

RIDERS

Official magazine of the Blue Knights ® Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club UK & Ireland Conference





Aid to Ukraine



Harry Shaw



Ewan & Kim



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Editor's Note

Welcome to an issue of Knight Riders which has been much easier to put together. Lockdowns are (hopefully) over, and the weather has warmed up, so I haven't been short of stories to include. Please send in your stories when you are doing anything interesting, and don't forget some scenic photos (please NOT endless group photos).



Also send me details of rallies, or significant rides. If other Chapters know, then members can join you. We are members of an international club for a reason – that reason is to make friends. The ones I know about are in the Events Section, at the rear of the magazine. I'm sure there are many more I could publicise for you.

Elaine and I are looking forward to the International Convention in Ireland. Our last opportunity to attend an International, was in Austria, during 2014. It was a fantastic experience, which we are very excited to repeat in Ireland. We have tacked on a couple of extra nights to see more of Ireland, and a night in Anglesey on our way home.

UKIC Chairman's address



Do other people see what I see? is a question I often ask myself. I relate this to being a blue knight of over 25 years.

Being a member of a Blue Knights Chapter is one thing, There's the meetings and rideouts with people of a like mind. Sharing stories about past exploits in law enforcement and

motorcycling, along with tips from each other about bikes. You can get that in an ordinary club, even another Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

This got me thinking about what is different about the Blue Knights.

I wonder why our members don't take advantage of being a member in an International Bike Club with members from similar background in law enforcement. As a Blue Knight, I have travelled all over Europe to Blue knights Events. The furthest being Croatia. I have met wonderful people from many countries, who have encouraged me to learn words in different languages. I think I've forgotten more than I remember.

Being in the Blue knights has encouraged me to travel to these places.it has been said that it's the same members who go to everything. Perhaps we are the ones who have really appreciated the joy of travel, combined with the fantastic hospitality of our brother and sisters.

This brings to mind a Croatian Blue Knight Stancko, who had been a child refugee in the UK during the war there in the 90's. I remember him speaking about the past. He had experiences of his father fighting in the Bosnian war. About being uprooted as a child and leaving his country and parents. He did not bear any animosity about what had happened in his country. This has a similar parallel to what is happening now in The Ukraine.

In the current war in The Ukraine, we have stepped up to the plate and raised a lot of money for our members there, and for ordinary Ukrainians. We have bought patches which are currently being distributed. Over 500 in the England, Scotland, Wales, Guernsey and Jersey. And 100 by Ireland 1. Also, England IX have been selling stickers. England XIV raised over £1800 at their St. Georges Rally as well as collecting money for transporting goods to help the Ukrainian people.

On their behalf I wish to say thank you for contributing in whatever way you have.

This is in addition to your other charitable activities.

Meanwhile I am looking forward to attending the Greatest BK event our conference has ever held courtesy of Ireland I, the International Conference in Killarney at the end of June. Over 300 Blue Knights are attending from Europe, USA and of course from our own conference. There is still the chance to book and go. Look at Ireland I web page for details.

There are other events that I would wish to draw your attention too. The Law Ride in August and the Law Ride weekend. Scotland's Rally at Inverness in September, England II Cops & Robbers also in September. This is in addition to events in Europe that you'll always be made welcome at.

It would be good if it wasn't the same faces, and that this year if you've never been to one of these events. you decided to come and join those who get the most from being a Blue Knight.

Hopefully you can join us on our travelling exploits, Travel to new places and share the fraternal spirit that is truly part of what it is to be a Blue Knight.

Ride With Pride

Tom Elliol Chairman UKIC

From Bristol with Love for Ukraine Roger Hopes, England XIV



England XIV member Andy Davies has been taking donated items from the Bristol area to the Romanian Consulate for onward transportation in bulk to Ukraine. The transportation ran into funding difficulties and the Consulate suggested sponsorship of the trailers would help keep donations moving. The sponsored trailers would have the donors name on, and there would be publicity with photos etc.

So, England XIV pledged their support, and drew in futher support from other UK& Ireland Presidents. The Blue Knights support has resulted in one of the trailers carrying BK logos, bringing some useful publicity for our club.

Kings International Haulage also offered to help, as the company has family connections with our Chapter.

All donations will be gratefully received and will go to provide transport of the foodstuffs and medical supplies. England XIV bank account details are with Chapter Presidents (or PM Roger). Donations will need a reference with Chapter name and "ukr trspt" so ours would be "E14 Ukr trspt".

Please don't delay these items are needed now.

From Bristol with Love for Ukraine: continued

We were invited to the sorting depot in Bristol where volunteers sorted and loaded donations for Ukraine. This is organised by Răzvan Constantinescu, the Romanian Consulate official. He took time to show us around the warehouse and explain that the donations would be driven in three long wheel base vans (as the artic trailer has developed a fault) and driven to the Romanian / Ukraine border, near to Odesa. From here, the donations would be sorted into smaller loads to be sent on into Ukraine. He'd arranged for Blue Knights, and the Lord Mayor, to meet the volunteers. Razvan emphasised how grateful the organisation is to have such support from the Blue Knights. We initially wanted to raise enough for one load (£500) but we have nearly enough for three. Your donations could top this up to the exact amount, so please think about adding to our total, it really does make a difference. For a cynical old copper, I must say it made me proud to be a member of the Blue Knights and I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of England XIV and all who donated to the great cause.



The Consulate recently announced that they are running short on supplies, and asked the public to continue to donate, and also to help approach large organisations.

The Odessa City Municipality and The Military Authority particularly need:

Food

- canned food (preferably ready cooked meat, fish, etc),
- instant food,
- cereals and cereal bars,
- crackers and biscuits,
- tea (black and herbal), coffee, hot chocolate,
- pasta,
- flour,
- sugar,
- dried food,
- nuts,
- baby food,
- sweets and chocolates.

First aid

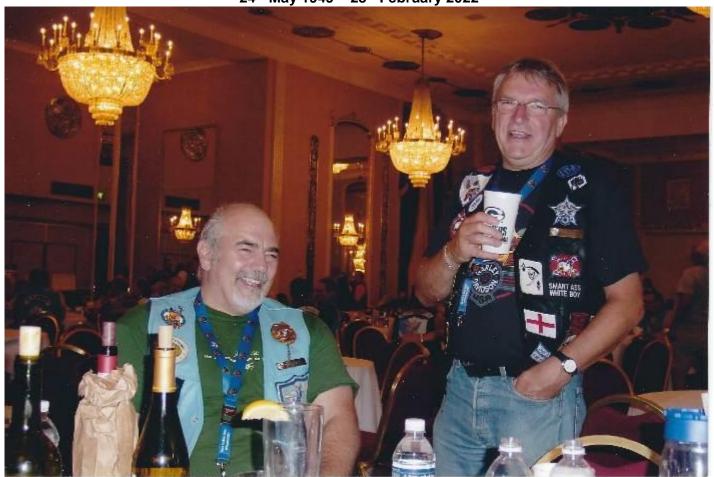
- foil emergency blankets,
- first aid kits,
- bandages,
- syringes,
- antiseptics,





Harry Shaw

24th May 1949 - 28th February 2022



Harry Shaw left us on 28th February 2022. This marked the end of a very long and active membership of the Blue Knights. Harry was one of the founder members of England I, when the club came to England. Together with Graham Buxton and Eddie Murray, Harry helped organise England I's first rally in 1992, at Edale, in Derbyshire. The rally was attended by the then International President, the late Frank Gennari, cementing a lasting friendship between Frank and Harry.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Harry joined an aid convoy to post revolution Romania. Touched by news coverage of Romania's orphanages, England I set about raising funds and practical aid for the war ravaged country. Along with three other Blue Knights, Harry joined the escort for an articulated lorry full of aid, gathered by England I.

In 1994 England V was formed. Harry was a founding member and first President, with his wife Sally as Secretary. He remained an active member until his death.

In 2014 Harry began a two year service to our club at International level, when he was elected Chairman of the International Board of Governors.

Even during his period of illness Harry remained as active a member as he was able, and his presence was always felt.

His funeral in Stockport was attended by Blue Knights from around the UK, Germany, and Belgium, all lining the route into the crematorium.

Fellow Chapter member, and longtime friend, John Radcliffe led Harry's cortege on his Harley Davidson sidecar outfit.

The standing room only inside the chapel was testimony to Harry's standing within the Blue Knights, his family and the wider community. He will be missed.

Harry Hilton Shaw. 24th May 1949 – 28th February 2022.









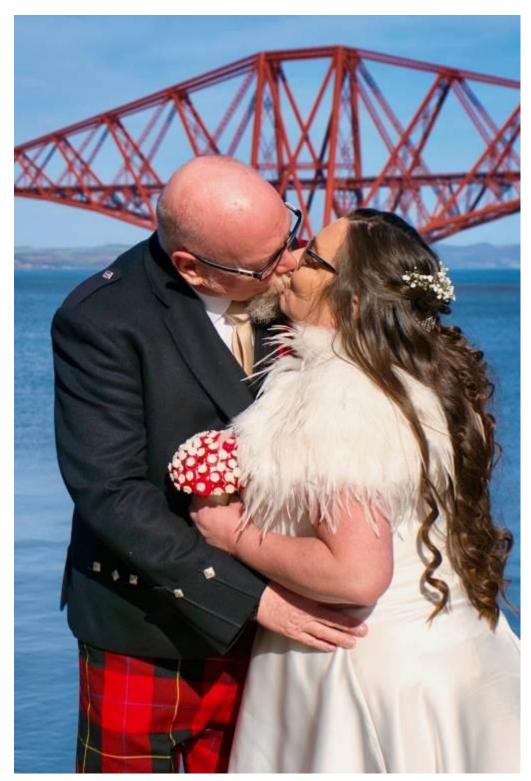
Blue Wedding: Ewan & Kim

Friday the 18th of March dawned bright and sunny, in fact not a cloud in the sky. Why was the weather so important that particular day? Well, it meant the Forth Bridge was picked out perfectly amongst the blue skies in the photographs of Scotland II's President Ewan Skinner, AKA Preacher, and Kim following their wedding in South Queensferry.

The wedding was a long time coming. Just a couple of days before the original date the couple got a phone call saying they could have only five people at the wedding, and that included the registrar, bride and groom. That was in March 2020. Covid and family sickness meant the postponement went on for two years.

A little secret is that on their way home from Scotland II's AGM Kim brought the subject up of rearranging the wedding and the rest, as the time worn expression goes, is history.

Kim and Ewan were delighted that so many friends, both Blue Knights and otherwise, were able to join them on their special day. The only downside is Ewan is missing living in sin!





Knights of the Round Table Neil Hallam, Editor



The Blue Knights obviously need no introduction in our club magazine. Many of you may also have come across the Red Knights, a Firefighters MC, with two English Chapters.

If you follow overseas FB Groups for other BK Chapters, you might also have come across Orange, White and Green Knights, making five Knights MCs in total. In countries with two or more of these clubs, they often come together at joint events, which are badged as Knights of the Round Table.

The Knights MCs

- Blue: Law Enforcement Officers with (or retired from) holding a Power of Arrest.
- Red: Firefighters
- Orange: Emergency Service staff and volunteers
- White: Emergency Medical Services: doctors, nurses, paramedics, and in some areas – skipatrol medics.
- Green: Military & Veterans

In this edition of Knight Riders, I will highlight the White Knights, since they are well on their way to setting up a UK Chapter.



White Knights continued

EMS White Knights Motorcycle Club is part of the international EMS White Knights Motorcycle Association. They are an organisation consisting of current or former paramedics, ambulance officers, medical first responders, medically trained personnel and qualified first aiders with CPR training with a love of motorcycling. Like the other Knights MCs, their declared goal is to bring awareness to patient care, encourage road safety, and to unite and promote a positive image of motorcyclists within the Emergency Services and across Australia.

The Australian Club sees itself as are part of an international family with close ties to Blue Knights (Law Enforcement Officers), Red Knights (Firefighters), and in Australia the Orange Knights (State Emergency Service). Between these First Responder motorcycle clubs they share in each other's rides, community spirit, fundraising events and social activities. By becoming a White Knight, you not only join with other medically trained personnel who enjoy riding motorcycles, but also other law enforcement and emergency service officers and volunteers.

The White Knights are active in Canada, the US, Australia, Romania, and now the United Kingdom as their 5th International Chapter.

George Radoicovici, a Hampshire based nurse, will be the first President of White Knights UK. He is keen for the White Knights to meet up with Blue Knight chapters. George can be contacted on george130183@gmail.com





Ireland | Ride Out, Brendan Condon UK / European VP



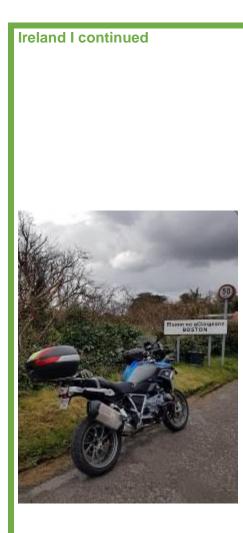
Eight members started out from Limerick at point 15 of the Irish Photo Rally. We were heading to Carrigfoyle Castle, on the Kerry side of the Shannon estuary, but as there was some rustiness among the tail end Charlie's it was decided a breakfast stop was appropriate.

We called at the Foynes Inn, where we were well looked after with six full Irish's and two lads who asked for a menu, and were duly told to "tell me what you want".

We visited the castle, which is just outside of Ballylongford, and then it was a quick scoot back to Tarbert to get on the Ferry across to Clare. A note here, ferry prices have gone up and its now 12 euro one way or 18 return for a bike.

We got off on the Clare side and keeping the coast on our left side, we headed through Kilrush, Kilkee and onto Doonbeg for point number 14 of the IPR.

From here, it is was a cross country spin through Quilty, Spanish Point, Inagh and Corofin to Boston Castle.





Memorial Ride for PS Matt Ratana





Metropolitan Police sergeant Matt Ratana was murdered in 2020, by a suspect being booked into his Custody Suite.

His former colleagues decided to put on a memorial ride for Matt

Blue Knights England II led the BK support for the Memorial Ride, which attracted an amazing turnout.

They were joined by Copperheads LEMC, Kaotic Angels LEMC and Dionadair LEMC.

Mat Ratana ride: continued





Members of Jersey I were unable to travel to Sussex for the official Memorial Ride, so they paid their respects by holding our own ride for Matt.

Always on Duty (Even when retired) Aneurin Jones, Wales III



A lunch meeting between Wales I & II at Ty Risha, near Bridgend ended with a refresher of their policing skills.

Their lunch enjoyed a very good turnout, with seven members, plus four wives, one daughter, two grandchildren and the girlfriend of a grandson. The two Chapters filled several large tables. There were lots of bikes, but my arthritis was a problem so travelled in the car.

A chat between Presidents resulted in an intention to create a WhatsApp for Wales Chapters. We hope this will lead to more joint rides, lunches etc in the future.

On our way home, with Carl Mann on board, we came into an RTA (sorry, for those younger members, RTC) and we both dropped straight into what Jeanette called "retired police officer mode". In other words, the retired PC (Carl) jumped out to do traffic control and safety, while the retired Sgt (me) called for backup. A car in the opposite (east bound) carriageway had changed lanes without looking, forced another car to brake, which caused the pickup behind it to brake. However, the pickup was towing a trailer loaded with bricks, which resulted in the whole rig snaking and flipping over.

Carl and a member of the public managed to quickly clear the road of bricks, and we had one lane running in each direction before the first of the police patrol cars arrived.

Amazingly, the driver of the pickup walked away. Carl even found the bar of Twix that had fallen out of the vehicle. I'm sure the driver appreciated it.

Once the scene was in the capable hands of the paid police, we continued on our way, reflecting on the thought that it was just like being back in work.



Remembering Janet – a truly moving memorial



"The idea behind it was whenever I go out on my motorcycle, she is still with me on my rides out". These words are from Trevor Kirk, pictured here with the motorbike he customised in tribute to his wife, Janet, and named Jannie Anne in her memory.

Janet was cared for by St Richard's Hospice Community Nursing and In-patient Unit Teams before she died in November 2020.

Trevor visited St Richard's to present a donation of £700 raised by members of the Worcestershire Chapter (England XV) of The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club in memory of Janet. He was accompanied by 16 members of the England VI, XI, XV, and XX Chapters.

"The support Janet and I received from St Richard's Hospice was second to none," said Trevor, who works in the prison service. "Had we not had that, it would have been a much darker journey for us."

The group presented the £700 donation to St Richard's Fundraising Manager, Kelly Johns. Mr Johns said: "It was very impressive, and moving, to watch the bikers ride into our grounds in tribute to Janet. We are incredibly grateful to the club for their generous donation, which will help us continue to provide care to patients and their loved ones across the county. It was a pleasure to see Trevor's bike too, which he has lovingly refurbished and had beautifully painted in memory of his wife."

Trevor Kirk: continued





Trevor Kirk, who works in the prison service, decided to customise the red and gold 2003 Honda motorcycle, which was given to him by his wife.

In his wife's memory, he adorned the bike with images of the couple on their wedding day in 2020.

Trevor spent the past nine months transforming the motorcycle, including lots of mechanical work.

"The idea behind it really was that whenever I go out on my motorcycle, she is still with me on my rides out," said Trevor, who first met his wife in 2010. "Along with that, it was a way of dealing with the grief of losing her, and it gave me something to focus on. The motorbike is priceless now. It is probably my most prized possession, because it represents Jan."



Wayne's Welsh Wander John Rolfe, President England XVIII



England XVIII recently hosted their annual WWW (Wayne's Welsh Wonder) attended by 25 members of England XVIII, XIV and VII.

Day one was a chilly start, meeting everyone on the way up to lunch in Cardiff. From there we headed off to Gower area, but sadly got separated, eventually meeting up in Swansea, then onto Haverfordwest where we stayed the night.

Day two started off wet, and chilly, but improved during the day. We headed off onto some marvellous roads, taking in some stunning scenery, and ended up in Merthyr-Tydfil for the night. We met up with family members at Merthyr-Tydfil for a lovely evening meal, where fines were collected, and after a few more games of LCR ** 155 was collected for the charity pot.

Day three began with -2 degrees temperature, but glorious clear weather giving views up and down the mountain ranges. Arriving in Pontypool at Baffle Haus, we were served our coffee by Welsh Rugby International George North. From there, we set off for Cheptow along the scenic route, where we said our goodbyes and headed home.

It was a great weekend enjoyed by al. Many thanks to our honorary member Wayne Kinsey and his son in law Kevin Audis for keeping us all thrilled with the scenery and roads that Wales has to offer.

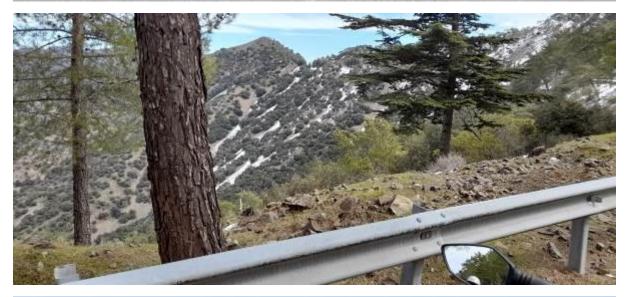
There will be no WWW next year, instead we are doing WIW, as we're off to Ireland.



Mountains of Cyprus

England VI's Ken Heydon has a holiday home in Cyprus. During a recent visit, he joined fellow England VI member Dave Smith for a ride around their beautiful island.

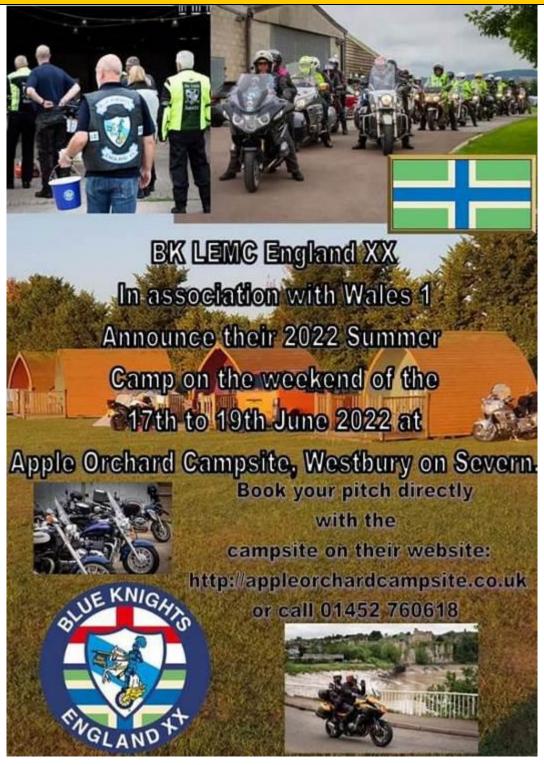




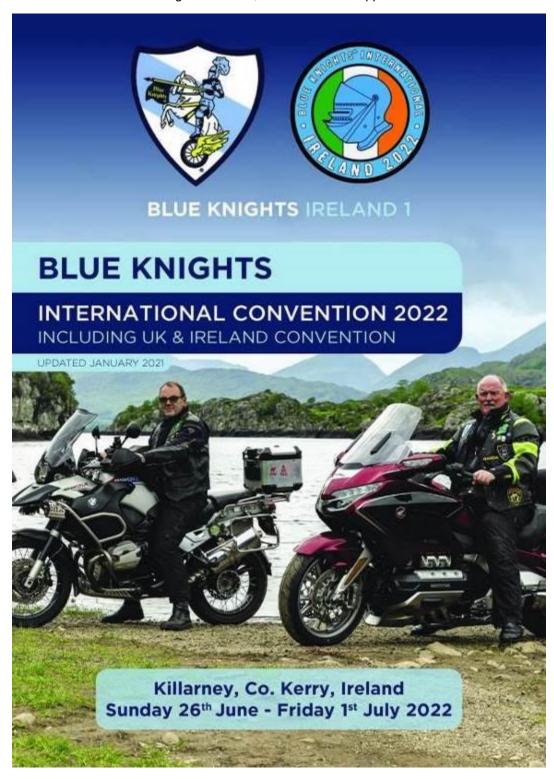


Events Section

June 2022



Ireland I had to postpone the International Convention due to Covid-9 restrictions. The Rally will now take place from 26th June 2022. Please take this opportunity to strongly consider your attendance. It is a great honour for us to hold this event in Ireland. A lot of hard work has gone into this, and we should support their efforts.





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Blue Knights England XI Present The Annual Law Ride Memorial Weekend 19/20/21st August 2022



The Memorial Weekend culminates in the Annual Law Ride to the National Arboretum, Alrewas Staffordshire On Sunday 21st August 2022. This is to support UK Care of Police Survivors annual remembrance service,

The weekend is held at the Roman Way Hotel, Cannock, Staffordshire.

Prices per twin or double room are £119 per person dinner B&B. Entertainment both nights.

This includes £10 Law Ride registration fee and wristband. All proceeds go to UKCOPS.

£50 deposit secures your booking.

To Book, or for further details. Email thomascgelliott@gmail.com



Please note the change of date: 9th to 11th September 2022





ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR 5TH ANNUAL

XMAS PARTY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Come and have a weekend away on the "English Riviera"

Once again, we are holding our event at the Carlton hotel, Torquay, which is one of four hotels, all interconnected, to make up the TLH leisure Resort.

2021s event was such a roaring success, raising £2000 for Children's Hospice South-West & Doc-bike, the club have decided once again to return to this excellent venue, and welcome out Brother and Sister Knights, and Family's, to come and join us for the weekend.

Set at the heart of the English Riviera in Torquay and just a 5-minute walk to the seafront, or 15-minute walk to the main shopping and eating areas of Torquay. Other popular towns and cities are easily accessible. An itinerary of what's on, where to go, places of interest will be produced nearer your arrival date.

English Riviera All about Torquay All about Devon

Your accommodation is in the Carlton Hotel, but you can make use of ALL the facilities throughout the TLH Resort. This includes Ten Pin Bowling, Games Area, Spa Treatments, Aztec Swimming Pool Fire & Ice Luxury Spa & Gym, plus there is entertainment in the Starlight lounge Nightly, and with 6 bars and various eateries to keep you occupied, you will want for nothing

****15% discount offered for all Spa Treatments booked PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ***

Torbay Leisure Hotel Group Info

Saturday evening will see us eating in the Riviera lounge overlooking the bay. You will be greeted on arrival with mulled wine. There will be our charity raffle and auction, which in 2021 raised £2000!!

Each Guest to Donate 1 x prize for the Raffle PLEASE, and Dess Code on Saturday Night is FORMAL

Prices and booking as follows:
Only £59 per person per night, (based on 2 sharing) This is for Bed, Buffet English Breakfast or Continental Breakfast, (or both!!) and 3 course Evening meals both nights!!!

Sea view accommodation please add £6 per person per night.

Single accommodation £6 per person per night supplement. Double, single or twin rooms available, please state when booking. Any accessibility requirements, or food allergies, please inform me at time of booking so as I can let the hotel know when securing your room.

A £25 per person Non-Refundable deposit is required when booking your room please, balance to be paid in September 2022. Once I've received contact from you with your room request, I will reply with BACS transfer number, or address for cheque to be sent.

Arrival Friday 25/11/2020 AT ANY TIME YOU LIKE !!!

Book yourselves in, say you're with the Blue Knights Party, and then enjoy the facilities on offer to you throughout the TLH resort, however, your rooms will not be available until 1500hrs

Leaving Sunday 27/11/2020....Rooms to be vacated by 1100hrs

Please contact me by email, Johnny "Oneball" Rolfe (President BKXVIII), on presbkeng 18@aol.com

The Robin Hood Rally 2023

UK & Ireland Convention Rally

September 8th to 10th 2023

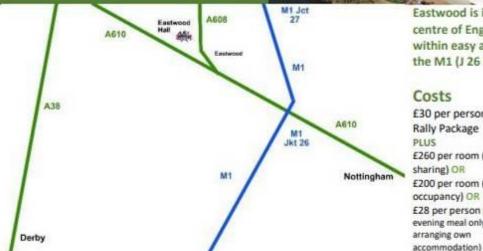


England VI last ran their popular Eastwood Rally in 2009. We would like to welcome Blue Knights back to Nottinghamshire's stunning 4* Eastwood Hall Hotel.

The Rally Package Includes

- Friday and Saturday night accommodation
- Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday
- Friday evening informal Dinner
- Saturday evening gala dinner
- Live entertainment on Saturday evening
- Saturday guided ride outs





Eastwood is in the centre of England, within easy access of the M1 (J 26 & J 27)

Costs

£30 per person for Rally Package PLUS £260 per room (2 people sharing) OR £200 per room (single occupancy) OR £28 per person (Saturday evening meal only -

England VI recognise that since we are hosting the UKIC Convention, it is important that as many members as possible attend the AGM / Presidents' Meeting.

We can arrange for members to attend the meetings and / or Saturday evening dinner, without staying at Eastwood Hall.

To Book

- 1/ email neil2207@icloud.com for a booking form & more information.
- 2/ Receive confirmation from England VI
- 3/ Pay deposit to England VI
- 4/ Balance to be paid no later than 1st May 2023

NB: Please book early: our cut-off date to avoid financial penalties is 1st February 2023

On the Bikes

Within easy reach of Derbyshire's Peak District, Eastwood offers rides into stunning countryside. We will offer guided rides on Saturday. On Sunday morning, you could visit the region's biker capital, at the Victorian Spa Town of Matlock Bath.

Off the Bikes

Eastwood is the birthplace of author DH Lawrence. His birthplace museum is a short walk from our hotel. Also close by are the Cromford and Nottingham Canals, with walks to take in our area's industrial heritage.