

# After battling cancer Wendy opts for Harley ride in Oz



■ Wendy Peek preparing for her next motorcycling challenge, a 1,000 mile rise in Australia.

A HELSTON woman is repaying the dedication of those who helped her battle cancer by participating in a 1,000-mile ride on a Harley-Davidson in Australia.

Wendy Peek, 56, is preparing to complete what she describes as "the adventure of a lifetime".

The ride from Brisbane to Sydney starts on May 20 and finishes on May 29.

This unique event will see Wendy join 40 other women, who have each been diagnosed with breast cancer, taking part in a special peer group support experience.

## Adventures

Some of the women have recently learned to ride to take part in the run, which is organised by Amazon Heart, a charity which establishes peer support adventures for UK women diagnosed with breast cancer, and provide grant support to like-minded organisations.

As well as gearing up for the challenge Wendy is also seeking support to reach her 2009 fund-raising goal of £1,500.

Although the event is in Australia, the money Wendy raises by joining the ride will benefit UK charities.

Wendy rode the first two legs of this great adventure in 2008, completing 844 miles in California, and 341 miles in the

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She raised £2,500 for charity in 2008. She said: "I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2007, and received fantastic help from organisations such as Macmillan, Breast Cancer Care, and my local support group."

She added: "One in nine women in the UK are currently at risk of receiving a breast cancer diagnosis at some time in their life, and I would love to raise more money to help ensure that they too get the support, encouragement and facilities they need."

"I also want to show people that getting breast cancer is not necessarily the end of your life, or everything you enjoy. This ride is a celebration of being alive."

Harley-Davidson is generously loaning motorcycles to the women taking part in this adventure.

In October, Wendy will be driving a support vehicle in the next USA ride, helping to enable more women to complete their journey of a lifetime.

For more information on the ride go to

[www.amazonheartthunder.org](http://www.amazonheartthunder.org) or contact Wendy by phone or e-mail.

Wendy leaves Helston for Australia on May 13.