastically reduced part of the original building now remains standing. It is now used as a Christian conference and prayer centre, but boast wonderful public walks in its lovely grounds and hosts regular local farmers markets and local crafts events.





We enjoyed our Sandwiches, Cakes and Tea, (huge scones) but also getting to know new members and talked about bikes, health, food, family and a host of other subjects as we relaxed and enjoyed each others company.
We also heard about recent rideouts and trips to Hardelot, France for the Opal Shore rally.

One of the lovely things about being a member of the Ladies of Harley in our Chapter is how friendly and welcoming the group is. We didn't quite manage the cakes, as we were too full…but the venue provided some take out boxes for a few members to enjoy them with their families later. A few members couldn't join us due to health issues… we wish them a speedy recovery and want to say a big thanks to Debs for arranging the event.

Written by **Dawn Harding**

Ladies Riding Taster Day

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the ladies taster. If I'm honest it's never really crossed my mind to learn before. I've been around bikes at different stages of my life, both my siblings, my dad in the forces formation team and my husband, who I enjoy riding pillion with. But when the ladies day was offered. I figured for the small cost for a taster, why not try?



4 lovely ladies, total strangers, brought together by you, with one common goal, try riding. We were all nervous but encouraged one another, we laughed and had a great experience. I could not fault Simon, our instructor at Flying Colours, such a patient and knowledgeable person, imparting his wisdom and passion for bikes. And no judgement, never pushy, working at your individual pace, & all of us definitely had our own pace. If we wanted to try something else we could.

I had a great learning experience, and I went and booked for my CBT exactly a week later, & passed. Shocking myself more than anyone that I've found a new love! Then to top it all, I decided I had to strike while the iron was hot, a total of only 18 days from starting my journey. I'm now the proud owner of a Honda CBF 125.



My 16 year old has also completed a taster and taking his CBT in 3 days time, and I encourage anyone who is considering trying and everyone who has never considered riding, to just give it a try.
While I carry on learning, I'm deciding when to do my full bike test. But in the meantime, 2 wheels down and ride safe, I'll see you on the roads.

Thank you for organising this Debs, it has been a whirlwind and the highlight of my year. Much love
Written by **Trudy Glenister**

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EVENTS REPORT
DONNA (DODO) MACWOODERS

THE IRON JUKEBOX 15 NOVEMBER

This was held at The View hotel in Eastbourne. The party was absolutely unforgettable - one of those nights where everything just clicked. There was an excellent turn out for the event, including the majority of Sykes staff. It was great to have them join in with the 1066 fun.

The food was excellent and the music was a brilliant mix prepared by Craig Wooders and delivered on a first class sound system on loan from his dad, David. Many thanks to you both.

There was plenty of dancing, especially from the usual suspects - yo know who you are!! There was a great energy in the room and everyone was in high spirits, dancing, laughing, and just having an amazing time together. There was a raffle with some fabulous prizes which made a fantastic **£250 for our charity, Chestnut Tree House**.





WINTER BALL 17TH JANUARY
DALE HILL HOTEL, TICEHURST

Next on the events calendar is our Winter Ball which is being held at the Dale Hill Golf Club in Ticehurst, this will be formal sit down three course meal. Also you're in for a real treat as we're having a live band called the **Top Guns**, who are an awesome 80's rock cover that will have you up dancing all night, and singing to the top of your voices.

Food choices:

Starters

- Bruschetta served with olive oil, vine tomatoes, red onion and basil dressing .
- Smoked bacon and mature cheddar cheese tart with tomato relish.
- Traditional prawn cocktail, served with gem lettuce, Marie rose sauce and fresh bread

Mains

- Chicken supreme, served with mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and thyme jus
- Slow cooked beef cheek, served with seasonal vegetables, dauphinoise potatoes and thyme jus.
- Slow roasted cauliflower steaks, served with chimichurri sauce, rocket salad and sweet potato fries
- Gnocchi and roasted Mediterranean vegetables, served with bocconcini mozzarella , pesto and rocket salad.

Deserts

- Chocolate brownie served with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream
- Orange creme brulé served with homemade shortbread.
- Individual cheese plate, stilton and brie with walnuts, grapes crackers and chutney

Finished off with tea and coffee.

You're in for a real treat at our Winter Ball as we're having a live band called the Top Guns, who are an 80's rock cover band , who are awesome and will have you up dancing all night, and singing to the top of your voices.

Please email me on events@1066chapter.com to book your tickets, £38 each, and confirm your food selection. Again if you have any dietary requirements, let me know.

I'm also really looking forward to the feedback from our survey, to see what 1066 members fancy doing for fun next year.

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MERCHANDISE REPORT
KARRIE MEEKUMS (RETIRING END '25)

I'm pleased to report it has been another successful season for sales of merchandise. Martyn and I are both grateful to members who have purchased items from us.

1066 merchandise is available at Sykes usually once a month. We advertise when we are going to be there on the Chapter Facebook page and the Chapter weekly newsletter. If you are unable to get to Sykes when we are there, and you would like to make an order, merchandise is listed on the Chapter's website page at, 1066chapter.com.

If you have any queries about merchandise then please contact me at: merchandise@1066chapter.com.

Once again thank you for your continued support!

Karrie

Sample Merchandise

Patches and Badges
Available in a range of sizes and colours



Ladieswear
Available in a range of sizes and colours



Menswear
Available in a range of sizes and colours



2025 RIDE OUTS

Date	Destination	Road Captain	Bikes
Mar 22, 2025	New Members Ride	Tony	23
Mar 29, 2025	Kick Off Ride	Dazza	38
Apr 6, 2025	Grumpy Cook	Peter	22
Apr 13, 2025	Ceasefire Café	Mel	33
Apr 19, 2025	Meon Valley	Martyn L	18
May 3, 2025	Fish & Chips Rye	Dan	35
May 4, 2025	Man Cave Cars	Chris	30
16-19 May	Iron Horse Rally	Richard K	10
May 17, 2025	New Members Ride	Tony	19
May 18, 2025	Newlands Corner	Mitch	16
May 24, 2025	Rykas	Michael	39
May 25, 2025	Weald & Downland Museum	Kevin	16
May 29, 2025	East & West Fish & Chips	Tony & Dazza	12
May 31, 2025	1066 Café	Marika	28
Jun 1, 2025	Chiselhurst Caves	Steve	17
03-07 June	Wales	Dazza & Denita	6
Jun 8, 2025	Ruby Café	Mel	15
Jun 14, 2025	Torque Moto Café	Stuart	8
Jun 15, 2025	Custom American Beaulieu	Ian W	16
Jun 20, 2025	Emelias Prom Ride	Dazza	35
Jun 21, 2025	Joes Café Brenzit	Deborah	14
Jun 22, 2025	Selsey on the Beach	Dan	16
Jun 28, 2025	Rusthall Care home	Stuart	10

2025 RIDE OUTS CONTD.

Date	Destination	Road Captain	Bikes
Jun 29, 2025	Supercar Day Tonbridge	Dazza	8
Nov 7, 2025	Eastbourne Prom Steve	Dazza	27
Jul 13, 2025	Porchester Castle	Steve	16
Jul 20, 2025	Bird Sanctuary	Denita	8
Jul 26, 2025	Summer Party A Maidstone	Denita	42
Jul 26, 2025	Summer Party B Maidstone	Stuart	38
Jul 26, 2025	Summer Party Peas Pottage	Richard K	38
Jul 27, 2025	Summer Party Polehill Garden	Dazza	15
31-03 Aug	Valkenberg Trip	Mel	27
Aug 2, 2025	New Members Ride	Tony	25
Aug 3, 2025	Emsworth	Tony	12
Aug 10, 2025	Waldron Car and Bike Show	Kevin	24
15-17 Aug	Cirencester Rally	Dazza	6
Aug 17, 2025	Black Rabbit	Meeko	18
Aug 24, 2025	Winchelsea	Ian W	21
Sep 6, 2025	Sykes	Chris	22
Sep 7, 2025	Sammy Millers Kickback	Martyn L	11
Sep 20, 2025	New Members Ride	Dan /Tony	19
Sep 27, 2025	Dungeness	Marika	16
Oct 4, 2025	Hawkhurst Fish Farm	Stuart	21
Oct 12, 2025	Battle Britain Museum Kent	Steve	31
Oct 18, 2025	Serving Tyme	Mel	17
Nov 23, 2025	Fort Nelson Standing with Giants	Tony	10

3-WAY SHOOTING CHALLENGE



A big shout out to the 1066 Chapter clay pigeon shooters who romped home today to retain the clay pigeon shooting challenge trophy. In a three way challenge with Hogsback and New Forest chapters, the competition played out at The Long Siberia shooting ground in Bisley, Surrey and notionally Hogsback's 'home' ground.

Thirty five shooters were split up into groups of six under the team names of Shovelhead, Panhead, Evo, Milwaukee and so on. They all participated in a 100 'bird' shoot over 20 stands lasting nearly three hours.

Whilst the chapter carried off the main team prize, there were some outstanding individual performances, none more so than Jamie Poulton's impressive score of 71 which rewarded him with the Top Gun award. Well done Jamie.



Elsewhere, we're indebted to:

- Steve Clevett,
- David Batkin
- Graham Duffy
- Graham Bishop
- Paul Salzer
- Mike Harding
- Jamie Poulton
- Mike Berry

for some fine shooting.

The next challenge will take place in the Spring of '26 at New Forest's home ground.

Written by **Paul Grinsell**

WHERE WE'VE BEEN RECENTLY!

NEW MEMBER'S RIDE
SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST 2025
LEAD: TONY VINE





Tony organised and led the third new members ride of the season. An impressive 25 bikes turned up at Blackdown services to welcome recent new members to the Chapter. Darren, Denita and Ian provided support at the back of the ride.



The ride was a nice mix of left-turns, right-turns and roundabouts to gently introduce new members to group riding the 1066 way. Horses, cattle and roadkill added to the challenge but it was a very enjoyable and successful ride arriving at Sykes about an hour after stands-up.

Written by **Chris** with photos by **Steve Hearn**

EMWSORTH

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025

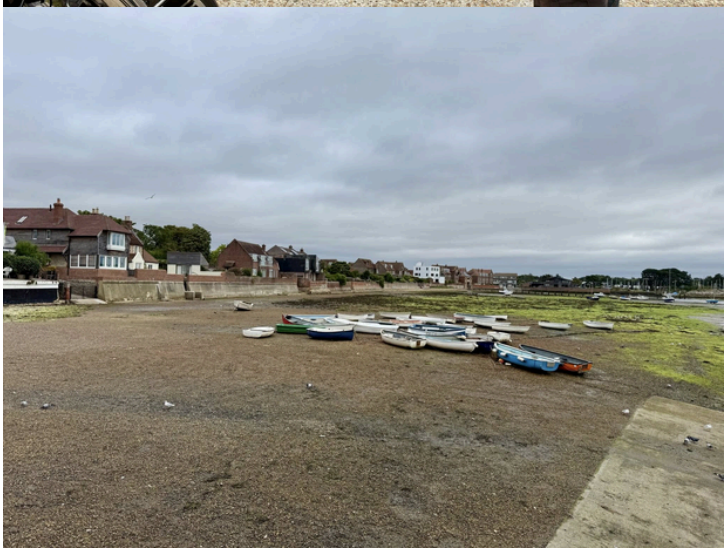
LEAD: TONY VINE





12 bikes joined Tony at Pyecombe Services on the A23, for the ride to Emsworth. He was supported by Darren, Denita and Chris as backmarkers.





The weather was so-so but it stayed dry and our spirits were high as we set off on a new adventure.

As always Tony's ride was awesome. Emsworth is a very pretty seaside village with good cafes and we all managed to find somewhere to enjoy food and drink.

On the way back Tony led us along Bosham Harbour via a sea-front road that is submerged at high tide. On this occasion the tide was out so all we had to do was weave between some significant piles of seaweed.

Written by **Chris** with photos by **Steve and Kim Hearn**

WALDRON CAR AND BIKE SHOW
SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 2025
LEAD: KEVIN SCOTT





An impressive 24 bikes joined Kevin for the ride to Waldron. He was supported by Chris, Jack and Meeks as backmarkers.







The weather was awesome!!! Full sun and scorching even by 10am so a hot day was expected. Kevin gave his briefing in a packed Macdonalds car park with many bemused motorists looking on from the drive-through queue.

Kevin led the gang through a great selection of beautiful country roads. Nice dry, warm tarmac allowed from some fun in the twisties. Eventually we arrived at a 'Road Closed' sign. Fortunately Kevin was well prepared and had pre-warned everyone that we could continue up this road past many more signs but still arrive at our destination. It all worked out perfectly and, needles to say, the road was pretty quiet. The ride ended at the car and bike show which was well worth the trip.

Written by **Chris** with photos by **Steve and Kim Hearn**

SATURDAY MYSTERY JOURNEY TO SYKES
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025
LEAD: CHRIS LLOYD





22 bikes joined Chris at Ashington Services for his second ride of the season, with support from Martyn, Kevin and Ian M as backmarkers. Chris managed a shorter briefing than for his first ride, but only just!

The destination was well known to everyone and, as we all know, is a very popular meeting point for the Chapter on a Saturday. Along with great weather, this helped ensure a good turnout for the ride. Instead of taking the direct route from the Wild West to Sykes along the A27, this was a 45 mile cross-country meander instead. The weather was kind and, despite 34 drop-offs, no-one got lost!

Written by **Chris**

SAMMY MILLER'S MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM AND THE KICKBACK SHOW
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025
LEAD: MARTYN LIDDY





11 bikes gathered at Fontwell Services for Martyn's second ride of the season, with support from Ian and Chris as backmarkers. Great to see a mix of older and new members!!

After Martyn's briefing we saddled up, keeping a watchful eye on the weather. Despite sunshine, rain was threatening later. This ride was all about the destination rather than the route, so we hastened along the A27/M27 to get to the New Forest. The route was direct but cleverly avoided the traffic bottleneck at Lyndhurst.

The “Kickback” show is where like-minded people can come along be inspired. Displaying individuality customised machines having rebellion and attitude. This along with the opportunities to explore the museum’s 500 bikes from all eras. In fact, on the day, there were over 1000 bikes on site! 500+ in the museum, 100+ on display and over 400 parked up!

There was a real buzz about the whole event and, in the end, the weather was very kind to us.



After food, conversations, and a good look around the museum and show, we split up and made our way back home.

Written by **Chris**

DUNGENESS, BRITANNIA INN
SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025
LEAD: MARIKA



On a sunny morning some 16 Harleys gathered in the Blackdown Services car park. While no formal chrome inspection was carried out, glancing briefly at the bikes all appeared to be in good order.



Prior to the briefing many headed for pre-ride snacks at McDonalds. Inside, small groups sat around discussing various issues including the pros and cons of Dunlop tyres, whether it was still too early for long-johns, and the near miss in the car park when a LWB Transit pulled up perilously close to an immaculate Road King.

On busy roads we maintained a good pace, no drop-off issues and the bikes in close formation for most of the way. As we approached the wide-open expanse of the Dungeness shingle spit, we swept passed a cluster of white-bladed turbines, while overhead a peregrine falcon shot by heading in the direction of Dungeness A. While the Meteorological Office classifies the Dungeness peninsula as a desert, don't go there expecting to see camels and sand dunes. This designation is based solely on its low rainfall.

At the Britannia, with the bikes neatly lined up, drinks and food were ordered and served out front to various picnic tables. The chips were perfect and Steve Phillip's towering Lighthouse Burger a guaranteed belly filler. Refreshed, from 2 pm onwards, members set off singly and in small groups, the weather still fine and sunny.



All the riders and pillions would like to thank Meeks for organising and leading this enjoyable ride to Dungeness, which of course wouldn't have been possible without the support of the road crew: Michael, Stuart and Chris.

Written by **Duncan**

HAWKSHURST FISH FARM
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025
LEAD: STUART LAURENCE





On Sunday 4 October 2025, chapter members gathered at Blackdown Services for Stu's ride. The weather was good and 21 bikes made the trip, with support from road marshals Marika, Michael, and Steve.

With a ride time of about 1hr 20 mins Stuart led the ride through lovely Sussex and then on into Kent to Hawkhurst fish farm where there is a brilliant café and great views across the lakes. The weather was superb and a great venue for Chapter friends old and new to get together.



Written by **Chris**

BATTLE OF BRITAIN MUSEUM HAWKINGE
SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025
LEAD: STEVE GEORGE





On Sunday 12 October 2025, chapter members gathered at Blackdown Services for Steve George's final ride as official Road Captain. Despite a grey, stormy start, around 32 bikes turned out. With support from road marshals Marika, Michael, and Tony, the group set off smoothly and stopped at Pevensey Services, where Tony thanked Steve for his 19 years of dedicated service, leadership, and friendship.

The group then continued through East Sussex and Kent in good riding conditions, arriving together at the Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge. Riders explored the historic site—home to the country's largest Battle of Britain collection and located on the former RAF Hawkinge airfield, once known as "Hellfire Corner." After the visit, the group fuelled up and Steve led the ride all the way back to Pevensey, showing his commitment right to the end.

I've been a member for 15 years and have followed Steve on many rides. You could always rely on Steve's choice of route and destinations for interest and amusement. Throughout Kent, Sussex and sometimes beyond, from nuclear bunkers to Victorian pumping stations.



Steve, you'll be a hard act to follow.
No pun intended!

Adios Amigo, ride safe.

Written by **John Lasseter**

SERVING THYME

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

LEAD: MEL





Mel advertised this ride on Facebook, and I messaged her that I wouldn't be joining—without giving much of a reason. Truth is, I preferred a leisurely ride to the dealership over an early run to Ashington.

But Lin was leaving at 8:15 for Horley and shamed me into going, so Mel was a bit surprised when I showed up.

As often happens with unplanned activities, the day turned out well. I enjoyed the solo ride over, reached Ashington at 9:30, and about eight bikes were already there, including Mel, Kevin, and the Road Crew.

Seventeen bikes set off in mild, ideal biking weather. As with all Mel's rides, it was well planned and we kept up a cracking pace. We went as far north as Chiddingfold and west to Haslemere before heading south down some lovely sweeping roads where we really got a lick on.

A comfort stop in Midhurst revealed Bob Eagle had a screw in his back tyre, but thankfully the pressure held until he got home.

We continued south, joined the A27 at Tangmere, then turned onto the Ford road at Arundel—a road I'd never ridden before. After a bit of slow riding and U-turn practice, we arrived at the venue in Ford open prison, run by inmates. We sat around chatting over sausage and bacon rolls, and a couple of Chapter locals dropped by to say hi. Eventually people drifted off, some to the dealership. I headed home, finishing with 166 miles and a thoroughly enjoyable ride. Thanks to Mel and the doughty back markers—Big Jack, Meeks, and Marty.

Written by **Dougie**



REMEMBRANCE DAY, HAILSHAM

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

LEAD: NO RIDE - ORGANISED BY RICHARD



Remembrance Day in Hailsham with Chapter attendance organised by Richard and with Keith and Tony laying the chapter wreath.

This was not an official ride so everyone met at 10am in Hailsham. Tony Lloyd and Keith Greenwood laid the wreath on behalf of 1066.

Afterwards 1066 was invited into the Hailsham club for a drink.

Thanks as always to Tony and Keith for attending to lay our chapter wreath and for Peter Chaney bringing Tony to Hailsham, and to Rich for arranging and looking after the older members.

Lest we forget

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

STANDING WITH GIANTS FORT NELSON



SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

LEAD: TONY



Tony Vine organised an absolute corker of a ride to Fort Nelson in Portsmouth today for 1066 members to see the D-Day Standing With Giants exhibition. Tony led us through some beautiful country and windy roads to reach our destination, even though the roads were a tad damp it was well worth the cleaning time now needed for the bikes.



There are 1,475 figures, one for each British serviceman who died on D-Day, plus 50 figures one for each of the members of the French resistance who also died. The installation is a solemn and moving tribute to the immense sacrifice made by the servicemen and French resistance on that day.



If you haven't visited it yet, it is a must see.

Written by **Marty**



MENTAL WELLBEING

Keeping Your Head Right: Mental Health on and off the Road



Every rider knows that a clear mind makes for a safer, smoother ride. What's less talked about is how much that matters off the bike, too. Mental health isn't only about the big struggles—it's the everyday balance of stress, focus, and connection that keeps us steady both in the saddle and in life.

For many of us, the road is therapy: the hum of the engine, the open air, the space to breathe. But even the best ride can't fix everything. Sometimes the most important maintenance we'll ever do isn't on our bikes—it's on ourselves. Checking in with a fellow member, taking a break when life hits hard, or just admitting when you're not firing on all cylinders are small steps that make a powerful difference.



In a Chapter built on brotherhood, sisterhood, and loyalty, no one has to ride solo when times get tough. Looking out for each other—really looking—keeps our community strong. Talking openly, offering support, and making space for honesty is just another way we protect our own.

Mental health isn't a weakness; it's part of the journey. And just like any long road, it's easier when you've got a solid pack riding with you.

Mental Health Motorbike is a charity dedicated to providing mental health support specifically for the biker community in the UK, aiming to improve wellbeing and break the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

Mission and Services

Mental Health Motorbike (MHM) is a free mental health first aid support charity that focuses on the unique needs of motorcyclists. The charity aims to create a dedicated network of trained mental health first aiders who can offer support to bikers and their families. They provide various services, including:

- Peer Support: MHM offers one-on-one and group support, helping bikers connect with others who understand their experiences.
- Training Programs: The charity trains bikers to become Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAs), increasing awareness and understanding of mental health issues within the community. They aim to train 1,000 MHFAs by the end of 2024.
- Online Support Groups: MHM runs an online peer support group that is accessible 24/7, providing a safe space for bikers to share their experiences and seek help.

Written by **Chris**
Qualified Mental Health first aider



Useful links

- [West Sussex Mind]
- [East Sussex Mind]
- [Mental Health Motorbike]

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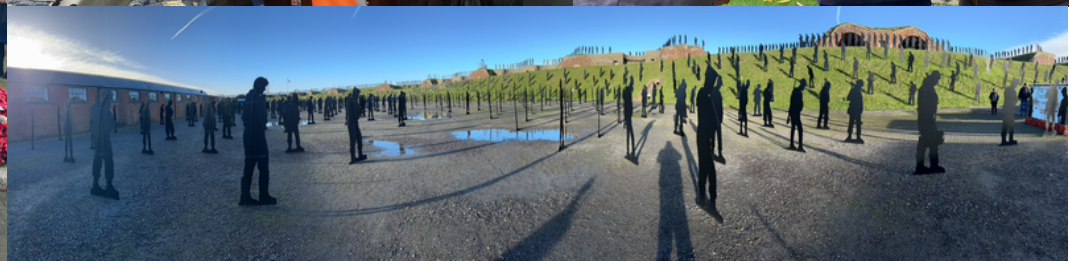

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