



The Royal British Legion Riders Branch



Newsletter for the East Midlands Area

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Welcome to the December Newsletter. I have been giving much thought as to how to develop the Newsletter for the future.

First and foremost, it must encompass the whole of our region, not just one or two groups. It must be entertaining to you the readers but not just a copy of the local Facebook pages. I do not want to just print lists of dates and pictures we have already seen.

I also accept that some of you do not do social media but that said our local networks and branch meets are great places to share local county events. So, if you haven't attended a branch meeting why not start next month, it's a great place to meet up enjoy a few laughs and make new friends.

I will continue to publish the bigger events here where you are looking for more support.

So, what am I looking for, County Reps, I am seeking your help to fill these pages, thanks to Paula Stroud and Tony Goodeve for your contributions this month.

Members this is your newsletter, your contributions are welcome even if its only to keep my ramblings to a minimum!!!

You will find a couple of pages later on with not much on- these are yours to fill.

Contributions should be sent to me preferably by email to

lan.field55@outlook.com

I am also on WhatsApp and Messenger.

Please email pictures, its easier for this novice to edit!

LEICESTER & RUTLAND

Just a quick catch up from Leicestershire and Rutland.

Festival of Remembrance.

Leicestershire and Rutland County were invited to the Festival of Remembrance Launch at De Montfort Hall in Leicester where we were supported by the Branch Standard Bearer.



We had members in the muster and a stall for raising funds for the Poppy Appeal was well supported by members of the public on the night.

Remembrance Sunday, we paraded in Oakham on Sunday and were invited to attend a Remembrance Service on Monday 11th at one of the local hospitals, we also had members taking part in the Blaby Parade, along with other members attending several different services across the County.

AGM

We had a good turnout of members at the Branch AGM, as always, a good time was had by all and one of our members was recipient of a Certificate of Merit from the Branch.

Planning

We are taking time over the winter to plan for next season and hope to get some rides in on the better days, hopefully when the snow has been and gone.



Meetings

Our Meet n Greets are held at
Birstall Royal British Legion,
Front Street,
Birstall
LE4 4DQ

We meet up from 7.00pm with updates on events and news for the County from 7.30pm
- everyone welcome.

Our remaining meetings for this year are:

Thursday 28th November

Monday 30th December, with a quiz thrown in for good measure.

Paula Stroud

County Rep

LINCOLNSHIRE

Well, we've had a difficult and emotional couple of months, with the passing of our friend and former Lincolnshire County Rep Andy Downey. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who turned up to escort Andy on his final journey, and to those that helped on the day. We did him proud.

What else have we been up to?

We had a brunch meet in Gainsborough, only a handful turned up as the weather was atrocious. But thanks to Alan Wallis for organising it.

26th October

We attended the Lincolnshire poppy launch, at East Kirkby Aviation Centre. For once it didn't rain. Meeting up for breakfast (any excuse for food) then riding in together in formation. Thanks to Adrian Manning for sorting out the breakfast.

A group photo was taken in front of Just Jane (Lancaster).

6th November

Was our monthly get together at the Bull Lincoln, again was very well attended.



Remembrance Sunday saw us doing the Stamford parade, as we always do, this was very well attended, and we even got a new member out of it.

My wife and I attended this year's AGM, which was great fun as normal. Maybe next year we could get a better turn out from Lincolnshire?

29th November

Andy's funeral which I've already mentioned.

4th December

15 members and one guest, enjoyed a lovely Christmas meal at the Bull, followed by a quiz.



Our last brunch meet of the year is on the 15th December at Cheerios Cafe. Please note this is a cash only venue.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (please note we are not meeting in January), at the Bull Bracebridge Heath. For a 19.30hrs start, most of us get there by six for food.

Just leaves me to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a great new year.

Tony Goodeve

County Rep

Thanks to Paula and Tony, Next month I hope to have more content from the rest of the region!



RIDER RECOMMENDED

This space is for you to tell the rest of where to expect Good Service, Good Food or anything else that may be of interest.



Dates for your diary

LINCOLNSHIRE

Branch meets 1st Wednesday of the month

The Bull Public House, London Road, Bracebridge Heath, LN4 2LA

Monthly Brunch 3rd Sunday of the month held at various locations around the county.