



KHALSA BIKERS

RIDING FOR HUMANITY

1st Edition

WHAT KHALSA BIKERS IS ALL ABOUT

The volunteers at Khalsa Bikers have been arranging charity motorcycle rides since 2011. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide an update on the work that has seen the bikers raise £25,000 for charitable projects in London and across the globe to Punjab.

In 2011 keen motorcyclists from across the UK came together and took part in the first ever charity motorcycle ride for Khalsa Aid; travelling from Ace Café London to Glasgow via the picturesque Lake District. 18 riders helped raise £10,000 for the Focus Punjab project initiated by Khalsa Aid to help the Shaheed families who currently have no choice but to live in dire poverty.

In 2012 the team returned to organise an event that saw 15 riders embark upon the '7 countries in 7 days' motorcycle charity tour of Europe. Khalsa Bikers were able to raise £5,000 for Khalsa Aid, £4,000 for

SOPW and a further £2,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Further information of the beneficiaries is detailed inside.

We have 3 main events planned for 2013, the first of which was completed in March and saw 18 riders combine their efforts for the 'UK Sikh Heritage & Brecon Beacons Trail' to help raise £2,000 for the Ekom project in India. Ekom help under privileged communities with medical care for eye related problems, prosthetic limbs and raise road safety awareness.

In addition to our main charity rides we have also helped smaller community projects such as the Salvation Army and the East London Gurdwara Homeless Seva project.

We hope you enjoy our first edition of this newsletter and with your blessings we know that our work will go from strength to strength.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

- The advancement of health or saving of lives
- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of the Sikh faith



The group leaving Amsterdam en route to Manheim, Germany



1 Grossglockner Pass, Austria
2 Gurdwara Sahib, Switzerland



3 En route to Grossglockner Pass, Austria
4 Sri Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sahib, Amsterdam, Holland



5 'Da Van Crew', Italy

LONDON TO GLASGOW 2011

Our first event was organized to help Khalsa Aid. The riders set off from the famous Ace Café in London and made their way to Yorkshire, stopping the night at Wakefield Road Gurdwara in Bradford.

The team then made their way to Glasgow via the winding roads of the Lake District, enduring some adverse weather along the way.

The team arrived in Glasgow and had the opportunity to rest and refuel before making their journey back to Yorkshire.



The next day, the team visited Lady Pit Lane Gurdwara in Leeds and then headed to Birmingham. The penultimate stop was at the famous Mr Singh's pizza parlor, which gave the bikers time to enjoy delicious food and reflect on the weekend's activities.

In total the bikers covered just under 1,000 miles for the London to Glasgow round trip. All bikers paid for their own expenses including fuel and food, ensuring all of the money we raised was donated directly to the cause.

The bikers were able to raise a huge £10,000. for Khalsa Aid, an international humanitarian

organisation. The donations have helped the Shaheed families of Punjab living in severe deprivation by providing them with shelter, food, water and education. The project has also helped with the rebuilding of houses and the sponsorship of entire families.

Creation of Khalsa Bikers following the successful completion of the London to Glasgow ride, the team decided to form an organisation that would work with other charitable groups to help humanity. On February 28th 2012 Khalsa Bikers was officially entered onto the Charities Register of England and Wales.



Sevadaars fundraiser at Karamsar Gurdwara



“**KHALSA BIKERS, SUPPORT THEM IN ANY WAY YOU CAN AS THEY ARE RIDING FOR HUMANITY, VERY HUMBLING AND PASSIONATE GROUP OF SEVADARS**”

Ravi Singh, Chairman
Khalsa Aid



7 COUNTRIES 7 DAYS 2012

In 2012 Khalsa Bikers organised an unprecedented tour of Europe that saw the participants travel 3000 miles across 7 international borders in 7 days to raise money for 3 fantastic beneficiaries. This proved to be a very challenging event as the bikers averaged 10-12 hours of riding per day.

The ride however was well worth the effort as we managed to raise total £11,000 for Khalsa Aid, SOPW and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The bikers again paid for their own travel and food costs.



Khalsa Bikers 7 Countries, 7 Days 2012

We also helped raise money for various projects within SOPW, one of which was to purchase a scooter for the daughter of a prisoner attending college in Punjab, so she no longer has to face transport the prospect of public transport.

Our third beneficiary for this ride was the famous children's hospital. Our efforts helped fund the new children's ward being developed by the hospital. This allows them to open even more beds for children with life threatening illnesses.



PROJECT IN FOCUS

The East London team were able to work alongside the Seven Kings Gurdwara on the Seva for the homeless. This included providing accommodation during the cold winter months with food and water.

In addition to this, the team were also able to help the Salvation Army by providing them with £700 for collection and distribution of sundries.





SIKH HERITAGE & BRECON BEACONS TRAIL

In March 2013 the team completed the first event of the year, a UK Sikh heritage trail that saw them visit the former estate of Maharaja Duleep Singh in Thetford; the National Sikh Heritage & Holocaust Centre in Derby; and then on to the Brecon Beacons in Wales. This was a challenging experience due to the adverse riding temperatures. The bikers endured temperatures of below 5 degrees Celsius, made even colder when factoring in the chill wind factor the bikers experienced.

charity with £2,000, which has helped 500 underprivileged people with the gift of sight. It is amazing to know that our work can go to a very worthy cause .

However the efforts of each participant were well worth it as we were able to provide the Ekom



Volunteers help the running of the eye camps in Punjab, India

“ WITH THE GRACE OF WAHEGURU, WE MANAGED TO DO SEVA OF OVER 750 PEOPLE FOR EYE OPERATIONS AND ALMOST 100 PEOPLE WITH PROSTHETIC LIMBS... I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU YOUNG BOYS FOR HAVING SUCH HIGH THINKING AND HELPING EKOM IN THIS WONDERFUL SEVA. MAY WAHEGURU BLESS YOU ALL”

Ekom Sevadaar
Ekom Charity

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

The Khalsa Bikers team have plenty of events planned this year. We will be coming to a town near you during the month of Vaisakhi (April) to take part in the celebrations of the birth of Khalsa. Make sure you look out for us and donate generously.

In July we will be riding across the continent again to raise money

for charitable projects across the globe. Full details of our beneficiaries and confirmation of dates will be released very soon. Our riding season will culminate in the charity ride to Ypress, Belgium on Remembrance Day to commemorate those brave soldiers who gave their life fighting tyranny and injustice.

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