



THE MAGAZINE OF THE AIRE VALLEY CHAPTER OF HOG

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AIRE VALLEY TIMES

BIG PAV APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



THE STORY BEHIND THE PICTURE!

Big Pav gets his new patch. It has been an interesting year for the club with a few changes and some new appointments.

Pav has been in Aire valley for many years the last three as Editor, his new appointment as Assistant Director is well-earned as he has a wealth of knowledge about the club and the people that make up Aire Valley. Hope-

fully we will see more of Pav out and about coz now that he's become responsible the law says he can't hang around in bars and fall on the floor any more. (That's now my job!)

Also Pav has taken up residence at Eddy's as the chrome adviser and salesman

(I can think of a few new titles for him but we have to keep it clean),

So he can now get us to buy more shiny bits or even a new bike.

Well all in all it has been another good year for Aire Valley.

With No Bike and Pav at the helm I believe that the club will improve and stay one of the best, if not the best, club in the Country.

Ed

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EDITORIAL, BY KEV AND IAN

It's nearly that time of year; dust covers off, last bits of chrome to fit, final polish and away we go.

Firstly I would like to thank Pav for his time as AVT Editor and I wish him well in his future roll as Assistant Director and Eddy's Chromosapien.

The first ride out is just around the corner and for me that's when the season starts and the DIY finishes (according to my wife I don't complete anything I just moan about not riding). It looks as if it will be a bumper year as there will be plenty of ride outs and rallies. Our own events are always very good and well organised. The European rally is in Ireland this year. I will be going on the 20th of June so if any one would like to ride down with me let me know. There's more details of the event

later on in this issue of AVT, including details of the entertainment and some small ads of people seeking/offering accommodation.

Bad Ed is doing the decent thing and getting WED. So to ensure that he gets there maybe we can organise an escort ??? So keep the 20th of May free. Take a look at the open invitation later in this edition.

Please don't forget that the AVT is your magazine so we need your stories and funnies. I attend most events so you can tell me your tales over a beer or three.

Or you can e-mail them to me or my partner in crime Ian.

**RIDE SAFE AND
KEEP THE RUBBER
SIDE DOWN**

Kevin Sharman



Editor - Kevin Sharman



Assistant Editor Ian McNeill gets his patch from Big Pav

This week my bike comes out of the dust covers and into the shop for a bit of "tarting-up".

I can't say I'm really sure what it means to be Stage

One tuned but thanks to Paul for telling me how to spend a few hundred quid on something I probably don't need. Come to think of it, I seem to have spent quite a lot of time doing just that since entering the Harley fold. My wife often comments "Why do you need a new double-acting, back synchopating widget for that bike of yours?". My answer is always the same - It's not a question of need, it's just got to be done!. It would be embarrassing to wear my new Editor's patch without having something to brag about on the first ride-out!

I would like to add my thanks to those of Kev for all the efforts Big Pav has put in

over the years. This is only my second edition of AVT and I realise the hard work that he must have done all on his lonesome to get the magazine out on time every quarter.

There's a new section in AVT this month - the AVT Fun Times. This was started by Dave Farrand by sending in a joke, and it seemed a shame to leave it at just one. So a little bit of research and I had 100 jokes that could have qualified for insertion. Decorum meant that quite a few did not make the short list but hopefully Dave's example will prompt readers to send in their funny stories, real or otherwise, for publication. Just a cautionary note - although this is a biker magazine we won't publish swear words.

Have a great season and Ride Safe.

Ian McNeill

DIRECTOR'S CUT, BY JONNIE NO-BIKE

Well the start of the 2006 riding season is no more than a few weeks away. We kick off as usual now with the new members' ride on the 12th March. All new members please note it's worth making the effort to cut your teeth on group riding. Whether you're a seasoned rider or new to the whole biking scene. The road captains will look after you and make sure you are briefed on the do's and don'ts of group riding and this will help you when you join in on the mass ride outs. Remember we were all new members once!. Its also a great way to meet people experiencing Aire Valley for the first time.

We then start the riding season for all members with the annual rain or shine ride out which is on the 26th of March, last year was the **rain** ride out, it absolutely poured it down so this year it's the **shine** ride out make sure you are there to be among the first members to collect your R-F pin.

Those who were at the Jan monthly meeting will have seen that Dave Sheard and Dr John braved the freezing conditions and came on there bikes and in the process became the first two members of 2006 to collect there R-F pins. As last year all you have to do to collect your R-F pin is to attend an Aire Valley event on your bike; Ride outs, Monthly

Meetings, and chapter organized events all qualify. I will again be giving these out personally wherever possible so if I happen to miss you and you have earned your R-F pin come and see me; don't be shy let me know. And of course as per last year once you have earned your Aire Valley R-F pin, this gets you an extra 10% discount at Eddy's.

In 2006 Aire Valley will be hosting 3 major events, the first being a new event which will I hope will become our annual Birthday party. This year the chapter will be 9 years old having been founded in the summer of 1997. The Birthday bash will take place on the **Saturday the 8th July at the Manor**, and will comprise of disco, live band and barbecue, those who want to camp can. This event is free to members and invited guests of members which includes the barbecue and camping. Any member wishing to attend must register and sponsor any guests that they invite; this will allow us to plan for how many people to cater for. Registration forms will be available later in the season.

Second up will be the **Hog On The Humber** which is on the **22nd and 23rd of July**. This year we hope to break through the 1,000 bike barrier across the bridge; see the flyer further on in the AVT for full details.



Director, Jonnie No-Bike

The Odd Ball Rally will again be held at Sandal Rugby Club on the **11th to 13th August**, pre-reg forms will be available in the near future at monthly meetings and on the website.

Each year I try to gauge feedback from all chapter event and activities and assess whether to change the formula or not. 2006 will be our 6th Odd Ball at Sandal and each year I suggest to members that we should look to move. Whilst one or two agree with this the overwhelming majority like the event in the format it is. Therefore until I get feedback otherwise the Odd Ball Rally will continue as is. As many long standing members know I attend as many rallies

as I can and look for what works and what rally attendees like, I have tried to deploy this at the Odd Ball rally. The main reason people give me for keeping the Odd Ball run in the same way is the ethos, that the Odd Ball is a friendly party atmosphere rally, it not trying to be anything its not. Good company, excellent facilities, minimal organization and volunteers required, a turn up and enjoy rally.

In 2005 I personally recommended the Fenlanders Rally and the Sherwood Rally, The Fenlanders moved site to

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Great Yarmouth and whilst nothing was wrong it did not have the same feel as the 2004 and 2003 rallies at Fakenham, so I'm pleased to announce that they have managed to re-negotiate with the Fakenham race course and will be returning there in 2006, well worth a visit. The Sherwood Rally in 2005 was cancelled due to new owners of the site. Dave Sanders the Director of the Sherwood chapter informs me they have an excellent new site for 2006 and normal service will be resumed, see you there.

Of course there are many more excellent rallies which no doubt Aire Valley members will be attending in 2006, if you need any guidance on which are the best see

Chris Hicks at one of the monthly meetings as Chris went to just about all the Rallies in 2005.

Following feedback from members we are introducing Chapter merchandise in 2006. At the February meeting I brought along samples of T shirts, polo shirts, micro fleeces, Sweaters and full fleeces for members to try on all sporting the embroidered Aire Valley UK design. There is an order form for all the merchandise contained within the AVT. Forms can either be posted in with cheques to the address provided or ordered via the form at the March monthly meeting. The

March meeting will be the closing date for this round of orders so make sure you get your order in on time. If there is enough demand we will be doing a second order later in the season. We will bring the samples along again to the March meeting if anybody wants to try them on for sizes. The Samples will then be available to purchase at the March Meeting.

Finally I want to end on a philosophical note if I may! Aire Valley UK has over four hundred members, gauging from the number of R-F pins I gave out in 2005 we have around 250+ active mem-

Don't forget to get your Chapter Merchandise Order Form at the Chapter Meeting on March 1st

bers who regularly attend meetings, Rallies and Ride-outs. We have twenty nine chapter officials, A regular newsletter, A brand new professional website, 2 main events (Hog On

The Humber and the Odd Bally Rally). An annual Birthday party to be added this year, A regular attendance at monthly meetings of between 80-100 members, an Xmas party that sells out each year. The introduction of chapter merchandise in 2006, The same sponsoring dealer for the last 9 years, not many chapters can claim that!

Fan-tas-tic or what?

Live life with a smile and life will smile down on you

Jonnie No-Bike

Director & proud member of Aire Valley UK

TONY BURNS

Members who attended the Feb meeting will have been made aware that our long standing Head Road Captain Tony Burns has recently been admitted to Hospital with a serious health issue.

All chapter members joined together in wishing Tony a speedy recovery and a quick return to the saddle, a get well card was swamped with messages for Tony and all members look forward to seeing Tony back on his bike again soon.

Its members like Tony who's dedication and commitment have made Aire Valley UK the successful chapter it is today.

Jonnie No-Bike has spoken with Tony in mid Feb. Tony has now been released from Hospital and is starting a six month chemotherapy treatment.

Tony would like to thank all those members who added there best wishes to his card.

Get well soon Tony.

Your friends at Aire Valley UK

NOTES TO EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at:

**The Manor,
Stoney Royd,
Farsley,
Leeds
Tel: 0113 2553439**

AIRE VALLEY HOG DISCLAIMER

Aire Valley UK is not responsible for riders' safety. All riders attend events at their own risk and should have completed a disclaimer when joining/renewing membership.

EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY - JULY

Date (s)	Day(s)	Event & Time	Location
** See notes on Page 8			
Feb 1 st	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
March 1 st	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
March 12 th	Sunday	New Members' Ride-Out 10:00am To Wharfedale	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
March 26 th	Sunday	Annual Rain or Shine Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
April 5 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
April 16 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
May 3 rd	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
May 21 st	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
May 28 th – 2 nd Jun	Sun - Fri	Bergen Bike week and Harley Cruise	Norway
3 rd June	Saturday	Viking ride-out to Heartbeat Country (1000am Holiday Inn, York) Harley Cruise Party 7.00pm	York
June 7 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
June 14 th	Wednesday	Rideout, 7pm	McDonalds, Ring Road, Lawnswood, Leeds
June 18 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
June 22 nd -25 th	Thurs – Sun	Hog European Rally	Killarney, Ireland
July 5 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
July 8 th	Saturday	Aire Valley Anniversary Party	The Manor
July 19 th	Wednesday	Rideout 7pm	McDonalds, Ring Road, Lawnswood, Leeds
July 22 nd -23 rd	Sat -Sun	HOG on the Humber	Beverley Race Course Humber Bridge

EVENTS CALENDAR JULY-DECEMBER

Date (s)	Day(s)	Event & Time	Location
July 30 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
August 2 nd	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
Aug 11th -13th	Fri – Sun	Odd Ball 6	Sandal Rugby Club Wakefield
August 23 rd	Wednesday	Rideout 7pm	McDonalds, Ring Road, Lawnswood
August 27 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
Aug 25 th – 27 th	Fri - Sun	Thunder In The Glens	Aviemore, Scotland
Sept 1 st – 3 rd	Fri – Sun	Sherwood Rally 7	Woodland Waters Lincoln
Sept 6 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
Sept 8 th – 10 th	Fri – Sun	Faaker See European Bike Week	Austria
Sept 17 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
Sept 22 nd -24 th Sept	Fri – Sun	Sandy Balls Rally – Autumn Blitz	New Forest
29 th Sept -1 st Oct	Fri -Sun	Heart and Soul Rally	Newcastle
October 4 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor
October 8 th	Sunday	Rideout 10:00am	Eddy's Kirkstall Road
Nov 1 st	Wednesday	AGM Club Meeting From 7:30	The Manor
Dec 6 th	Wednesday	Club Meeting – From 7:30	The Manor

Provisional events programme subject to change as riding season progresses. Always check before setting off. Updates will be given at monthly club meetings.

AIRE VALLEY HOTLINE UPDATED REGULARLY – TEL: 0113 245 2550

SHOP TALK, BY EDDY WRIGHT

January is the month each year that Harley have their Winter Dealer Meeting and Expo, and for the second year this was hosted in Texas. I sent over four members of my staff who all received training in sales and marketing from some of the top experts in their fields, in the States. They also got to check out the new factory specials, accessories and new season motor clothes, which will be in store shortly.

Since they have returned I am pleased to announce that Big Pav has decided to come and work fulltime in the dealership in his new role as Chrome Advisor and will also be working in the bike sales team along side Kelly. Pav will be more than happy to go through various chrome options and accessories for your bike as well as advising customers new to Harley-Davidson.

I am also pleased to announce that Sam has successfully passed her NVA and is taking time out from the family business to broaden her portfolio in the field of commerce. Whilst on the subject of staff I am looking to recruit some enthusiastic staff to complement our existing workforce, including technicians, sales staff and an experienced parts person. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact me down at the shop.

Recently I looked at expanding into another major Northern city, somewhat



North of Leeds. But decided to concentrate all my efforts in our Yorkshire dealership, where I feel I can give a more personal, concentrated service to our customers new and old.

To this end there are going to be improvements to our existing store in Leeds. Our Triumph dealership is relocating to bigger premises on Armley Road. We will be moving our Service Dept over the road, which when completed will form a larger service bay.

We will be refurbishing our showroom giving us a lot more floor space. Harley-Davidson are flying over their top design team to work with us on the project. I'm sure you'll be impressed with the results.

Sales of Harley-Davidsons in Europe are up 20% and is

still the fastest selling motorcycle brand in the UK.

Harley-Davidson is also one of the top one hundred most influential companies in the world. We have had a very good December and January in the dealership with the 06 Dyna range selling very well, which comes as no surprise with their 49" front forks, 160 rear tyre and the 6 speed gearbox. But time is running out to get a new Street Bob before the end of the summer so give the sales team a ring. Also due anytime is the arrival of the new Sportster 1200 Low which we are looking forward to seeing and adding to the excellent Sportster range.

As of March we will be opening the store on Tuesdays increasing our opening to six days a week helping us to provide an even better service.

The Aire Valley riding season begins on Sunday the 26th of March with the annual 'Rain or Shine' ride out which leaves the store at 10 am. Prior to the ride I will be once again providing complimentary tea, coffee and the very popular bacon sarnies for all Aire valley members going on the ride.

Finally as most of you will know, Chapter head road captain Tony Burns has been recently ill in hospital and I'm pleased to say he's back home on the mend. I have known Tony for a number of years now and of behalf of all my staff wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Eddy Wright

AIRE VALLEY FUN TIMES

The Inventor of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Corporation, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven.

At the gates, St Peter told Arthur, Since ve have been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven.

Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said, I want to hang out with God. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God.

God recognised Arthur and commented, Okay, so you were the one who invented motorcycles, eh?

Arthur said, ya that's me...

God commented, Well what a big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution, and cant run without a road?.

Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally spoke, Excuse me but aren't you the inventor of women?

God said, AH, yes.

Well, said Arthur, professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention.

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion.
2. It chatters constantly at high speeds.
3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much.

4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust.

5. And the maintenance costs are outrageous!!

Hmmm, you may have some good points there, replied God, hold on.

God went to his celestial supercomputer, typed in a few words and waited for the results.

The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it.

Well it may be true that my invention is flawed, God said to Arthur. But according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours.

*David Farrand
Aire Valley Member*



A biker went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat sipping his whiskey, a young lady sat down next to him. She turned to the biker and asked, "Are you a real biker?" He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life on Harleys. My momma was pregnant with me when she rode on the back of my Daddy's Harley, then as a little boy I rode on the back with my Daddy until I finally got my own Harley. I've been riding a Harley ever since. So yes, I guess I am a real biker."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women; when I shower, watch TV, eat, whatever, everything seems to make me think of women." Then she got up and left.

The biker was thinking about what just happened when a man sat down next to the biker and asked, "Are you a real biker?"

He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian."

BEING BRITISH

A national newspaper is asking readers what it means to be British. The following answer came from someone in Switzerland ...

"Being British is about driving in a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then grabbing an Indian curry, a Chinese takeaway or a Turkish kebab and going home to sit on Swedish furniture, drink French wine and watch American shows on a Japanese TV. And the most British thing of all? Suspicion of anything foreign."



I guess you could add riding an American motorcycle to that list!

BIKER LADY

This biker lady has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months, and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and tummy tuck. Since she had so much more time to live, new roads to ride, she figured she might as well look even nicer.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While riding her motorcycle home, she was run into by a delivery truck and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40+ years? How come you didn't pull me out of the path of that freakin' truck?"

God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

COMING EVENTS

Be sure to check the calendar on the centre pages of this issue of the Aire Valley Times for details of this year's events. Also, check the Aire Valley Hot Line which will list any last minute changes. The Hot Line will have details of Ride-Outs and upcoming Rallies, as well as dates for club meetings and other special events.

Note also the **Hog on The Humber** will be held on **22/23 July 2006**. The web site is also up and running.

Check the web site at:-

www.hogonthehumber.co.uk

For details of the event.

Ireland 2006. Many ferry crossings to Ireland are already fully booked up, so any members planning to make the trip should book ferry crossings ASAP to avoid having to go or come back a day earlier. Ferry crossing details can be accessed through the web site at

www.irelandhogrally.com

or to book over the phone ring Motorsport Travel details in HOG news. Hollyhead to Ireland can be booked for £56 on the Seacat sailing which takes under 2 hours.

HOG Europe have advised us that so far thousands of pre registrations have



been made and expect this number to be in excess of 5,000 come the time of the rally. One thing is for sure the vast majority of these people will have to get a ferry!

Check the small ads for details of any spare rooms or pillion places that may be available.

IRELAND HOG RALLY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday

Boot-Led Zeppelin www.boot-led-zeppelin.co.uk
 Roy Wood (ex-Wizzard) www.roywood.co.uk/
 Counterfeit Stones <http://thecounterfeitstones.net/>

Saturday

The King
 Bonnie Tyler www.bonnietyler.com/
 The Commitments
www.davefinneganscommitments.co.uk

SMALL ADS

Wanted : Accommodation for the HOG European rally in Killarney 2006. House trained male would like to share solid roofed accommodation. Has ferry ticket and tent, but thinks it might rain !

Please contact Clive at fartyotters@hotmail.com

**Harley Davidson Sportster XLH883
 Maroon/Burgundy, MOT August 2007**

2000 Model, 800 miles only, mint condition, 1 owner
 Stage 1 tuned with slash Sreamin Eagle pipes. Original pipes and single seat available. Chrome side plate, Tachometer, Forward pegs, Sport luggage rack, Passenger seat kit, Low sissy bar, backrest pad, front spoiler and mud flap.

Contact: johnbrian@briconuk.freerve.co.uk

For Sale – standard Sportster bits to fit 2000 to 2003 evolution models, ring for list.

Tel: Big Pav 07773 373335

Available: A bed in a twin-bedded room at the Cahernane Hotel, Muckcross Road, Killarney for Friday and Saturday nights 23/24 June during the HOG European Rally.

Contact Ian McNeill at ian@ctluk.com or 07836-752226.

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6ltr V6 Power Stroke Diesel Engine
 Duel rear wheels. Cargo liner and lid
 1st registered in 04 but it is a 05 model
 Under 5,000 miles
 £25,000.00 + VAT
 Contact Eddie Wright for details

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE

Eddie Clarke-Edwards & Michelle Lee will be having a marriage blessing and an evening reception on **Saturday 20th May 2006**. Invitation and details to follow

JANUARY BIKING

It would have been nice to be out and about on New Year's Day, but a great New Year's Eve "Do" at the Manor meant our pillion passengers didn't see the light of day till well into the afternoon. Probably a good thing as I'm not sure I would have passed a breathalyser test till late in the day.

So it had to wait until Monday (Bank Holiday) for our first run. Whitby is always a good choice for us, just about 90 miles each way. A quick run up the M1 to the A64, uneventful as usual, then to the enjoyment of passing all the cars queuing for the "Designer" centre (I always enjoy that bit). We had decided to stop at the Highwayman for a coffee, but they had decided to have a day off so we had to make do with the Little Chef whose toilets are cleaner, and inside.

The A64 is always enjoyable, especially when it is busy. Pete discovered the button for his heated seat so he and Jill really enjoyed the run to Whitby. A64 to Malton, left to Pickering then a great run over the moors, I do miss the Golf Balls. Down into Whitby into the Railway Station Car Park, free parking and a great Biker Café.

After a good dinner and a walk round Whitby, looking for pound shops, we decided to miss the usual run down the coast road to Scarborough and set off home. We didn't even stop at Squires.

The second Sunday of the year was Manchester Bike Show. A Misleading, as it

turned out, weather forecast saw us going by car.

Third Sunday and Pete and Jill were doing their Grandparent bit on the South Coast so we decided on a



ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO RIDE IN JANUARY?

run into Derbyshire. Up through Holmfirth, over the top (where it was a coat cooler) then down into Glosop. Left over the Snake Pass, down past Ladybower then dinner (that's the Yorkshire Dinner at Dinner time not the posh one at night) in the café in front of the expensive Mountain gear shop – who the Hell buys a primus stove for £90.00?

The shop is expensive but the café isn't – always a good choice of food and well worth a visit. After a suitable respite, a run down to Harley World in Chesterfield, to continue the never ending search for shiny bits, then a quick blast up the Motorway Home.

The Following Sunday, Pete and Jill were attending a family Party in Liverpool. As they went on their Glide, we decided to meet on the Sunday at the Ponderosa Café, on to of the Horseshoe Pass

in Welsh Wales. The Weather forecast once more wasn't that bright so we chose the A62 rather than the Motorway. Called in at Stockport HD for a free coffee then hit the Motorway to

turnout of bikes, including one Harley. Pete recommended the Kate & Sydney, a good choice.

We did decide to come back by heading east till we hit Buxton, but when we hit the Motorway round Chester it was a bit dull and trying to rain. So we just hit the motorway home – stopping at Birch for a Caffeine injection of course.

Last weekend in Jan, and I had to go to a conference in Scarborough for the Weekend. I was all for going on the bike – the added bonus is that it gives us an excuse for being scruffy all weekend (not that I need an excuse) – but Margaret said it was too cold. The weather forecast predicting 4 degrees and dry. As it turned out she was right, we went in her car, it rained all the way, very very heavily near Scarborough. The run home would have been nice Sunday – if we had dried out by then.

All in all, not a bad January.

Dave Sheard

(pictured below getting the first 2006 R-F pin)





Aire Valley UK Harley Owners Group (HOG)
invites all Motorcyclists to run the

HOG ON THE HUMBER

From the Racecourse at the historic market town of Beverley.

Sunday 23rd July 2006

We invite all Motorcycles to come along and ride across the Humber Bridge en-mass & back again. This is open to all motorcycles - any make, size and age. This is a charitable event, with all proceeds donated to local children's charities. (minus the bridge tolls & running costs). We will gather on the Saturday 22nd July 2006 at Beverley Racecourse, which will open from 2.00pm. We have arranged a disco, refreshments and camping for that evening.

On Sunday 23rd we will have a Rideout from Beverley through the picturesque Yorkshire Wolds countryside (approx 45 mile ride) to mass at the Humber Bridge viewing point car park to 'Hog on the Humber'. The cost for the whole event is just £15.00 per bike which includes pillion, disco, camping on the 22nd July 06 and your Bridge toll tickets.

Or if you cannot make it on the 22nd then just join us on the day, by paying £10.00 at our registration tent at the bridge viewpoint car park, which will open at 10.00am 23rd July.

P.T.O. PLEASE READ NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BRIDGE

Pre-register before 30th June 2006 to receive a free pin. Complete the tear off slip below and send it with your cheque for £15.00 for camping on the 22nd or £10.00 for Sunday 23rd

Back by great demand our commemorate Tee-shirts which can be pre- ordered only.

Don't miss out on having the complete set Still only £10.00 each

Cheques Made payable to 'Aire Valley UK' and send to:

'HOG ON THE HUMBER', C/o Chapel Cottage, 18 Cragg Hill, Horsforth' Leeds. LS18 4NU

Visit our web site at www.avhog.co.uk



Rider's Name:				Pillion's Name:		
Address:						
Post Code:				Type of M/Cycle:		
PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE:						
CAMPING YES/NO I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE TO THE VALUE OF £15/£10						
T-shirts will be available to PURCHASE at £10.00 If required please indicate how many and sizes:						
T-shirts sizes & No's	S	M	L	XL	XXL	

Welcome back to the 4th H.O.H. 2006

If this is your fourth time, many thanks for your loyal support,
If this is your first H.O.H. a warm welcome and please enjoy it.

Saturday 22ND July 06

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| 2:00 pm | Beverley Racecourse Opens for camping. |
| 2:00 pm | Refreshments Available. |
| 2:00 pm | Bar Opens (till late). |
| 7:00 pm | Disco Starts (till late). |
| 9:00pm | Trophy presentations and raffle. |

Sunday 23RD July 06

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| 7:30 am | Breakfast Bar opens. |
| 10.30am | Convoy Departs Racecourse on a picturesque 45 mile route. |
| 12.00 pm | Gather At Bridge Viewpoint car park. |
| 12:30 pm | "Ride the Bridge" |
| 13:30 pm | Depart for Home |

ON SUNDAY ALL BIKES MUST GO DIRECT TO THE TOLL BOOTHS AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

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The Organisers of Aire Valley U.K. would like to thank you all for participating and wish you a very Safe ride home. We look forward to seeing you all next year and tell your mates to come along.

CHAPTER GAMES IN ST TROPEZ

Did you know that Aire Valley scored a massive two points in the chapter games at St Tropez? Well someone had to defend our honor - after all only Belgium gets nil-point don't they?

Bright & fresh at ten a.m. we, Dave & Margaret Sheard & Pete & Gill Ward left the St Tropez camp site on leg one of the Poker Run. It was an interesting morning as I was suffering from orange juice poisoning. I knew it was orange juice because I was perfectly well after drinking that pint of Jameson's & only felt ill after Gill made me drink the orange juice.



It was great riding, good dry roads, light traffic & not a speed camera in sight as we climbed the hills behind St Tropez & headed for the dealership near Toulon. Surprisingly Dave Sheard's GPS

took us all the way there without a single visit to a council estate (In-joke). Just for a change we had a visit to the airport at Hyers, narrowly avoiding a trip down the runway.

The local chapter had a great barbecue going outside the chapter hut. Fortified with a spicy sausage, tomato sauce & a coke my hangover, sorry, orange juice poisoning began to clear. It was a good job because the afternoons roads were even more twisty.

With some great feats of navigation we visited medieval villages & shady bars & eventually got to the second dealership in Frejus, increasing our stock of T shirts.

The final leg was tight. We had twenty minutes to cover the final leg from Frejus to St Tropez. Twenty miles in twenty minutes along the busy coast road. This is when that great British tradition of driving on the opposite side of the road to, just about everyone else, came into its own. Pas de probleme, or as we say in Yorkshire - "get out of the way froggy".

With seconds to spare we were at the finish - deux points & the honour of Aire Valley was maintained.

Pete Ward

WEB SITE: WWW.AVHOG.CO.UK

As you should all be aware by now, the Aire Valley website is now up and running. The address is www.avhog.co.uk.

Currently our website is open to the general public, as well as members. However, after some thought, it was agreed that some of the information, on the website, should be exclusive to members only; therefore we will soon be changing the format to facilitate this. There will be a section for anyone to look at, and see what a good idea it is to join Aire Valley, and a members' only section, which can only be accessed by using a password.

look and feel.

The feedback we have received so far, regarding the website, has been very good; the photographs have been very entertaining and a good way of sharing information of our chapter's events.

We are looking to add to the website and would love any suggestions, for further topics to be included. Of course, that's if you feel that you would like more. Also if there is anything you think we should be doing differently or you would like to include an article, then do please let us know. However, please remember, our philosophy is to keep



As our chapter website is to be listed as a link on www.hog.com, we have to abide by certain conventions rules and regulations; so unfortunately there will be certain things that, although would be relevant to our chapter members, will conflict with the interest of HOG. Nevertheless, these are predominantly minor issues and should not detract from the site's usefulness or

it simple; this definitely discounts including web enabled ordering and payment facilities or unnecessary and complex interface designs.

We would love to hear from you, so just click on either Dr John's or Anna's e-mail link and send us your contributions.

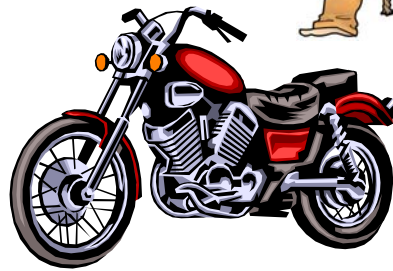
Dr. John and Anna

MAILBAG

Were now in the monsoon here on Koh Phangan - there's been flooding and landslides! We're just about to start a HD club here - there are 3 of us with Harleys on this 30Km x 15Km island in the middle of the Gulf of Thailand!

And guess what - here's a funny one for HOG news (but not for me!) - I went to visit the monk last week on my Harley, who married me & my wife Rashi here on Koh Phangan. After giving me a blessing for peace and harmony he came out and saw my

2003 FXDX. He was there, shaved head & eyebrows, in his full orange robes regalia but asked to sit on it and asked me to start the engine so he could rev it.



The next thing is he threw it into

gear and shot off on it - I ran after asking him to stop, which he didn't then the next thing - he went to stop it and because he had his robes on couldn't touch the floor and dropped my bike damaging the tank and handlebars! The problem here is there are no official dealers nor anyone local, subsequently I gotta send the bike up to Bangkok to get the work done - 1000Km away!

This country is kinda worrying - you can't even trust a monk!

Neal Bambridge

KEY RINGS FOR ALL!

Enclosed with this edition of the AVT you will find a key ring with the two chapter contact points, Hotline Number and Website Address

Hotline 0113 2452550

This is updated after each chapter event; it usually contains information regarding the next 3 Aire Valley events, but in rare circumstances if there have been any last minute changes to the publicized arrangements the Hotline will be updated so it always worth checking before setting off to club ride outs or chapter meetings

A handy reminder of the website address.

www.avhog.co.uk

2006 Aire Valley R-F pins now available - all you have to do to earn yours is be an active member of Aire Valley UK, either attend a Rideout, Club Meeting or Aire Valley organized event on your bike and collect your R-F pin from Jonnie No-Bike . And don't forget the additional discount at Eddy's.

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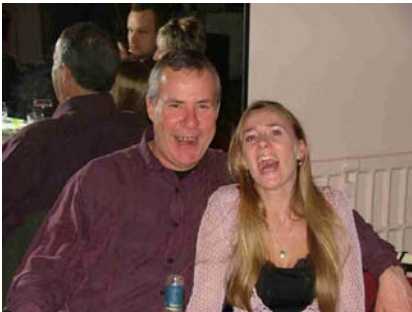
PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Aire Valley members turned out in force for the 2006 Xmas and New Year party



Good food - Good company - Great venue



A full gallery of pictures is available on the website - www.avhog.co.uk



REFLECTIONS ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

You cannot please all of the people all of the time! If you please some of the people some of the time then you are winning!

It's interesting as Director of Aire Valley that I get feedback from all kinds of people at our own events and to be honest other peoples' events too. Some members come up to me shake my hand and tell me what a fantastic time they have had, others come up to me and complain when things are not right. To be fair I want and need feedback on what going on, that way I can plan fix things straight away if its within my gift of failing that I can plan more efficiently for the future.

So this brings me to the January party 2006 where I was standing having a drink and chatting with friends and a member joined in and told me what a fantastic time they are having and then two minutes later another member approaches me and has a real

problem with what's going on. The cycle then goes on throughout the night.

Unfortunately at the Jan 2006 Xmas party I had some members who were not happy with the music being played by the DJ. Due to circumstances out of our control the DJ that had been booked and briefed on what music to play had been unable to attend, the new DJ was informed of the gig at 4pm on the day of the party and given no pre warning that it was a biker bash.

Therefore he turned up with his normal party box of tunes. What made things worse was the fact that in 2005 the DJ that we had booked did the same and turned up with standard party tunes. In 2006 Pav had gone out of his way to ring the DJ up and brief him on the music to bring and we rang him double checked; I rang Pav and triple checked he had spoken with him and then rang again just to make



sure. You can then only begin to imagine the conversation between myself and Pav once we found out that the DJ that had turned up having been given the job only hours before and had no pre warning of the audience he was playing to! Shaz If you had been listening to mine and Pav's expletives we would have owed you a small fortune!

Needless to say Pav got a real ear bashing all night long at the party, the best laid plans of men and mice!

Which brings me on to the 2007 New years/Xmas party. A few members have commented to me that we have been to the Parkway for the last 4 years and its time to move on, other have said that it's great and let's continue.

At the February meeting a tried to gauge feedback from the floor. Option one let's do it again next year, nice hotel, private bar, accommodation on site, an opportunity for those who want to get dressed up to do so and

all at a price that is very good value.

Option two that I put forward was the idea of a more stereotypical biker party book a room lay on a band and disco with a buffet.

The murmurings I got after raising this at the Feb meeting were split, therefore as announced I will conduct a poll at the March meeting as to members preferences

The options will be:-

1. Dinner-dance at the Parkway in January as per 2006; OR
2. Disco and Band party in January at another venue with buffet supper.

If you are unavailable to attend the March meeting and would like to cast a vote please e mail Jonnie No-Bike and your vote will be added. nobike@btinternet.com

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NEW SEASON, RIDE OUTS EXPLAINED

The new riding season has come around quickly again and if you are anything like me you will be running out of time doing things to the bike that you wanted to get done before Christmas. Our first event is Sunday 12th March and will be for new riders / members and those who are running in new bikes. This was a ride which was introduced three seasons ago at the request of a very vociferous new member and has been a great success. I would recommend this to all new members as it is not only a chance to have a look at how your club operates the rides and how they look after your safety but also gives you a chance to meet other new members. The first one was so well attended that it was probably one of the biggest ride outs of the year. That was not the idea and I will ask that you only attend the ride if you fall into one of the categories above as it is intended to introduce new members to group riding and our club guidelines. As usual Tony Burns, our Head Road Captain, was to lead this but as you probably know he is unable to do so due to illness., so, guess what? Your stuck with me! Can I take this opportunity to wish Tony a full recovery and I hope that it is not too long before we see him back on his bike with us.

NEW MEMBERS RIDE

We have a nice little route for you, leaving Eddies at

10.30 and arriving 90 minutes later at an excellent pub for lunch. **IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU CAN LET ME KNOW BEFORE HAND FOR CATERING NUMBERS.** The ride can finish at this point or go on. It will depend entirely what people want to do as I will have contingency plans for most requests.

RAIN OR SHINE RIDE OUT

The next ride will be the famous Rain or Shine introduced by El Presidente and will be on Sunday 26th March. Again I was to do this with Tony but in his absence Keith Maybey has stepped in and we are taking you for fish and chips at the West Coast. This will obviously be a longer run and the usual fuel, watering and leakage stops will be catered for. Apologies here for members who have read this stuff before but for our new brethren a few pointers about our group rides.

RIDING TIPS

- All ride outs will be started with a short briefing to let you know what is happening, what stops there are and where we are going. You will be reminded about group riding and what we want to achieve, you will also be reminded to start with a full tank of fuel.
- As a new member you may feel that you want to stay at the back of the group as it will be easier there. This is not a good

idea if you fancy a steadier ride. The line of bikes acts like a telescope and if I am doing 40m.p.h. at the front, I will guarantee that you will be doing nearly 60 at the back and sometimes more to catch up. It is smoother at the front and I would therefore recommend that if you are new or have not ridden with us before then ride up there.

- Our Road Captains will be obvious in their neatly tailored and bespoke high viz jackets. If you wear a similar jacket it can cause confusion, so try to avoid please.
- The ride will always be led by a Road Captain and there will be another as the last bike.
- When we leave all but the last R.C.s will be at the front and they will mark junctions and turns so that in the event that you have been delayed, you will know where to turn. That marker will stay there until the tail end R.C. gets close to the turn.
- After marking a junction he will then try to get to the front of the ride to repeat the exercise all over again. This will involve him passing you so please use those mirrors and look out for bikes coming through. Normally we will only overtake on dual carriage ways or where there is ample space, however

some times we would like to pass where it is a bit tighter. We will not pass until we see some form of recognition from you that you have seen us and will pull over. Use either hand signals or indicators to give that recognition otherwise we will be stuck behind you.

- Where possible we try to ride in a staggered formation, done properly this should put you two seconds behind the bike in front of you in your file. You will also have a bike slightly ahead of you either to the right or left. The purpose of this is so that we ride as a tight group and do not string out for miles down the road.
- As the R.C. joins the front of the group, he will pick up the stagger from the front non Road Captain so that you are not changing position all the time.
- The Road Captains will indicate if they feel that you are dropping back too far as we do not want gaps appearing. You leave a gap and before you know it a car will have got into it. They don't like it, we don't want it and it does cause problems.
- When we stop at junctions and traffic lights etc it is very nice to coast up and not put your boots down and do things nice

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and smoothly. This creates gaps and the bikes at the back may miss the lights. Where possible try and bunch up at these hazards, so that there is less chance of the group being split up.

- If you do find that all of a sudden you see no bikes in front of you, keep going straight ahead. Eventually you will come across a guy marking a turn or pull in and he will be waiting for you.
- Some of the bikes are in radio contact with each other, so if you think we are riding strangely then it is possibly because we are

acting on information that has been passed to us and we are not having a funny turn.

- If you are unfortunate enough to break down then stay with the bike and a Road Captain will pull up. He will try to help you but in the event that he cannot, you will be expected to make your own arrangements with the recovery service that you subscribe to.
- If you wish to leave the ride at any point, just make sure that others know your intention. If we realise that a bike is missing then we may waste time waiting for you or even turn back and

see if we can find you. Just wave to other riders that you are leaving or tell one of the R.C.s if you can.

There are plenty of courses operated by various schools in U.K. Riders Edge is the Harley one where we send our Road Captains for the official Harley course and it offers a variety of levels of instruction. I use a local school to keep me up to date with things and I have places left on a "Machine Control Course" which will be held in early Spring. Cost will be £50.00 per head and it is well worth it. Twelve of us did it last year and all agreed that we had all been taught a few things. Never too old to learn!

Finally, if you are reading this as a new member then welcome to Aire Valley and I hope that you get as much pleasure from H.O.G. as Sue, (wife) and I have done over the five years that we have been members. We still consider it to be one of the best things that we have ever done although the kids think that we have lost the plot at times and are a source of embarrassment! If there is anything that you need to know or would like to discuss, then by all means give me a ring (07734301268) or e mail me on bramhopes-glide@aol.com. Alternatively I look forward to seeing you at the ride out or meeting.

Mick Pierce

STAGE ONE TUNING EXPLAINED

Most Harley-Davidson owners don't consider their bike to be a true Harley until it has had a stage one tune with Screaming Eagle exhausts and they sound like a true Harley should.

There are differing ideas as to what a stage one tune actually consists of. Some just fit a different set of mufflers, others fit mufflers and a dyno jet kit (for carb models) or muffler and air cleaner (for injected models). All these options will give you the noise that is desired, but your engine will not be correctly set up and you won't get the maximum power increase possible and in the long term you may damage your engine due to it running either too weak or too rich due to the fuel mixture. Then if a problem does occur there may be

difficulties with a warranty claim.

The only true stage one tune is when you change the mufflers (or full exhaust system), air cleaner kit and dyno jet (if a carb model) or an ignition download (fuel injected model). This gives you the extra power and unique Harley sound that you desire and your engine will run, as it should.

As many of you may be aware, Harley-Davidson stopped supplying the European markets with Screaming Eagle exhausts in June last year. While Big Pav and myself were at the winter dealer meeting in January, they announced that as of May 2006 they would no longer be supplying Screaming Eagle exhausts to American and worldwide dealers. We do have limited stocks of

Screaming eagle mufflers but once these have gone we will not be able to restock so now is your last chance to get a set.

Before you start panicking, this does not mean we will stop offering stage one tunes as we will be using Vance and Hines both full systems and mufflers, and you will still have the benefit of the work being carried out by factory trained Harley-Davidson technicians and the back up of an official Harley-Davidson dealership.

Stage one however doesn't just stop at different exhausts and fuel set up. If you have a bike with a 1450 twin cam engine, a 1550 conversion is also known as a stage one tune and you will definitely notice the difference when you have a bigger motor un-



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der you. On a Sportster, the stage one is complimented by fitting a race ignition and you release all the extra power that the initial modifications has made possible.

If you want to discuss the stage one further or even to check if your Harley has a stage one please call me on 0113 218 6995, e-mail me or call in the shop.

PAUL LAMONT
Service Manager

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