



Women embark on charity road trip

Fifteen women bikers have left London on a week-long UK road trip to raise £60,000 for young people with cancer.



12 of the women survived the disease

Astride Harley-Davidson bikes the team, 12 of whom have survived the disease, left the Ace Cafe in north London on Saturday headed for Edinburgh.

The riders, who hail from the UK, the US and Australia, are riding their own bikes and seven new bikes on loan from Harley Davidson for the event.

They will ride for about five hours a day and stay at youth hostels.

Their route will take in the Cotswolds, the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales, Lake District and Northumberland, finishing in Edinburgh on Saturday.

Celebrating life

Alison Self, 39, from Dorking, Surrey, has been a biker for 10 years and was diagnosed with cancer last year.

She said: "It's going to be amazing. It's fantastic to be able to sit and talk about your experiences as well as just bonding with all the other women."

Organiser of the Changing Gears Bike Challenge Megan Dwyer, 38, from California, US, said the trip was about sharing experiences and enjoying life.

"A big part of this for us is about celebrating life, and showing that life goes on and can be a heck of a lot of fun once you're through that treatment," she said.

The Lavender Trust offers support to people with the disease aged under 50.