

Chapter 12

# Edition 4 of the Wind & Fire UK Newsletter.

### Introduction.

Here it is then the long awaited sequel to edition 3, on time, as promised. I hope this edition finds you all well and active. It's been good meeting many of you over the last few months at the various events that have been organised. I hope to meet the rest of you over the coming months.

Last time I wrote I wasn't sure whether there would be enough information available to make this newsletter a regular occurrence. As you will see from the bits included, my concerns are unfounded. I still however need you to send me any photo's with words so that I can keep all our members up to date with matters. I shall be sending this edition, as I did the last, across the pond and also over to Europe so that everyone can benefit.

To those who have contributed, thank you and keep it up. To those of you who haven't, I await with bated breath your words and pictures.

# **Insight Article.**

Below is an article that has recently appeared in the Kent Fire & Rescue Services in house magazine. The text basically covers the presentation of the cheque for half the proceeds raised during the custom bike show that we held in April to the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund representative in Folkestone.



# Andy's trip to France.

Being the globe trotter that he is Andy took himself off and went for a ride with Wind & Fire whilst in St Tropez. This was a quickly organised affair, Berry just made up some hand bills and posters at the site, and as you can see in the end I think about 20 riders turned up see photo. Regards from Eddy and Berry



### Farewell Geoff.

On Thursday 23/06/05 we said farewell to a true and committed servant of the club. At a meeting held at St Margarets near Dover, Geoff was presented with a tankard on behalf of the Club by Lyndon in recognition of the service he has given over the years. (A few beers were also consumed.) Unfortunately, due to the impromptu nature of the event it was not possible to notify all members of the presentation. I'm sure that you will all wish to join us in wishing Geoff well for the future. You can still contact Geoff on his normal e-mail address for the foreseeable future. Geoff has asked that we let you all know that if you are ever in Australia that you will be made welcome in his new home. (You will also have the full use of his beer fridge, Harley and bank account, coz he's good like that.) This offer is open to all Wind & Fire members worldwide.

Take care Geoff, hope to see you again soon. Chapter 12

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### Peanut Ward.

Saturday July 23rd saw the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Peanut Ward at Queen Victoria Hospital East Grinstead. We were invited to attend and 'Grandad', Dennis, Ned, Lio and myself attended. As you will all know, Peanut Ward is our adopted charity and regular contributions have been made over the



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years. As you can see below there was cake and plenty of it.



Photo by Lio

Steve has since been invited back to meet Princess Anne later in the year. Apparently they didn't realise one human could eat so much cake on his own and Buckingham Palace wanted to meet this phenomenon. I am sure he will have some photo's and a write up for us in the near future.

## Poker Run.

Sunday saw Grandad, Andy, Gruff and myself taking part in a very soggy Battle of Britain Memorial Poker Run organised by the Kent Pow Wow. This group has regular meetings of all clubs in the region to 'iron out' any problems that may develop between different groups. The event was in aid of the Spitfire memorial and proceeds were donated accordingly.



Andy purchased 10 entry tickets which each attracted a free T-shirt. As only 4 of us turned up the remaining T-shirts are available for purchase at a very reasonable price. (see photo)

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As can be seen from the photo, the shirts are ingeniously designed to match any colour scheme and are made of a miracle fabric that makes anyone wearing it look slim and attractive. A side effect is that the wearer becomes irresistible to people of the opposite sex.

Attendees on the day included representatives from Wind & Fire, HAMC, Patriots MC, Rejects Brotherhood, Renegades MCC, Tsunami Riders MCC, 69 Club, Legionnaires MTC, Iron Horses MC, Christian Motorcyclist Association, Armada MCC, Cobbs MCC, National Chopper Club, Nightrider MCC, Oakmen MC, Little Sisters MC, Motorcycle Action Group (Kent), NABD, Birchington Oaks MCC, Brothers of the Third Wheel MC, Highwaymen MC, Cobra (United Nation) MC, Invicta HOG, Thantos MCC, Celtic Warriors MCC and Merlin Riders. The weather was to say the least WET!! Photo's were taken by the club's ace photographer Gruff.

#### Fenlanders.

The Fenlanders rally has now become established as the date and venue for the AGM and also our unofficial annual rally. The event is very well organised and held over four days towards the end of July.



Some of the UK Chapter. All good looking blokes.



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This year as always we provided the first aid cover for the whole weekend. Some of the cases treated included insect bites, burns caused by getting off the wrong side of a bike and legs coming into contact with exhausts, one young lady who tried to 'pole dance' on a friend she hadn't seen for a while and cutting her stomach on his HOG event pins, bite marks on a trader who was the worse for wear and promptly savaged by his own dog and a cardiac arrest on the morning of the last day.

The quality of machinery attending was high as was the quality of the food. The venue benefited from its location which was the Great Yarmouth racecourse. Bands included the Hamsters and Dumpy's Rusty Nuts who were both up to their usual standards. The following photo's were taken by Gruff and have been included to show you the standard of exhibit.



You can never have too many headlights.



Big boys toys.



And Little boys toys



Very shiny wheels



Magic roundabout paint



Panoramic views.



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The Godfather.



You tell me where the exhaust comes out.

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## AGM.

The AGM was held at the Fenlanders rally and as I write, Lyndon is writing up the minutes. I'm sure that they will be published and circulated to you all shortly!

# Update from the offshore members.

Below is a recent update from Andy and Russ. Excellent work especially given there are only two of you co-ordinating the fundraising activity.

H'.

Just a line from the two members on the South Island regarding an amount of money that was raised during the course of our recent Riders Club regional rally held at Smallbrooke on the Island.

A figure of £252.70 was raised for the IOW Childrens Diabetic fund obviously a local cause and one we are supporting this year.

Happy Riding Andy and Russ.



# Euro Rally 2006.

I have just received the draft itinerary for the UK leg of the European tour 2006 from Steve. Below is the general outline. Looks like it is going to be an excellent event. Steve is co-ordinating the UK leg and any enquiries need to be sent to him. I will of course be keeping you all updated with info I receive in the newsletter.

## Sunday 25th June

Portsmouth to Stonehenge. Stonehenge to Stow-onthe-Wold for lunch Overnight hotel in Moreton-in-Marsh Evening Party with Oxford HOG Chapter



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## Monday 26th June

Visit Shakespeare's Stratford on Avon. Ride past Warwick Castle. Afternoon English tea at Sulgrave Manor, (Ancestral Home of George Washington) Return to hotel in Moreton-in-Marsh

### **Tuesday 27th June**

Ride through the Thames Valley to London Blessing at WW2 Fire Fighter Memorial at St.Paul's Cathedral Ride past; Buckingham Palace, London Fire Brigade HQ, Tower of London, Tower Bridge Late lunch at English style Oakdene café Ride to Dover for 16.30 Calais ferry.

Steve.

### Yan's Accident.

Below is a recent e-mail from Yan, somehow this situation has slipped through the net and we have been totally unaware of the circumstances. Consequently we have been under the impression that Yan had left the fold despite several attempts to make contact.

'Dear All.

I don't know if you heard, but I had an accident with my road king last July whilst on the way to a rally in Belgium. Unfortunately for the King, the M25 won and it was written off. I shall be riding to Thunder in the Glens at the end of August on my new v.rod. It had to be done, as due to my injuries I was unable to ride for 2 months, and have only attempted short distances since. Also, I couldn't handle the weight of a big twin. This is the first time I have got this e-mail address to work since moving to Somerset some 18 months ago; and as I don't know if I'll be able to access your addresses again - my new e-mail address is: fiskeian @yahoo.co.uk regards, and ride safe,

Yan'

Hopefully your injuries are now healed Yan and we will see you on the road soon. This just highlights the need for everyone to utilise the yahoo groups forum to keep in touch!

# Burns Camp Run 2005-08-14

G'day all,

this is just a quick reminder of the Grafton Water Burns camp run date i.e. 17-08-05. Those of you who are able to attend please contact me to arrange place and time to meet. If you want to know more about this event before making a commitment then E,Mail, Phone or pigeon post me. We need your support!!!!!! All the best and see you there.

Grandad

# Euro Rally 2005.

Lyndon has confirmed with "Firefighters France" the people listed below who have all confirmed their attendance at Bourges

Leaving UK on Wednesday 14th, overnight at Derux, then travel to Bourges, Lyndon Fraser + 1, Steve Drawater, Steve Whitmore, "H", Bill Morris + 1, Eddie Fenn.

Leaving UK on Friday and travel direct to Bourges, Brian Hanmore, Dennis Newman, Paul Hillier.

Travel direct from Faker Zee arrive Friday 16th at Bourges, Andy Hill + 1.

No travel arrangements but will attend, Dicki D'rane + 1.

If anyone is missing from the list you need to contact Lyndon ASAP or you will be sleeping with the cows and sheep under the hedges.

### Belgian Chapter Run.

Wind & Fire MC Diamond Chapter invites you to join them for :-

2<sup>nd</sup> Belgian Coast Run Ride out for Fire fighters
On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2005 at 10.30 local
time, Run starts at Motorcycle Lofthotel in
Oudenburg (Ostend) Belgium, Groenendijk. 180 km
Ride Out in the Flanders fields. In the evening eat
and drink with other members of Wind&Fire and
other Fire fighters. You can sleep in the motor cycle
lofthotel. If you want to sleep there you have to
reserve at phone number +32(0)59 26 85 40 (website <a href="https://www.grd.be">www.grd.be</a>) And send me an e-mail before the
20 August so that I know how many people will do
the ride out.

Hopefully I will see you there Filip and Linda.

That's it for this edition. I think I've covered everything, if not, get in touch and I will put things right.

'H'