



The Royal British Legion Riders Branch

Newsletter for the East Midlands Area



Should you wish to advertise your event or whatever,
in these pages - contact me (phone & email at end of this missive)
"It's Free"

**Why not contribute to the Poppy Appeal by NOT Attending
the Non-Attendance Rally on the following Link**

**The 2024 Rally is to be held
UP SCHITT CREEK**

(paddle is optional, but your responsibility)



[Legion Riders Non-Attendance Rally – Raising funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal
\(legionnar.org\)](#)

Branch Poppy Appeal Total So Far **£119,369.70 (as at 24th
July 2024)** since 1st Oct 2023)

Branch Poppy Appeal Total Since The Branch Started is an amazing
£1,939,190.94

**East Midlands Total for – 2023-2024 Appeal as at
22/07/24 £27,595.16**



Safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who are serving or who have served in
H. M. Armed Forces
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In Memoriam

The passing of Lee "Tank" Gardner

On the 1st August I was informed of the sudden and sad passing of our friend, and Branch Vice Chairman, Lee "Tank" Gardner, and as requested by his wife Kate, I have delayed notifying the Branch membership until now.

This has got to be one of the hardest things I have had to do since becoming your Branch Chairman, and to be honest, there are no words that come even close to expressing my feelings at this moment in time.

After long hours trying to put my feelings down on paper, I have decided that now is not the time for any epitaphs, that can be done later when the news isn't so raw.

As I write this short, but heart felt message, I cannot express my sorrow that goes out to Kate and Josh on their loss, and to whom I pass my sincerest condolences at this moment in time.

Mate you will be missed by more people than you could ever have thought possible, so for now all I can say is RIP Lee "Tank" Gardner

Simon Appleby-Somerville
RBLR Branch Chairman



Last Month

JULY

**3rd July
Lincolnshire Monthly Meet**

Another lively meeting where we were joined by 2 members from Nottinghamshire.



**5th to 7th July
Leicestershire & Rutland – Mallory Park
Bike bonanza**

Hi everyone, final total for Mallory Park is £564.85.
£504.35 cash
£60.50 QR machine.
Thanks to you all for your great efforts



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6th July Nott's Ride to Skegness

Ride Cancelled due to weather conditions.

6th & 7th July Staveley Armed Forces Weekend

Unfortunately, the weather took its toll on Sunday and many of those around us packed up early due the downpour. So unfortunately, we finished earlier than expected.

So how did we do.

Cash to Bank £304.21

QR Code £13.00

Card Reader £67.00

Total £384.21



7th July Vincent Classic Bike Show. Crich Tramway Museum

So how did we do a Crich.

Cash to Bank £157.76



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12th & 14th July Rempstone Steam Rally

So, the count is in for Rempstone.
£679.90 in total.

All cash no-one was interested in our QR code,
which is just as well as Internet was particularly bad
Well done everyone and thanks again for all your
efforts.



13th July Wellington Bomber Memorial

A few Riders attended this event but unfortunately,
we have no Photo's.

13th July Lincolnshire, Ride to South Yorkshire Air Museum

A few Riders had an enjoyable day at this venue.



17th July The RBLR-Notts' Gathering

The Nott's Gathering was invaded by a few
Lincolnshire Riders.



19th July Ride out to Mablethorpe

A few Riders had a ride from Nott's to Mablethorpe
and were joined by a few Linc's members.



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19th July BMF Bike Night at Mallory Park

BMF Bike night count.
£73.80 in total
£50.88 cash
£23.00 QR code.
Not bad for just under a couple of hours stand.
Also talked to lots of people about the riders too.
Thank you everyone.



20th July 3rd Chesterfield Day, Collecting

We as usual had a steady day but finished at 15:30 as most people had wandered of home, there was plenty of time to talk with joe public, plus of cause the usual banter between everyone, the ladies were on top form as usual, so us men stayed out of the way.
So how did we do not bad at all paid in this morning
Cash to Bank £812.85
Card reader £59.50
Grand Total £872.35
Again, a huge thank to everyone, without this will never happen.



21st July Lincolnshire Sunday Brunch

An enjoyable Brunch at a new location.



26th to 28th July CMRC Donnington Park

Our final count from Donnington Park CMRC event is.
£912.54
£878.54 cash
£34.00 QR code
A huge thank you to all who supported us



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Upcoming Events

Events with an Orange background to the header are the ones we have been invited to attend.

AUGUST

2nd to 4th August
MAG Yorkshire Pudding Rally

Escrick Park, Near York.

See Poster at end of Newsletter.

2nd to 4th August
Cromford Steam Rally

Cromford Steam Rally attempt number two. After the slightly inclement weather at last year's event (apparently Noah couldn't get in as it was raining so much) we hope to have our wares and doo dads for sale to the unsuspecting public this time around. The rally is held at: Cromford Steam Rally, Highacres Farm, Dewey Lane, Brackenfield, Nr. Matlock, Derbyshire, DE55 6DB If you are at a loose end and fancy joining us, feel free.

[See Forum for Details](#)

5th August
Derbyshire Meet & Greet

At Palmer Morewood Memorial Hall
36 Hall Street
Alfreton
Doors open 19:30

27th July
Lincolnshire – Gedney Drove End Fete.

Thanks to [Sheila Goodeve](#) [Brian McInnes](#) [Roz Smith](#) [Adrian Lea](#) [Maggie Tasker](#) and Chris, Steve Foster and guest Mo. For attending today's [GEDNEY DROVE END SUMMER FETE](#) we made a total of £79.57, towards the poppy appeal. Thanks to [Ian Field](#) for the invite.



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7th August Lincolnshire Monthly Meet

As usual we will be at the
The Bull, Public House
London Road
Bracebridge Heath
Lincoln
LN4 2LA
19.00hrs for 19.30 start
The Pub serves food until 20:00 and you could
make an evening of it.

9th to 11th August Notts – Gothic Uprising Rally

**One for those who like their Rock & Beer and a
lively weekend!!**

Gothic Bikers have once again invited us to take
our stand to their annual rally - Normally one
right up there for my Stonedead team but as
they'll be at it two weeks later at that festival if
they wish to save themselves so I'm looking for
the 2024 Gothics Rally Team! Mark & Gail Betts
have volunteered to head things up as sadly

More Info on the Forum.

11th August Skegness Carnival

We've been invited to ride our bikes in this year's
Skegness Carnival Parade.
Arrive at the carpark behind Tesco's at Midday for
13.00hrs start.
Richmond Dr, Skegness PE25 3PQ.

For those that want it I've booked breakfast at
Poppy's Restaurant
Burgh Rd,
Burgh le Marsh
Skegness
PE24 4UF

For 15 to 20 people at 10.00hrs. Please inform me if
you require breakfast (gluten free available) so I can
let the restaurant know how many for definite.

I'm planning at leaving here about 11.30ish to head
to Tesco's.
Berets or our Rider's caps can be worn in the parade.

14th August Lincolnshire, Lancaster Bomber Bike Night.

We will be putting our stall up at.
The Lincolnshire Aviation
Heritage Centre,
East Kirkby Airfield
Nr Spilsby
Lincolnshire
PE23 4DE

Unfortunately, I can only get two members in
for free, so that will be me and Sheila as we are
taking the gear.
It's £5 per bike (on a normal day it will cost you
over £20 for a couple to get in). So, if you
would like to go we would very much
appreciate it if you could take a turn on the
stall, so we can have a break.

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17th August Northants Meeting

Northants RBLR will hold a get together with Veterans breakfast morning at 0915 on 17 August at the Ock n Dough 14-16 Farm Road, Wellingborough, NN18 4UF, followed by a ride out to Two Flags Cafe, A47, Rutland, LE15 8QH

17th August North Kyme Summer Fete

We have been invited to put our stall up at North Kyme summer fete.

Vacherie Ln, North Kyme, Lincoln LN4 4DL

I propose we arrive at 11.30am to set up, for a 14.00hrs start.

There is a bar and BBQ.

As per the County Reps Manual, can I ask that some of you get there at the same time as me to help set up. Also, if you are happy for the public to sit on your bikes, please get there in good time to allow your bikes to cool down. Your bikes will be in the main display. If you need to leave early or do not want the public sitting on your bikes, then your bikes will be to the rear of the main display.

Thank You

17th August Leicester – Wedding Escort

We have been asked to provide a wedding escort. The bride is travelling to church on a motorbike, and it is a surprise for her husband to be who is also a biker. She has since joined the Riders Branch so she is family.

The plan is to escort her from her home to Church, both in Cropston, then possibly onto the reception at Cropston Pumping Station. Afterwards we can have a ride out and go somewhere for a bite to eat.

I realise plans are vague at the moment but I am looking for numbers.

When I have had chance to talk to the bride further I will confirm RV...also when we have firm numbers a meal will be booked and details provided.

Right now I am looking for numbers and for you to get the date in your diaries.

18th August Lincolnshire Sunday Brunch

I am looking to hold this at Sturgate Airfield, Gainsborough DN21 5PA



Please note the RV is Sturgate Airfield. If you would like to organise a ride in together from your area, please feel free. But if you organise an RV, please still attend it, even if you get no replies, as we agreed as a group. Thank you
Weather permitting a ride out afterwards, if weather bad why not come in the car.

21st August The RBLR-Notts' Gathering

The Royal British Legion Club (Hucknall)
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Hucknall,
Nottingham
NG15 7RA
Start at 19:30hrs until approx. 21:00hrs.

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23rd to 25th August Stonedead Festival

Once again, the Notts crew will be rocking our socks off at this fantastic event. This is one of our biggest events for the PA and the generosity of the rock fans cannot be understated. It's a killer on the feet but so worthwhile.

25th August Leicestershire & Rutland Twycross Zoo

So this will be our second attendance at Twycross for 2024 - they offer us a prime spot to meet the public, raise awareness of the Riders and raise funds for the RBL - and let's face it, most of our members feel quite at home there 😊

Again we will be meeting at the Zoo at 9.00am, setting up in time for 10.00am opening time, please feel free to come along and join in.

Twycross Zoo
Burton Road
Aylestone
CV9 3PX

29th August Leicestershire Meeting

Meeting held from 19:00 at
Birstall Royal British Legion Club 19 Front Street,
Birstall, LE4 4DQ

31st August Wainfleet Motorcycle Meet.

We've been invited to take our Poppy stall to this year's Wainfleet Bike Meet.

Market Place
Wainfleet
PE24 4BX.

We have enough room for our gazebo and four bikes. Unfortunately, there is no grass for our blow-up gazebo, so I'm thinking, the bikes to be displayed if they want to is, Everyone else going please park in the surrounding streets, but please have a turn on the stall.

If the three I've chosen don't want to put their bikes on display I'll ask someone else.

Please arrive by 10.30 to help set up.

Thank you.

31st August Syston Summer Fayre

We have been invited back by Syston RBL who would like to host us for Syston Summer Fayre. we will be having a stand for fund raising and showing our bikes.

The venue is Central Park Syston. Set up from 11.00

The event starts at 12.00.

At the moment we will meet at the park to set up.

But if we get enough people attending, we may have a ride in at the start of the Fayre.

Confirmation to follow.

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SEPTEMBER

2nd September Derbyshire Meet & Greet.

At Palmer Morewood Memorial Hall
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Alfreton

Doors open 19:30

4th September Lincolnshire Monthly Meeting

As usual we will be at the
The Bull, Public House
London Road
Bracebridge Heath
Lincoln
LN4 2LA

19.00hrs for 19.30 start

The Pub serves food until 20:00 and you could make an evening of it.

8th September Nott's Treasure Hunt

IT'S BACK!!! The most awaited event in the diary so far. YES, it's the 2024 Treasure Hunt. Join us for a rumble around the local area, deciphering clues and having a giggle, all with a monster* prize for the winner (s). Meet at McDonalds Ripley (Butterley Park, Nottingham Road, Ripley DE5 3QP for 09:30. Clue sheets will be handed out on arrival and a 10:00 set off is planned. HINT: Google will be your friend on this one. Join us for a good laugh and a good ride. Pop and crisps will be available at a point on the route ■

*Prize given may not match the description and may be more disappointing than expected.

14th September 4th Chesterfield Day, Collecting

Well, here it is, possibly the last event of this year's Poppy Appeal. Vicar lane have once again allowed us to have our stand within the precinct.

We are not sure at the moment where we will be, but I am sure we will be told in due course.

All the kit will be there for around the 08:30 mark, to set up ready for Joe public, let's hope the weather is good to us.

We will of course have the brew kit with us, and as usual it will be a £1 for your Tea and Coffee plus the odd biscuit or two for the day.

If you can help, please let Dave Hunter know.

15th September Lincolnshire Sunday Brunch

We are trying a new venue this month, which is owned and run by one of our own members.



Willow tea rooms
128 West St, Alford LN13 9DR
10:00-12:00

Please note there is no parking for this so please park in the market square, which I believe is free parking.

The RV is Willow Tea Rooms. If you would like to organise a ride in together from your area, please feel free. But if you organise an RV, please still attend it, even if you get no replies, as we agreed as a group. Thank you
Weather permitting ride out afterwards if not why not come in the car.

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Start at 19:30hrs until approx. 21:00hrs.

26th September Leicestershire Meeting

Meeting held from 19:00 at
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Birstall, LE4 4DQ

29th September Lancaster Bomber Memorial Service

SIBSEY LANCASTER MEMORIAL TRUST
Annual Memorial Service in the field
Sunday 29th September 2.30pm
Commemorating the Crew of Lancaster ED 503 –
No. 9 Squadron
Sibsey Northlands in the field (approx. PE22 0UF)
look out for direction signs
Everyone welcome and please come back to
Sibsey Village Hall for free refreshments;
this event is free with free parking and a free bus
from Tattershall Marketplace at 1.30pm

In 1943 a Lancaster aircraft crashed in a field at
Sibsey Northland killing all members of the crew.
One member of the crew was recovered, and he is
buried in Scotland...

The aircraft and men are buried where they fell;
the ground was too marshy to allow any recovery.

I am proposing an RV in the Car Park outside the
New England Hotel in Wide Bargate, Boston, (49
Wide Bargate, Boston PE21 6SH)
12:30 for 13:00 departure to Sibsey Northlands.

Names of Attendees to Tony please

OCTOBER

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5th October Ride To The Wall

More Info when known.

7th October Derbyshire Meet & Greet

At Palmer Morewood Memorial Hall
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Doors open 19:30

16th October The RBLR-Notts' Gathering

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Hucknall,
Nottingham
NG15 7RA

Start at 19:30hrs until approx. 21:00hrs.

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31st October Leicestershire Meeting

Meeting held from 19:00 at
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Birstall, LE4 4DQ

28th November Leicestershire Meeting

Meeting held from 19:00 at
Birstall Royal British Legion Club 19 Front Street,
Birstall, LE4 4DQ

NOVEMBER

4th November Derbyshire Meet & Greet

At Palmer Morewood Memorial Hall
36 Hall Street
Alfreton

Doors open 19:30

6th November Lincolnshire Monthly Meet

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Bracebridge Heath
Lincoln
LN4 2LA

19.00hrs for 19.30 start

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16th November Riders Branch AGM

**Saturday 16th Nov
1300hrs start**

**Oldbury RBL Club
Windsor Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
B68 8NY.**

POSTERS

5 weeks to go to our 1st meeting of 2024 at our new venue and day. Hope to see you there.

LINCOLNSHIRE BIKE NIGHTS 2024

Since 1989 - Over 34 years of Bike Nights in Lincolnshire **NIGHTS START 6PM**

SPORT BIKE NIGHTS		CRUISER NIGHTS	
APR	3 Ship Inn - Horncastle 10 Butchers Arms - North Kelsey 17 The Nags Head - Wootton 24 Caistor Lakes Leisure Park - Caistor	APR	12 Royal Oak - Scopwick Brigg Football Club The Wheatsheaf - Hibaldstow Stirrup Inn - Willoughton
MAY	1 Dog & Gun - East Butterwick 8 The Cross Keys - Fulstow 15 NEW Royal Oak (The Splash) - Little Cawthorpe 22 Sun Inn - Saxilby 29 NEW Royal Oak - Scopwick	MAY	12 Yardbirds Rock Club - Grimsby 15 Fox Inn - Ulceby 22 Rose & Crown - Upton 29 Blue Bell - Tattershall Thorpe (LN4 4PE) The Salutation Inn - Nettleton
JUN	5 Foxhills Institute - Scunthorpe 12 Lancaster Bomber Night - Joint Bike Night - Engines start 8pm - £5 per bike 19 Kings Head - Tealby 26 The Wheatsheaf - Hibaldstow	JUN	12 NEW Royal Oak (The Splash) - Little Cawthorpe 19 Ferry House Inn - Burton-Upon-Stather 26 NEW New Inn - Great Limber
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SHIP & ATLANTIC BAR
CASTLETON BOULEVARD
SKEGNESS PE25 1RZ

2024 Dates
25th Mar
29th Apr
27th May
24th Jun
29th Jul
5th Aug
12th Aug
19th Aug
26th Aug
30th Sep

6PM TO 9PM

**REFRESHMENTS
FOOD
FRIENDLY**

**Friendly Run Bike Night
New Venue for 2024**

**ALL BIKES/
TRIKES
WELCOME**

TEL: 07871784002 FOR ENQUIRIES

Waltham Windmill

Bike Meet 2024!

Saturday the 17th of August

Help us to raise much needed funds for the mills ongoing upkeep and restoration!

Free to enter - donations welcome!
Food & drink available.
Lots to see, enjoy the site!
Turn up & enjoy the atmosphere!
All welcome, bike or no bike!
10.00am to 17.00

FAUN CAFÉ BIKE NIGHTS

THURSDAYS 2024
OPEN FROM 10AM UNTIL 8.30PM

THE OLD RAF BASE
GIBSON ROAD
HEMSWELL CLIFF DN21 5TL
TEL 01427 667787

BIKE NIGHTS 2024 THURSDAYS

APRIL 4th
APRIL 18th
MAY 2nd
MAY 16th
MAY 30th
JUNE 13th
JUNE 27th
JULY 11th
JULY 25th
AUGUST 8th
AUGUST 22nd

#girlsrideout

THORNTON DIVISION BROTHERHOOD


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**WAINFLEET ANNUAL
BIKE MEET**

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST 2024

PE24 4BX 12 noon onwards
Market Place - Wainfleet

Live Music
Stalls, Food,
Drink &
More



Traders/Exhibitors
please contact:
Mick Rust
07880 904272
Buzz Hardy
07753 962312

Come join the fun!

Bike Meet is supporting:
Air Ambulance - Lincolnshire Blood Bikes - Butterfly Hospice Boston

WAINFLEET BIKE NIGHT

SERVICES

These Services and Recommendations are from members and Not Endorsed by the R.B.L.R. or wider R.B.L. Community.



The WAVE Snack Bar

**W.A.V.E on the A15 near RAF
Waddington**

Members Recommendations

I have deleted the previous recommendations, as I had no feedback.

If anybody wants to recommend a Bike Dealer, Bike Mechanic, Café etc. please send it to me.

Members Café, etc. Recommendations.

Tim Shephardson Motor Engineer, Soff Lane, South End, Goxhill, Barrow-upon-Humber DN19 7NA, 01469 531699

Notes

Just a few of the many events' going on that the Riders attend.

If you want any event published in these SRO, or want any detail of events, tickets etc., advertised in this SRO.

Contact Andy on rblrlincs@hotmail.co.uk

phone **07920 760097**

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Or

See the Riders Branch Forum

If you have any ideas or improvements for this SRO, please let me know. Feel free to print and share or email to your friends & acquaintances.

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Should you no longer wish to receive this SRO, please contact me and you will be removed from the mailing list.

