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Editor's Note

Welcome to our Spring edition of the UKIC Knight Riders magazine. It is a little thinner than usual. Since retiring from the Police, I have been running a freelance media and PR business, which is thankfully keeping me incredibly busy at the moment. This has meant me prioritising the clients who keep the lights and heating on. Self employment always has its ups and downs, so hopefully I can put together a bumper edition highlighting what our chapters get up to over the Spring months.



I can only do this as chapters send in articles. With the exception of content from England VII, XVIII and the Red Knights, everything else in this edition was gathered from Facebook. I did not put out a reminder for articles, as I knew I would not have time to edit them at short notice.

The next deadline is 1st July. But please, it helps me keep on top of things if content comes in steadily throughout the three month period.

Finally, a reminder about the UKIC 20th Anniversary Convention at England V's Robin Hood Rally. We have enough bookings for the rally to go ahead (over 100). But there are rooms available should anyone still want to book. **Graham has been asked about dress code for Saturday. It is NOT evening dress; normal rally attire is great.**

Neil Hallam Editor

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UKIC Chairman's address

By now even those of us who overwinter their bikes will have been out enjoying being back on two wheels. As the weather warms up, so we think of places to visit and friends to see and our club gives us those opportunities in bucket loads.

At the end of last month, we made our annual visit to Somerset, joining our hosts, England XIV, and Blue Knights from across the Conference at a lovely hotel in Clevedon for the St Georges' weekend rally. This is the first English rally on the calendar, only trumped by Burns Night celebration. England XIV manage to seamlessly combine renewing friendships with a Black-Tie event, a great ride-out, and charity fundraising.

I was saddened to hear that two of our Conference's longest running rallies are struggling to attract bookings. Some might say that the Saint George Rally attracts a niche percentage of our membership, with a black tie dinner and hotel accommodation, but the Cops and Robbers Rally hosted by England II for the last decade, is at the other end of the spectrum, offering a free bar, bands, camping, motor homing or army cadet accommodation. Both Chapters have struggled to get members to register for their events this year. Many will have seen that England II have decided that this will be the last Cops and Robbers rally, primarily due to reduced numbers registering interest.

For any Chapter that has organised a rally, you will know how much work and effort goes into hosting a rally. But no matter how much effort is put into the organisation, if the rally does not get support from members, then the effort goes unrewarded, and many Chapters will not organise another rally.

If you have never attended a Blue Knights rally, then you are missing out on a big part of your membership opportunities. For me perhaps the greatest benefit of my membership is the network that not only allows, but encourages me to visit places that I would not have dreamed of visiting on a motorbike, meeting up with people from across the Conference area and renewing friendships.



At the end of July, the Lawride will join Care of Police Survivor's at the National Memorial Arboretum for their annual remembrance ceremony. Like our Conference, COPS are celebrating their 20th Anniversary and if you haven't already registered to attend the event, please make time in your calendar to join us so we can make this Lawride event one that survivors will remember for a long time.

[There are still Chapters not represented at our Conference rally in September. The rally, hosted by England VI is being held at Eastwood Hall near Nottingham and is advertised on the website. Like all Blue Knights rallies, the rally is not only open to members who ride motorcycles, but also non-riding partners and spouses are always very welcome. There is also an option to book just the Saturday evening meal and celebration, if you prefer to stay somewhere cheaper. If you haven't already booked, then don't delay and complete your registration to join us for our 20th Anniversary event.](#)

Finally, this year is an election year for the Board of Directors executive positions and over the next few months candidates will be canvassing for votes. Although we are one of the smaller Conferences, our votes can still make a difference and I would encourage you all to find out about the candidates and cast your votes.

Leonie Tromans Chairman UKIC

UK COPS Winter Ball

This year is the 20th Anniversary of COPS UK and will of course be a landmark Blue Knights Lawride on 30th July (details to follow).



We had a representation of BK at this year's COPS UK winter ball which was hosted and arranged by COPS UK at the NMA. The ball was attended by Penny Lancaster, the COPS UK patron and with her husband Rod Stewart.

It was a great night, with good food and excellent company. Yes we were all wearing tuxedos as jeans and colours weren't allowed.



Blue Knights England VII CASTLE ON THE HILL RALLY

Blue Knights England VII are proud to announce that we have secured a truly magnificent location where we will be hosting our first ever Rally on the 16th, 17th & 18th of August 2024.



The venue is Framlingham college in Suffolk, sited across the river from Framlingham Castle. This castle is the one referred to in a song by the local musician Ed Sheeran and is where we take our Rally title from. So, please make a note in your diaries and come join us in August 2024 when England 7 will welcome you to our "CASTLE ON THE HILL RALLY".

Set in the beautiful County of Suffolk you will discover fantastic roads and scenery, set inside a building that is steeped in history. The venue Framlingham College was founded as the Suffolk County Memorial to Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, its full title is:- "The Albert Memorial College". His statue stands proudly at the entrance.

It took its first pupils in April 1865, and rapidly established itself as a centre of educational excellence within Suffolk and East Anglia as a whole.



Blue Knights England Seven is based in the Essex area and covers the surrounding counties. We have managed to secure a fantastic deal on this historic venue and foresee this as being the first of many rallies.

Our Rally will occupy the school whilst pupils are on their break. Framlingham College Prep School, in brief rooms described as :- The boarding rooms are located in the main manor house, with commanding views of the grounds and surrounding countryside. The boys and girls occupy separate floors, each with modern bathrooms, and there is a relaxing, spacious and well-equipped common room too.



Priced to leave some extra cash in your pockets for memorabilia, raffles and a good time.

Profits will be donated to our chosen charity S.O.P.H.I.E The charity works to promote tolerance and acceptance for others - however we are different, and champion alternative people in our communities. The Foundation's mission to stamp out prejudice hatred and intolerance everywhere, can be summed up in one word. S.O.P.H.I.E.



England VII: Review of 2022 Gary Wildman Secretary.



Essex and East London boys and girls are getting ready for the weather to properly improve. We've tested the bikes a couple of times, had a couple of midday blasts, several cups of coffee and the occasional cake. Our club nights have continued every fortnight in our adopted club house at the Broomfield Branch (near Chelmsford) of the Royal British Legion, where we now have a Blue Knights corner. Our display board depicts events, members and their wheels, a set of Blue knight back patches and military insignia from time served by some members.



We ended the year with a get together joined by wives and partners, a first for us but hopefully not the last, the bar bill profits indicated a good night!

What's planned for us in 2023?

Well we have England 7 members attending rallies in Germany, Belgium and hopefully a couple of others. A number of us are riding with England 2, again to Belgium for a battlefield tour, we will also be seeing 2 for their Cops and Robbers rally.

In the planning stage is a ride for this year's Chosen charity "Sophie's charity" Obviously our Presidents ride and our yearly commitment to the Essex and Hertfordshire air ambulance bike ride,

plus numerous Bacon roll runs, and of course how could we ride in Essex without visiting Southend on sea a few times for a good old "999" ice cream, same as a "99" but with two chocolate flakes!

At the time of writing our largest planned ride out is for the COPs Law ride, over 20 of us will be staying at Mickleover.

England XVIII visit France VI

John Rolfe, President England XVIII



We had a lovely weekend away in France for the France VI Rally at Domain De Rebetz, Chaumont en Vexin. Ten England XVIII members left the UK Thursday on overnight ferry from Portsmouth (where we met up with Ian Cato and Richard King from XIV) to Caen. Two members who were travelling via the tunnel sadly had a spill after hitting diesel, but they are both ok.

It was a chilly early start next morning after a couple of hours sleep, setting off at 06:15hrs, crossing over the new Pegasus bridge. We rode on lovely roads (thanks to Richard Groom for plotting route, with not a motorway touched).

We arrived at the rally around 15:00hrs to be given our lovely rooms and meet and greet with other Knights from France, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg.

A gorgeous evening meal followed by more socialising with DJ Willy hosting the music.

Next day was bad weather sadly, which restricted the ride out. So we all popped into the village with hotel umbrellas for pre-drinks prior to the brewery tour. This was a great laugh, they had a betting machine with live races showing, so we had a little €2 flutter on them. But no one won, surprise, surprise! The local brewery visit was a half hour walk away and the sun had come out. We had a lovely afternoon sat outside the brewery getting served drinks.

It was back to the accommodation for a Gala evening meal, where a few of us sat with the police Commisionaire of Luxembourg (a 30 year BK member) and his chapter members.

Next day, it was time to leave for home, via Calais. Again we chose a great route, sweeping through lovely countryside and villages. But then we hit biblical weather, making the ferry to Poole safely, though a bit damp. It was a great weekend. Thanks to all involved. We raised £23 in fines for our charity, and €30 was given to the French chapter to put in their charity pot from LCR dice game.



England VI visit Nottingham Mencap



England VI visited the people at Nottingham Mencap last month.

The bikes were very popular, and our visit was really well-received.

Most attention was paid to Geraint's Triumph cruiser - all that chrome!

Karen at Mencap asked me to thank the Blue Knights for taking the bikes over. It was a really worthwhile trip.





Knights of the Round Table

Blue – Red – White – Green – Orange

In this section of Knight Riders, we highlight our brother & sister Knights in emergency and military service

Red Knights England 2's European Conference 2022 Experience



On the afternoon of Thursday 8th September 2022, members of England 2 set off to Hull, to catch the overnight ferry to Rotterdam in the Netherlands to attend the 2022 EuCon, European meeting.

Once we had found our cabins for the night we showered, changed and headed to the bar for the evenings' entertainment. However, when we entered the bar, we found the entertainment had been replaced with memories of our Queen, who had died earlier in the evening, on the big screen.

After disembarking on Friday morning, we set off on our way to Arnhem, the location of the EuCon. Staying away from motorways we took the scenic route to Arnhem, crossing rivers and dykes to our destination. Our hosts, Netherlands 1, had everything in hand when we arrived and greeted us in the hotel reception where we were checked in and given our goody bags which contained among other things our 'EuCon year rockers' to add to the ones collected in previous years.

Red Knights England 2's European Conference 2022

We arrived early and avoided the masses that would arrive later, with over 400 Red Knights expected from all over Europe and some from the USA, it was sure to get busy.

On Saturday morning we were greeted with rain for our ride to the Netherlands Firefighter Memorial. As the ride progressed rain eased but began to pour down again as we arrived at the Memorial, where we were greeted by a Pipe Band who deserved praise for enduring the heavy rain which soaked them and their instruments.

A moving service of remembrance for the Fallen Firefighters was held, after which, members of England 2 and 4 were called to the front for a minute's silence to pay respects to our recently departed Queen. With the rain still pouring down we visited an Open-Air Museum where we had lunch and saw how the Dutch people lived, past and present. Thankfully the rain stopped, and we enjoyed looking inside windmills, a brewery and various other types of buildings which we travelled around on a tram.

Netherlands 1 made sure that there was plenty to keep members busy during the weekend, with stalls selling all manner of motorcycle related items. There were fire engines and custom motorcycles to look at.

Sunday morning arrived, and after breakfast it was time to say our goodbyes. But that was not the end of the weekend's activities; a visit to the nearby Airbourne Museum at Hartenstein had been arranged. Over several floors visitors can experience the world-famous story of the Battle of Arnhem in all its intensity. The personal stories of British, Polish and German soldiers and civilians are brought to life.



Finally, the journey to Rotterdam ferry port began, but not until England 2 members visited The Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout.



This elaborate system of windmills was constructed to pump water from Zuid-Holland's marshlands and helped to create a large, low-lying tract of land that effectively turned the surrounding area into a

fertile hinterland. Nineteen windmills were built on this site during the 18th century, and the network has the largest concentration of historic windmills in the Netherlands. Today, the area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



We arrived back at Rotterdam in good time and boarded the overnight ferry back to the UK for the final part of our trip, back to Sheffield.

Red Knights House and Memorial in Boylston Massachusetts

Tom van der Kley, Regional Director, Red Knights - Region 7



One of the Red Knights biggest financial responsibilities is our House and Memorial in Boylston Massachusetts. Located at the Fire Department of Boylston, we have a big area belonging to our Red Knights MC.

The House and property were bought by the RKMC a couple of years ago and we have to pay a mortgage for it. It is a breath-taking park with our RKMC logo in the middle and the heaven 1 memorial. At the memorial we have a piece of Steel from the World Trade Centre (WTC), where on the 9th of September 2001, two aeroplanes were crashed into the Twin Towers. 343 firefighters died in the line of duty that day. It is impossible for private individuals, and almost impossible for any associations or clubs to get a WTC steel, and we are the only club worldwide that were allowed to have one. The WTC steel is listed as an official monument in the United States of America.

So here comes the question: Do we need that house and the memorial and is it worth the money?

When you visit the memorial for the first time, you will say with a full heart "yes!" It is a beautiful place with a breath taking memorial. It reminds us about our duty and our history. It reminds us of all our members who have died in the line of duty. It reminds us how everything started and how we have grown over the years. It is a home for us all, where we can meet, where we can share our stories, our history, where we can laugh and cry together. So if you ask me my opinion, It is absolutely worth the 17 Dollars per year.

Red Knights House and Memorial

I have visited the memorial a couple of times and they were unforgettable moments. And because the house is ours, Red Knights can stay in it during of your stay. Each time European members visit the memorial, the founding fathers try to meet us. They love to hear the stories from Europe, how we work, how we evolved there.



Front view of the Memorial with the pillar with the founding fathers listed on it, and on the right side of it the members who died in the line of duty.



Piece of steel from the World trade Center



Sign in Book inside, where you can write your name and date of visit.

Events Section

May 2023



Booking Information www.bk2021romania.wordpress.com



Phoenicia Holiday Resort, the complex where the Convention is due to take place, is in Mamaia Resort, an exclusive tourist extension of the old city Constanta, a narrow strip of land between the Black Sea and Siutghiol Lake.

It is a small town in itself with 8 swimming pools, 3 restaurants, bars, an amusement park, sports pitches and grounds, a Spa, workshops. The Internet is available everywhere through wi-fi

connection. The rooms are non-smoking only and have got a balcony overlooking the resort.

PAYMENTS: 50% before 5th of December 2022, balance before 27th of March 2023. (Any reservation after December the 5th can no longer be taken into account)

Apartments vary in price: starting at 330 euro per person for: 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners + 1 festive dinner

Extra nights can be booked: prices by contacting the organisers



Booking Information www.bk2021romania.wordpress.com

The UK White Knights are planning to attend. Several of their Chapter Members are Romanian, and are keen to link up with UK&I Blue Knights



ENGLAND ONE

ANNUAL RELAX WEEKEND AT CATHEDRAL HOMES

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No further information as yet

I re-contacted the Green Knights. They are having insurance difficulties, so the event may not go ahead



Knights of the Round Table - KRT

EUROPEAN RALLY 2023

RING COMMONS SPORTS CENTRE
NAUL, COUNTY DUBLIN
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KRT hosted by Green Knights MMC Chapter 59 - Ireland.
11th to 13th August 2023

More information will be posted separately regarding: Accommodation, Tentage, on-site facilities, entertainment, food & beverages. POC and relevant websites, tourist information etc.

Invitations are extended to Red, Blue, Green and White Knights



Blue Knights England II Presents



COPS AND ROBBERS

September 1st - 3rd
2023

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Bookings now being taken



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The 20th Anniversary Year of The United Kingdom Conference

(Later became The UK & Ireland Conference)

The Robin Hood Rally 2023

UK & Ireland Convention Rally

September 8th to 10th 2023



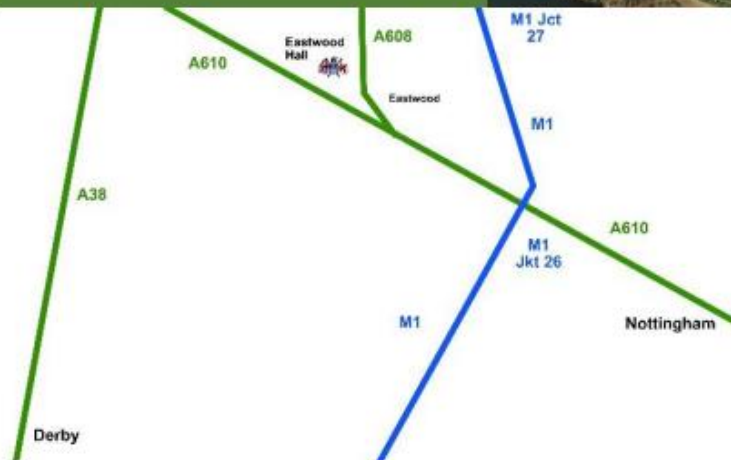
England VI last ran their popular Eastwood Rally in 2009. We would like to welcome Blue Knights back to Nottinghamshire's stunning 4* Eastwood Hall Hotel.

The Rally Package Includes

- Friday and Saturday night accommodation
- Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday
- Friday evening Dinner
- Saturday evening 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 – arranging own accommodation)

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.

NOTE: The dress code is normal rally attire. You are NOT required to wear evening dress / dinner jackets.



BLUE KNIGHTS ENGLAND XVIII DEVON CHAPTER

**ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR 6TH ANNUAL
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FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

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.

2022s event was another roaring success, raising £1855 for Care for kids North Devon, Mind-for-you & Police compassionate Fund. The club have decided once again to return to this excellent venue, and welcome our Brother and Sister Knights, and Family's, from around the UKIC & World to come and join us for the weekend get together. 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 2022 raised £1855!!

****Each Guest to Donate 1 x QUALITY prize for the Raffle please, and Dress Code on Saturday Night is**
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Prices and booking as follows:

Only £61 per person per night, (based on 2 sharing) This is for Bed, Full Buffet English style Breakfast or Continental Breakfast, (or both!!) and 3 course Evening meals both nights!!!

Sea View accommodation please add £6 per person per night. (only 19 Seaview rooms available, 2 south facing rooms.... Be quick, and state what required on booking) Good rates given to us if you require a longer stay.

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 (see TLH terms & conditions) balance to be paid in September 2023. 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 24/11/2023 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 approximately 1500hrs

Leaving Sunday 26/11/2023....Rooms to be vacated by 1100hrs

Please contact me by email, Johnny "Oneball" Rolfe (President BKXVIII), on preshkeng18@aol.com

July 2024 (NB 2024)

50th Anniversary Convention in Maine USA

22nd to 25th July 2024



Booking information will be published after the 2023 International Convention



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