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Editor's Note

As I write this, I have been scraping ice from the car windows most mornings this week. Consequently, the bike has not been out for a couple of weeks due to the salt on the roads. But, we have had the shortest day and the sun is shining, so lots to look forward to as the spring progresses.



UKIC members have been travelling far and wide since the last issue of Knight Riders. Inside, you will see stories from Poland, Thailand, Vietnam, USA, Belgium, Cyprus and Germany.

Foreign travel is fantastic, but not everyone has the budget, or the annual leave, for long trips. However there are a huge variety of events happening on mainland Britain to keep us busy, just look in the Events Section at the back of Knight Riders. Building relationships with members from other Chapters is key to opening up social opportunities.

I encourage Chapter Officers in particular to ask themselves two questions:

- 1/ Do our Chapter members attend events and rides with neighbouring Chapters?
- 2/ Do members of neighbouring Chapters attend our events?

If the answer to either question is no, then there is probably a bit of work you can do as the main riding season approaches.

I will end with my usual plea; please keep sending your stories in for us all to enjoy. The magazine is not possible without your contributions.

UKIC Chairman's address

Welcome to 2020, and the year in which Ireland is hosting the International Conference, which is a major achievement achieved by them on behalf of the UKIC. I applaud their hard work. For this event to be a success, it needs your consideration and ideally your attendance. There will always be nay sayers, but it is important to live your life in a way in which you get the best out of it. You will not be disappointed if you make the choice to go to Killarney in June. Our Irish Brothers and Sisters offer awesome hospitality, the scenery is second to none, and the overall experience will be fantastic too. Instead of thinking about it, just do it!

Part of being in an organisation like ours, is the consideration we give to other members. Life is a series of risks, and we can all be unwell or not at our best. I ask you to consider those amongst us who are going through difficulties. Perhaps a telephone call, a card through the post, or a message on Facebook. Don't allow your fellow Blue Knights to drop off the radar when they are most in need. It is important to be kind to each other. My thoughts are with those Blue Knights who are going through a tough time, through either accident, illness, bereavement or family issues.

I wonder how many of you ride through the winter. What are your experiences? Are they similar to mine? The main advantage of riding the whole year, is the feeling of pleasure when spring finally arrives. No longer will I have to don extra layers of clothing, or ride gingerly around slippery roads and roundabouts. The experience becomes something different in better weather. Apart from cold hands, winter weather does enhance my ability to ride more carefully, and winter riding increases my general skill as a rider. Common sense does play its part, as now I won't ride when it is too icy. It's well worth getting out and about with your Chapter, no matter what the weather. It's that shared experience that binds us together. Looking at various Chapter [Facebook](#) pages I can see a great deal of you do just that.



I would also encourage you to visit one of our European Events, particularly if you have never been to one before. Perhaps I'm a bit sad as my life revolves around the Blue Knights, I always scan the European Conference Website to see what appeals to me. I have seen events in Norway, Czech Republic and Belgium that inspire me for this year. I used to say to new members "If you go to a European Rally and don't enjoy yourself, I'll give you your membership money back". That's how confident I am in supporting and attending these events.

Neil Hallam works very hard in producing this magazine, please consider writing about what you have done or are doing, to help keep our magazine what it has become.

In 2020, be the best person you can be, enjoy your riding and enjoy having a bike. Hopefully I'll see you when our paths cross, in Belgium, Ireland or at the Law Ride.

Tom Elliot Chairman UKIC

An Englishman in New York: Kevin Adamson England XIV



I should be a little too old to worry about school holidays. But my job in a school has meant that Susan and I have never attended an International Blue Knight Convention. We were delighted when it was announced that the 2019 Convention would be held in August, allowing us to attend. So New York 2019 was, for us, an opportunity not to be missed.

We arrived in New York in the early hours of Saturday morning, and after sleeping off the jet lag, we met Blue Knights arriving from all over the world. Having looked forward so much to attending an International, I am happy to say we were not disappointed in the slightest. Thanks to Facebook, I had become internet friends with many Knights, and as each one arrived, it was like meeting up with people we already knew. Indeed, brand new friends treated us like family, and although it may sound corny; there was a definite atmosphere of brotherhood.

Sunday morning saw me collecting my rental Harley. I had never ridden a HD before, but after a little time getting used to it, I found the big Ultra an enjoyable ride.

Monday was the first full day of the convention, and we took a little self-guided tour by train to Midtown Manhattan, doing all the 'tourist in New York' stuff, including eating a cheeseburger in Time Square.

An Englishman in New York continued

The Host chapter New York II led us on Tuesday's ride to the 9-11 memorial. We found this monument to the cities loss both moving and humbling, but it was something I am so glad we experienced.



In contrast the ride to the 9-11 memorial itself was an absolute joy. Leaving the hotel car park seemed a bit like the start of Wacky Races; but once on the road, the solid mass of bikes ahead and behind us made an awesome sight. The combined efforts of the New York II Marshals, and the NYPD who closed each junction for us, assured everyone arrived together, and that our bikes were secure while we toured the area on foot. It was an incredible day, which I will never forget.



The Thursday evening banquet was full of ceremony, with good food and lots of laughter courtesy of a brilliant comedy act. Spurred on by the other people at our table, I took part in the Uniform Competition. Thanks to my Blue Knights Kilt and the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd, I took home the prize for Finest Uniform.

Susan and I are thankful to a great many people for making our first International so memorable. In particular, I must mention: The New York II team who made it happen, especially Big Al who took me all the way to Hudson Valley Harley for my rental bike, and for whom nothing was too much trouble. Also a big thank you to Myron Joseph, who led the 9-11 ride. Myron and his team of ride marshals did an amazing job.

The largest thank you however must go to the other Blue Knights who made us feel so welcome. There are others I have doubtless failed to mention, but you know who you are and you must know our thanks are no less for that.



The convention was just the first week of a three week holiday for Susan and I. It was made all the more special thanks to Karen & Jim Borza, who practically adopted us for the Convention and the week that followed. They took us to their home in the mountains of Western Pennsylvania, where Jim loaned us a bike to ride 'the loop' with him and Karen. We also joined them in Daytona Beach for a few days, before they began an adventure of their own. When we left them for our final week in Nashville, it was with no small degree of sadness.



We have no other International Convention to compare this to, as it was our first. But if we do not make it to another International, it will not be for lack of trying. New York 2019 was a real winner!



Thailand Remembers Paul Harbour England XIII



England XIII's Paul Harbour spent the end of 2019 riding round Thailand.

These pictures are from the memorial ride, which is an annual event to remember and celebrate the lives of motorcyclists killed during the year.

The monks hold a special service and the memorial ride over the mountains is over 300 miles, with over 1700 bends. It just shows that Police Officers and motorcyclists are the same Worldwide.

What started out 10 years ago as a fun ride in memory of two good riding mates, has now developed into a respected memorial ride that culminates in a moving ceremony at the GTR Chedi atop Wat Doi Kong Mu in Mae Hong Son.

The first ride was for TJ Tropical John Hamilton and Simon Grant, two best mates from Phuket.

In 2012 Dan White, a photographer & travel writer died in Bangkok and we had a ride for Dan, putting his ashes in the ground next to TJ & Simon at Wat Chong Klang.

The location at Wat Chong Klang by the lake became unsatisfactory, as it needed more space and the idea of an official GTR Chedi was born. An approach to the Abbot of Wat Doi Kong Mu was successful and the GTR Chedi was inaugurated in 2016.

Thailand Remembers



Spitting Images at Bath: Simon Anderson, England XIV



In the midst of the 2019 General Election, Simon Anderson gave us a little light relief from 1985.

Margaret Thatcher's husband Dennis was visiting the HTV Studios in Bath, to open the Crimestoppers program. It seems that Simon's helmet was a few sizes too small for Mr Thatcher.

The photo made the Tabloid front page, but sadly never made it onto the Spitting Image TV show.



Riding the Hai Van Pass : Cliff Smith: England I



During their holiday in Vietnam, Cliff and Gilly Smith hired a couple of bikes to ride the Hai Van Pass, made famous in the BBC Top Gear program.

The Hai Van Pass is a 20 kilometre road that joins the city of Da Nang and Lang Co in Hue Province. At 500 metres above sea level, it's the highest pass in the whole of Vietnam. As the road curves back and forth, riders are rewarded with spectacular views of misty mountains rising high over the South China Sea, deserted sandy beaches, forests and the twinkling lights of far-off cities. The road was called one of the "best coastal roads in the world" by BBC Top Gear, in their 2008 Vietnam Special. Since the episode aired, the road's fame has escalated and thousands of visitors go out of their way to experience the road and see what the fuss is all about.



Santa reaches Poland a little early

Andy Howard – England VI – visited Poland in December 2019



IODPA (injury on duty pensioners association)

John Rolfe, President England XVIII



December 7th saw England XVIII meet at the Haldon Grill, Exeter, Devon, for our monthly breakfast ,and the cheque presentation for our nominated charity IODPA (injury on duty pensioners association) for £500.

This money will go towards helping officers who have been injured in the line of duty and medically pensioned out of their force, get the correct payout that they are entitled too.

Xmas in Devon John Rolfe, President England XVIII



The last weekend in November saw Knights from all over the UK descend on the TLH resort in Torquay, on the English Riviera, for our 3rd annual Christmas get together.

After gathering at the Aztec bar, and enjoying a lovely evening meal, some of us went down the games room for a game of ten pin bowling and motorbike racing, whilst others enjoyed the hotel entertainment. Saturday, suggestions were made on the itinerary for things to do, some enjoyed a steam train trip to Dartmouth, the Christmas fair at Toore Abbey, or walk along the seafront into town. The evening saw us gathered in the Riviera lounge for private dining and a raffle / auction which raised £770 on the night. Entertainment was by the Presley sisters (Lisa & Marie), who put on a fine show.

A great weekend finished off by a hearty breakfast before people traveled home.



Keeping Up The Momentum in Cyprus: Paul Carter – England VI

A couple of years ago, a few England VI members decided to move to sunnier climes and set up in Cyprus. Paul Carter, in particular, has been constantly looking for new ways to raise the Blue Knights' profile on Aphrodite's Island. We look forward to one day being able to visit Cyprus I.



The year started off with organising a group of motorcycle marshals for the Cyprus marathon. I was then involved with organising a Cyprus event to support the Soldier F – Rolling Thunder ride, which was held simultaneously in London.

Our flagship event of the year is Ride to The Fort, or RTTF. This event was inspired by the massively successful RTTW event at England's National Memorial Arboretum. The Cypriot version is held on Remembrance Sunday, with the bikers riding to the fort at Paphos harbour.

Another high profile event led by the Cyprus based Blue Knights, was a Memorial Day for PC Andrew Harper, Not to forget a bit of charity work, they recently raised some money to help fund a female biker's ongoing cancer treatment.

Our Ex-Pat Blue Knights have forged good links with the local Harley Davidson Riders Club and the Island Angels, an all female biker group.

Elle and I finished our year with a visit to Romania, where we were made very welcome by Romania III.

Cyprus



**England II travelled to Belgium
in January 2020, to help
Belgium VII celebrate their 20th
Anniversary**



The Silver Screen

Chapter 3 of Neil Hallam's History of English Biker Culture

Copies available from Neil at mail@neilhallam.com (not currently available through Amazon)



Hollywood grew from strength to strength following WWII, then as now, it had a powerful effect on public opinion.

The portrayal of bikers on the screen has had a massive impact on the way our culture developed and is seen from outside.

The most pivotal movie was undoubtedly *The Wild One*. Johnny, played by Marlon Brando and his motorcycle gang rolled into Carbonville for a bike race, and raised enough hell to get themselves kicked out of town. They rode to nearby Wrightsville and continued their reign of terror. The local sheriff was helpless to stop them and Johnny decided to stick around.

But this icon of the big screen actually owed its existence to a short story; *The Cyclists' Raid*, written by Frank Rooney, and published in the January 1951 issue of Harper's Magazine. The tranquility of a small town in California's San Joaquin Valley was shattered one evening when the Angelenos, a gang of motorcyclists from Los Angeles, arrived unannounced, planning to spend the night. Joel Bleeker, a Colonel during World War II, had returned to this peaceful town, where he operated a small hotel with his daughter, Cathy. Each day at precisely the same time, he checked the old redwood clock in the lobby against the railroad watch that he wore on a chain kept in his pocket. On the day of the story, when Bleeker heard a noise that he mistook for aircraft engines, he moved the hands of his redwood clock ahead a minute and a half before investigating the commotion. Suddenly, the noise became so great that no one could be heard above the din. A column of red motorcycles invaded the hotel like an army column bent on taking the town. It was led by a man on a white motorcycle, Gar Simpson, was unctuously polite and powerfully commanding. Rooney described the bikers as riding in formation, stopping and dismounting together at their leader's command. They wore leather helmets and goggles, khaki shirts and trousers, with knee length boots.



Cyclists' Raid

A Story by Frank Rooney

Drawings by David Berger

It is clear that Rooney's story formed something of a mid point between Hollister and the *Wild One*. His story was loosely based on sensationalised accounts of the Hollister Incident. His description of the bikers seemed like a civilian's idea of a military unit than the actual bikers of the time. The parallels between *Cyclists Raid* and the *Wild One* are too close to ignore, even down to their heroines being called Cathy.

Two years later, in 1953, *The Wild One* hit American cinemas. It is most remembered for the character of Johnny Strabler (Marlon Brando), whose persona became a cultural icon of the 1950s. The *Wild One* is considered to be the original outlaw biker movie, and the first film to examine American outlaw motorcycle gang violence.

The Black Rebels Motorcycle Club (BRMC), a gang led by Brando's character Johnny, rode into Carbonville, California during a motorcycle race and caused trouble. A gang member stole a trophy and presented it to Johnny. Stewards and policemen ordered them to leave town. The bikers rode to Wrightsville, which had only one elderly lawman, Chief Harry Bleeker, to keep order.

Silver Screen continued

When their antics caused Art Kleiner to swerve and crash his car, he demanded something be done. The accident resulted in the gang having to stay longer in town, as one of them injured himself falling off his bike. Although the young men became more and more boisterous, their custom was enthusiastically welcomed by Harry's brother Frank who ran the local bar, employing Harry's daughter, Kathie.

Local girl Mildred prompted the movie quote that possibly best sums up biker culture when she asked him, "What are you rebelling against, Johnny?", he answered "Whaddaya got?"

A rival biker gang, the Beetles, soon arrived and their leader, Chino, carried a grudge against Johnny. Chino revealed that the two groups used to be one big gang before Johnny split it up. When Chino took Johnny's trophy, the two began fighting and Johnny won. Later, while both gangs wrecked the town and intimidated the locals, some bikers chased and surrounded Kathie, but Johnny rescued her and took her on a ride in the countryside. Frightened at first, Kathie came to accept that Johnny was genuinely attracted to her and meant her no harm. When she opened up to him and asked to leave with him, he rejected her. Crying, she ran away. Johnny rode off to search for her. Art saw and misinterpreted her crying as the result of an attack. Vigilantes led by Charlie chased and caught Johnny and beat him up, but he escaped on his bike when Harry confronted the mob. The mob gave chase and Johnny was hit by a thrown tire iron and fell. His riderless motorcycle struck and killed Jimmy.

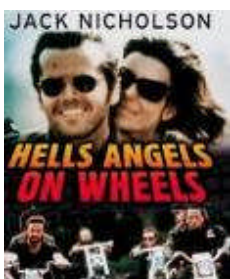
The Sheriff arrived with his deputies to restore order. Johnny was initially arrested for causing Jimmy's death, but Kathie pleaded on his behalf. Seeing this, Art and Frank came forward and testified that Johnny was not responsible for the tragedy. The bikers were ordered to leave the county. However, Johnny returned alone to re-visit the cafe and say goodbye to Kathie. He smiled and gave her the stolen trophy as a sign that he would give up his violent lifestyle.

In Britain the film was banned by the British Board of Film Censors for 14 years. In 1967, the film was given an 'X' certificate and was first seen by the British public at the 59 Club in Paddington in 1968.

As an example of how deeply *The Wild One* affected our culture, Madame Tussauds has a waxwork exhibit of Marlon Brando in *The Wild One* albeit with a later 1957/8 model Triumph Thunderbird

***The Wild One* might have been the first Biker movie, but it was not to be the last. Film makers on both sides of the Atlantic reached eagerly for this untapped source of story material.**

British Director Sidney J. Furie, brought out his film *The Leather Boys* in 1964. This was a stark piece of kitchen-sink drama set amid British rocker culture. The film focused on two south London Rockers, Reggie and Dot, who, despite their youth, decide to marry. Their relationship was tested by their immaturity. As they drifted apart, Reggie befriended fellow rocker Pete and started to explore the wider meaning of emotional commitment and life, unaware that Pete wanted much more from him than mateship and a bit of fun on their 650cc Triumph Bonneville. *The Leather Boys* is a bleak but fascinating look at early 60s Rocker culture and credited with being an early piece of homosexual cinema.



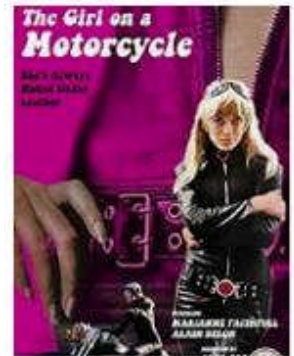
***Hells Angels on Wheels* (1967)** was one of Jack Nicholson's first films which told the story of a disillusioned petrol station attendant who was attracted to life with the Hells Angels MC. It has lots of late 1960's bikes and made an attempt at portraying what life in an outlaw motorcycle club was really like then. It had several fist fights, an occasional stabbing and was an interesting film to watch. Ralph 'Sonny' Barger, President of the Hells Angels, is credited in the titles as being a consultant to the filmmakers and he plays a non-speaking role early in the film.

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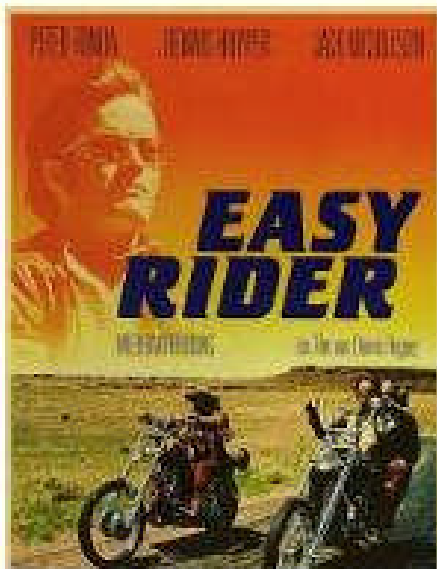
***The Girl on a Motorcycle* (1968)** was cult viewing for young bikers of my generation, mostly due to Marianne Faithfull in her leathers. Frustrated young housewife Rebecca (Marianne Faithfull), left her husband asleep in bed in order to travel and meet her lover, Daniel, a pipe-smoking university professor (Alain Delon). This being the height of the 60s, Rebecca did the trip suited up in full body leather astride a Harley Davidson, a present to her from Daniel.

Like *the Wild One* and *the Leather Boys*, this too was based on a novel, this time by French surrealist writer André Pieyre de Mandiargues,

The Girl on a Motorcycle was also released under the title *Naked under Leather* and was short on plot, but heavy on psychedelic special effects and nudity (particularly Faithfull's).



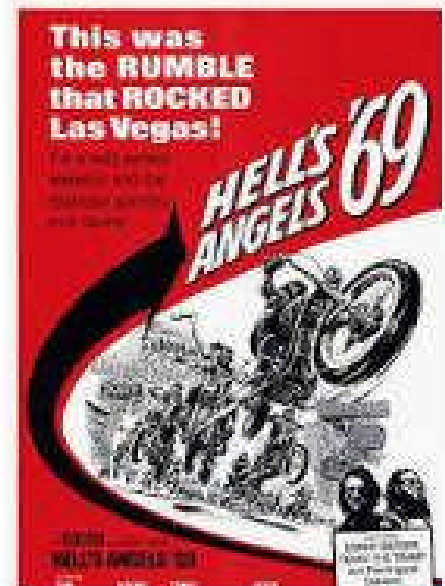
1969 was a big year for biker films, when at least 12 were released. *Easy Rider* is by far the most famous of these.



If *The Wild One* was the first, then *Easy Rider* is the best known of Biker Movies. Wyatt (Peter Fonda) and Billy (Dennis Hopper, who also directed), set out to ride from Los Angeles to New Orleans on Harley Davidsons to 'discover America'. En route, they encountered dirt farmers, freaks and rednecks, saw some amazing country and spent time with Jack Nicholson, playing a small-town lawyer.

Also part of 1969's bumper crop of Biker movies was *Hell's Angels '69*, which depicted two rich brothers who wanted to rob a Las Vegas casino, just for fun and the thrill. They utilised the Oakland Hell's Angels (Sonny Barger's Chapter) in their plan.

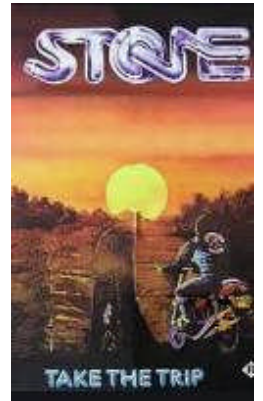
Sonny Barger and The Oakland Hells Angels played themselves in the film. Roger Greenspun of The New York Times wrote in his review: "*HELL'S ANGELS '69* uses that noted law-and-order group, the Oakland Hells Angels, as heroes in a dismal story that wastes most of its attention on the villains. By now their physical resemblance to lovable teddy bears may well have affected the Angels' self image, but not, I hope, to the extent that they continue to submit to such degrading elevation in American folk-demonology. Two California playboy types joined the Angels and conned them into riding to Las Vegas, where they used them as a public diversion to cover a robbery from Caesars Palace. They made their haul and their getaway, but not without the encumbrance of a buxom Angel mamma and the threat of the Angels' revenge. Revenge came after a desert motorcycle chase, photographed with such concern for getting everyone into a single frame that it looked less like a chase than a pleasure ride. Before the Angels had brutally righted the wrong, the Nevada desert was covered with the lost loot.



Silver Screen continued

The 1974 Australian movie **Stone** also merits a mention, mostly due to it being a less known precursor to the 1979 classic *Mad Max*, *Stone* combined Australia's masculine road culture, bikers and elements of paranoid conspiracy popular in the early 70s. At its centre is an unorthodox policeman, Stone (Ken Shorter, a former cop in real life), who was assigned to travel undercover with a satanic outlaw biker gang, called the Gravediggers, after an assassin starts murdering its members.

Dismissed by critics on its release, *Stone* was a huge hit at home, partly due to its impressive stunt work and sheer spectacle, both of which went well beyond the film's low budget. Several hundred real-life bikers took part in the film's most famous scene, the highway funeral procession for one of the murdered Gravediggers, for which they were reportedly paid in beer.



Quadrophenia (1979) is not a Biker movie as such, but since I am telling the story of British Biker Culture, the Mods and Rockers deserve a mention.

A tale of discontented youth in 60s London, *Quadrophenia* takes place in the lead-up to the 1964 bank holiday riots between mods and rockers, during which several people were hospitalised and more than 50 were arrested. Jimmy (Phil Daniels) is the classic juvenile delinquent rebel, working in a dead-end job during the week to fund his weekend scooter exploits with his mates, and trying to get off with aloof mod Steph (Leslie Ash).



Pre-swinging London and its two main youth tribes were evocatively depicted, the extended riot scenes in Brighton had energy and there is, of course, the classic soundtrack by The Who.

The Motorcycle Diaries (2004) is not so much a Biker movie as a road movie by motorcycle. I mention it both for the sense of freedom portrayed by the motorcycle journey and for its place in the legend of 'Che' Guevara.



The film is based on the true story of medical student Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and his friend Alberto Granado's journey from Argentina to Peru in the early 1950s.

The antithesis of the violent gang members that populate most biker focused films, the two characters began their journey sharing a decrepit 1939 Norton 500 nicknamed 'The Mighty One'. The mechanical death of their bike halfway through the trip forced the two to start engaging with those they met, opening their eyes to the poverty, hardship and political oppression experienced by many on the continent.

The World's Fastest Indian (2005) is also not really a Biker Movie, but it is a truly iconic motorcycle film.

It is based on the true story of middle-aged Kiwi Burt Munro, who, against the odds brought his modified Indian scout to Bonneville and set land speed records. It may not be completely historically accurate, but it is a fantastic performance by Anthony Hopkins playing Munro, and it takes very little time before you start to empathise with his character and the huge challenges he had to overcome in achieving his dream.



Ian's Chain & SavFest 2020:

Alan Savill, England XIII



On 22nd December 2012 my family's life changed forever. I had just finished a long seven-hour live radio stint and had gone to bed. My wife was up early to get the last items needed for Christmas. I heard a knock on the door and when I opened it I saw two solemn looking Police Officers at the door. I was right to fear the worst.

Alan and Wendy Savill

After introducing themselves they told me that our son Ian had taken his own life. He was just 23 years old. He was a son, a brother, a father and a fiancé. He had been let down by his employer after telling them he had medication for depression and let down by the overstretched NHS services.

At Ian's funeral I gave a long and passionate eulogy. I promised in front of him that I would start up a service to help those grieving after suicide, and to try and eradicate suicide. We set up www.ianschain.co.uk and started to raise money.

So far we have raised enough to buy a second hand camper van which is used by family members needing time to think.

We have also paid for ASIST courses throughout the country, which give attendees the tools and confidence to talk to those with suicidal ideology. These courses alone can formulate safety plans and save lives. With this course and the knowledge gained since 2012, I believe that I have saved over 20 lives; people, like you and I, who cannot cope with life and want to die. I am very proud of this, but it's bittersweet, as I could not save our own son.

Most of our money has been raised through the production of small festivals, both here and in Philadelphia along with auctions, raffles and various sponsored runs and walks.

This year we are going bigger. Welcome to SavFest 2020

We are taking over the wonderful MFN venue in Shipley Gate Nottingham. We have safe and secure parking and camping. We have a total of nine acres, if needed, and this area is patrolled by security staff.

Festivals are hungry and thirsty events, so we have a licenced bar, part of the MFN pub is open from midday, and we have invited numerous vendors to cater for all tastes. Those who are camping can cook their own breakfast, but the grill will be on in the main area from 10am.

The venue itself gives us three stages. With no overlapping bands, attendees will be able to hear some of the best up and coming talent in the rock and blues genre, plus a little prog and folk rock. All bands have given their time for free, as they want to save lives.

All this for just £20 per person for the weekend, which includes camping. Amazing value.

Ian's Chain continued

We are also looking at arranging an early morning ride out, it being Nottingham, we are not far from the Arboretum and from some lovely roads. This will aim to arrive back just before the music starts.

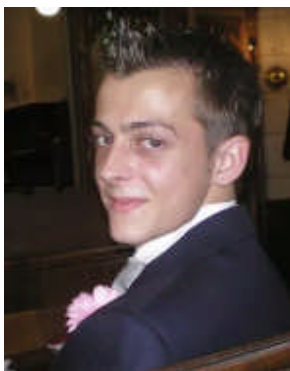
But it's not only our charity benefitting this year, we have teamed up with the following organisations which make this a must not miss event.

Rock Against Child Pornography and Abuse supports those of any age who have fallen victim to child sexual exploitation. Their work is constantly in demand. Whilst here, they will be providing a phone charging service and are available to talk. If you want to order a hand made bespoke woollen figure (we've already got an Ian's Chain biker), you can order them there.

PTSD999 are a new organisation who provide support for all emergency services, and the armed forces aiming to help sufferers of PTSD. As a Blue Knight and ex Met Dog Handler, I know that we have all been affected ourselves.

CoPs you probably know. They support and organise the wonderful Memorial Ride Out each year. Their work to help fallen Police Officers' families is wonderful. We are hoping to raise enough to donate a defibrillator to Thames Valley Police in the memory of PC Andrew Harper.

So there you have it, an exciting few days. I and the rest of Blue Knights England X111 would love to meet some of you. I promise a fun weekend where we can remember, think, and enjoy top bands and get to know each.



**In memory of
Ian Savill**

**14th May 1989
to 22nd
December 2012**

Wales I – Great Airfield Challenge 2020

The Great Airfield Challenge 2020

Wales A Blue Knights LE MC Wales 3 Challenge to visit as many military airfields as possible in one summer. For all communication; bkwales3@btinternet.com

Start when you get the map / list and submit your claim by 1st of November 2020, along with a story of how you managed the most challenging visit of your adventure. In the event of a draw, the winner will be the one judged to have submitted the most 'inventive' story.

The instructions and list of airfields will be available from March for a 'donation' of £10, and all funds raised will be donated to the Chapter Charities of Blood Bikes Wales, Air Ambulance Wales and Epilepsy Action Wales.

Proof of your visit will be by identification of a sign, gate or landmark, or by a photograph of your bike near an identifiable feature, gate, sign etc.

It's not a time trial or test of navigation skill. Ride alone or with friends in small groups. Take all the time you like, days, weeks or months, and enjoy the countryside. Points will be awarded for sites visited.

When you get the list, use any and all resources available to you to locate the airfields. Facebook, internet search engines, local knowledge etc. Use the challenge to learn about Wales and its role in the development of aviation, the wars that effected the land and the people, and the changes that nature and 'man' have made over the decades.

The Legal Bit

While riding the wonderful roads of Wales, stay safe. Obey all traffic regulations, ride within your capabilities and those of your machine. Although organised by the Blue Knights Wales 3, your choices and actions are your own and neither we, as organisers, nor the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, can accept responsibility for your actions or the results thereof.

Prizes and Certificates

When all results are in, certificates will be issued to those who scored 10 or more 'points'. The top three points scorers be rewarded with small but useful items. Email – bkwales3@btinternet.com

Oktoberock: Tom Elliot UKIC Chairman

Germany XXI's Autumn Rally



Some people join the Blue Knights and go to chapter meetings, the odd ride-out and perhaps a biking event. They might even go to an event in their own country. I have found, and I hope you have too, that by being a Blue Knight you can ride with, and enjoy the company of Blue knights from many countries. They may speak a different language, but the experience of travelling and meeting other Knights is awesome.

Oktoberock by Germany XXI has been an event in the Blue Knights European Calendar for a few years. Stone, their President, had approached me at an event last year, in fact at several events in the preceding years, with a flyer in hand, encouraging me to attend. This year's event was held at their Chapter Club House, in the village of Ettinghausen, MittelHessen.

The event consists of an outdoor party over the weekend. There is a live Band on the Saturday night, a ride-out on Saturday morning, followed by Highland Games in the afternoon.

Lyndon "Mod" Morris and I decided to go. Google maps showed the venue was 300 miles or 500km from Zeebrugge in Belgium.

Oktoberrock continued

After booking the ferry to sail overnight from Hull, I started to make sure my bike and other kit was OK. My wife Maureen had badgered me to put Slime in my tyres, because a biker we both knew had recently died following a burst tyre on her husband's bike.

I decided to also take my Khyam Biker Tent, as the event was free if you camped. I found out later you could stay in a nearby hotel, but that seems to detract from the experience.

Time came to leave home in Derbyshire on a sunny Thursday in September. The weather for the weekend was looking good, with temperatures in the high 20s. I met Lyndon riding his Honda Valkyrie on the way to the ferry in Hull. and we boarded the ferry together. After being fed, watered and a night's sleep, we disembarked the next morning. Riding with an open face helmet in good weather is never a bad experience, feeling the sun and wind on your face.

The route was all motorways, passing near Antwerp, Aachen and Cologne. It lifted my spirit as I recognised the twin spires of Cologne Cathedral, from last year's European Convention. The traffic was very heavy and our speed reflected this, it took us 10 hours to reach our destination. My Harley Road King never missed a beat. We reached the Chapter Clubhouse by riding up a 300 metre track from the main road. The Clubhouse is set in a large clearing in the woods. There is a large sports field at the front, with some Knights already having parked their campervans. We put our tents up at the rear of the building. The Khyam tent went up a dream, I just pulled on the centre core holding the poles, and locked them together and quickly put the pegs in. It just took a couple of minutes and my accommodation for the weekend was built.

Kai-Uwe Stein or "Stone," the Chapter President, welcomed us, by handing us a cold beer. He then gave us a guided tour of the Clubhouse. Plenty of cake and coffee were available for a small donation. Showers and a bar were bought with the usual European pre-purchase voucher system, and food came from a smoker style BBQ. Breakfasts were provided free of charge.

It was fantastic to meet up with other Knights I knew, including: Kari from Finland, Mike and Hazel from England II, as well as Brothers who had travelled from: Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and of course Germany.

Other Clubs were represented including: Red Knights, Medical Knights and Black Dogs MC.

On the Saturday morning, there were two organised rides. The roads on the one I chose were fantastic. We rode on local roads, with sweeping bends and hairpins, through picturesque villages of half-timbered houses. We saw: woodland, open countryside and hills. One moment that will stay with me, was coming out of a wood on top of a hill, with the road and rolling countryside before me, the colours lit by the bright autumn sun. It just felt good to be alive and stirred my very soul. Riding a bike doesn't get better than this.



When we returned in the afternoon, there were highland games. A total of five challenges including: throwing an engine block, throwing a wellington boot, tossing the caber, and the only one I was any good at, knocking an opponent off a log with a sack of straw. Scottish music played over loudspeakers, while fellow knights wore kilts and really entered into the spirit of things.

I was awarded a glass of scotch for taking part. I really enjoyed myself.

Oktoberrock continued

As it got colder in the evening a fire was lit and there was a Blue Knight wedding. There was a presentation to the nominated charity and awards were given out to the top players in the games. The band then performed well known rock tunes.

I don't usually eat cake, but several Chapter Members ran a home baked cake stall, from which I was persuaded to have a slice of Black Forest Gateau. The cake melted in my mouth, it was like nothing I had ever tasted before.

The next morning we took our tents down, had breakfast, said our goodbyes and set out for our journey home. This journey was much quicker, as there was far less traffic. As my speed increased over 70mph, my front wheel went out of balance due to the slime. I just kept my speed down and on my return home. Somebody did advise me to use an inner tube if I was using slime, so I am looking into that suggestion.



As we got on the ferry home it started to rain, fortunately it had stopped by the time we docked next morning.

On reflection the weekend was one never to forget.
Thank you to Stone, Germany XXI, and everyone else who went. We certainly Rode with Pride.



Events Section

April 2020



Blue Knights England XIV

St George's Weekend Rally 2020

To be held at the Walton Park Hotel in Clevedon
10th to 12th April 2020


This prestigious annual England XIV event, our 12th, will again be in the attractive North Somerset town of Clevedon for our 2020 St George's weekend. The Walton Park Hotel is an excellent venue with an enthusiastic team. Its cliff-side location has wonderful views overlooking the Bristol Channel towards the Welsh Hills.

The price for the weekend (bed, breakfast and evening meal for two nights) will be £150 per person (£10 per person per night single room supplement applies, so £170). The gala dinner only, will remain at £40 per person, and the special rate for extra nights will be £62.50 per person (£72.50 for single), per night, which includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

This is our main charity fundraiser of the year. Last year's event was highly successful and raised £400 for Freewheelers, and £400 for UK COPS.

Dress Code: Black Tie

Book on line at: www.bkengland14.org.uk
Non-refundable deposit of £100 per booking (£50 single)



I'd like to order a room
for two knights please



Paul Greening

4 hrs · 📍

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Roll up, Roll up for the extravaganza that is Wayne's Welsh Wander #5! Bigger-better-more laughs than the previous 4! Ride the lanes and byways of Wales, hand picked routes to please the eye, food to swell your belly and company that'll keep you amused..we can guarantee you all this, just don't expect wall-to-wall sunshine 😊! Why not dust off your saddle and join BK Eng 18 for the first large ride of the season! April 24th to 26th. For further info PM myself or our president Johnny Oneball.



May 2020

Steve Tromans is coordinating our Bikes & Bears attendance.

Help will be needed to staff a Blue Knights' stall.

Birthday in the Borders!
You are invited to help celebrate 60 years of the
British Motorcyclists Federation at our
NEW Bears & Bikes Motorcycle event.
14th to 17th May 2020.
At Traquair House Scotland's Oldest Inhabited House.

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Live Music Friday & Saturday on the Walled Garden Stage
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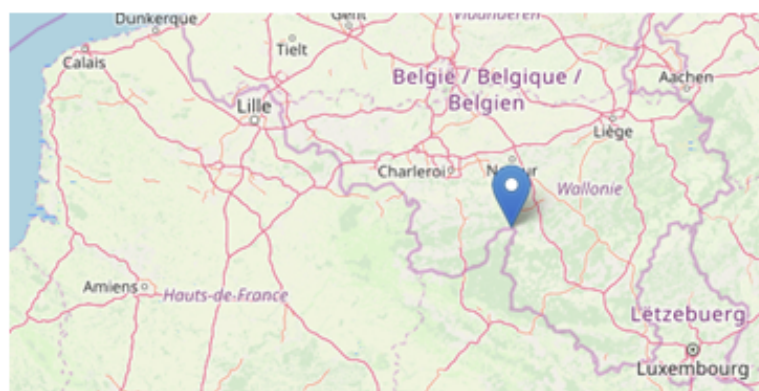
Meeting : From 4pm on Friday 12/06 till 11am on Monday 15/06
(3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 dinners, 1 Gala Meals, All entertainment)

	Adults		
Option A (72 rooms maximum)	240,00 € / Pers.	0	0,00 €
Option B (43 rooms maximum)	175,00 € / Pers.	0	0,00 €

All applications MUST be submitted by the 1st of June 2020

INFORMATION	
Option A	Comfort room (with shower & toilet) for 2 pers (addit. beds for 2 children possible)
Option B	Budget room (with shower) (Bunk beds) for 4 to 6 pers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children from 7 to 12 years old, contact us... • Additional nights, contact us... 	

**RESERVATION FORM TO BE RETURNED WITH PROOF OF PAYMENT to
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Booking via www.bk1.be

BLUE KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2020 INCLUDING UK & IRELAND CONVENTION

It is my pleasure to extend a 'C  ad M  le F  ilte' to you all on behalf of **BLUE KNIGHTS IRELAND 1**.

We are honoured to have been chosen to host the **International Convention 2020 including UK & Ireland Convention** in Killarney, Ireland. The vibrant 'little' town and the incredibly beautiful surrounding countryside makes Killarney a very special place indeed.

Brim full of history, heritage, activities, and world class hospitality, Killarney is populated with enthusiastic and welcoming people, and this enthusiasm is reflected in many national and international awards.

We are looking forward to meeting you all personally and leaving an indelible impression of our world-famous hospitality and friendliness.



Kevin Donohoe
PRESIDENT

BLUE KNIGHTS
IRELAND 1



BLUE KNIGHTS IRELAND 1

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS 21ST - 26TH JUNE 2020

GLENEAGLE HOTEL 4*

Rates are per room per night and include breakfast.

Minimum 3 nights stay.

Singles	�156 per night
Doubles/Twins	�170 per night
Double Bed + Single Bed	�206 per night
Double Bed + 2 Single Beds	�223 per night
Double Bed + 3 Single Beds	�235 per night
Double Suites	�235 per night
Family Suites	�288 per night

BREHON HOTEL 4* LUXURY

Rates are per room per night and include breakfast.

Minimum 3 nights stay.

Singles	�196 per night
Doubles/Twins	�208 per night
Double Bed + Single Bed	�255 per night
Family Suites (Double + 2 Single)	�301 per night

INEC KILLARNEY CONVENTION CENTRE

- Seating for 3,000 theatre style
- Catering for 1,500 banquet style
- All on the same site as the hotels/self catering apartments and campsite

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS 21ST - 26TH JUNE 2020

KILLARNEY FLESK CAMPING

- Can cater for over 800 pax
- Showers / washing machines / dryers on-site
- Electricity hook-ups

 19 per person per night

 5 per night electricity hook-up

Additional charges for showers, laundry, etc. apply.

GLENEAGLE APARTMENTS

Minimum five night stay. Apartments are self-catering. Apartments are all two-bedroom with dining room, living room and kitchen. Breakfast not included. Breakfast vouchers at  10.50 each are available to be used in the Gleneagle Hotel.

5 nights @  951 per apartment

 189.40 per night

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING AND REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE THROUGH **CELTIC HORIZON TOURS**

See contact details on back page.

REGISTRATION & EVENTS

REGISTRATION COSTS

Registration	�168 per person
Partial registration valid for any two consecutive nights (children half-price)	�124 per person

THE REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE:

Sunday - Live Music in Bar
Monday - Whiskey Night
Tuesday - Live Music in Bar
Wednesday - Banquet
Thursday - Bar-be-Que
Convention T-shirt
Convention patch
Convention pin
Live Music each evening in the Hospitality Room

RIDE-OUTS

There will be a selection of guided half-day and full-day ride-outs available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

COACH TOURS

We will also have a number of coach tours each day taking in the Ring of Kerry, Dingle and Slea Head.

Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

Blue Knights England XI Present The Annual Law
Ride Memorial Weekend 24/25/26 July 2020



The Memorial Weekend culminates in the Annual Law Ride to the National Arboretum , Alrewas Staffordshire On Sunday 26th July 2020. This is to support UK Care of Police Survivors annual remembrance service

The Weekend consists of 2 Nights accommodation with Dinner B & B at the Roman way Hotel, Watling St. Cannock, Staffs. WS11 1SH.

Entertainment both nights, Live act has been booked for Saturday.

Costs for the weekend are £100 per person sharing. Alternatively Single Occupancy is available for £70 per night. You can stay 1 or 2 nights.

To Book , or for further details. Email [Tom Elliott thomascgelliott@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Elliott@thomascgelliott@gmail.com)



BK LEMC Wales I Announce their 2020 Summer Camp on the weekend of the 10th to 12th July 2020



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Wicked Rivers Waco Thirteen Stars Sidewinder Burnt Out Wreck

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Saturday 22 August 2020

Moreton in Marsh to Brighton

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sight loss

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email rachel.chitty@blindveterans.org.uk

Call 07514 969850

or visit blindveterans.org.uk/events

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Belgium VIII 20th Anniversary

17 January–19 January
2 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go



Germany 11 Rally

8 May–10 May
2 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go



BMF 60th Anniversary "Bears & Bikes"

14 May–17 May
5 going · 4 maybe · 4 can't go



Blue Knights Club Stand at BMF 60th Anniversary Festival 2020

14 May–17 May
6 going · 12 maybe · 13 can't go



Belgium 1 - European Convention 2020

12 June–15 June
4 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go



Germany 20 20th anniversary rally

19 June–21 June
4 going · 0 maybe · 0 can't go



International & UKIC Convention 2020

21 June–26 June
4 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go



Wales 1 Summer Camp

10 July–12 July
Steve and 9 friends are going



Germany 14 20th anniversary rally 2020

24 July–26 July
1 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go













Norway 1, 25th anniversary rally

31 July–2 August
3 going · 3 maybe · 0 can't go



Germany 34 Rally (Knight Rock)

21 August–23 August
4 going · 2 maybe · 0 can't go

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	Czech Republic Rally 2020 27 August–30 August 3 going · 1 maybe · 0 can't go	...
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	Switzerland 1 Rally 18 September–20 September 1 going · 0 maybe · 0 can't go	...
	Germany 15 Rally 18 June 2021–20 June 2021 2 going · 3 maybe · 0 can't go	...
	Germany II 30th Anniversary 25 June 2021–27 June 2021 5 going · 3 maybe · 1 can't go	...
	Germany 12 25th Anniversary Rally 17 September 2021–19 September 2021 3 going · 2 maybe · 0 can't go	...