



## *“Service Not Self” - Issue 2 Newsletter (11/4/11)*

**Current Membership—190**



Mar/April was a very interesting month with Riders Branch members attending:

### **26 Mar—Saltire Bikes Opening.**

On invite from Saltire Bikes, Kaz Holmes established a recruiting stand inside the showroom on the opening Saturday. Assisted by branch members she managed to get 14 signed up. At one point of the day I am convinced that there was more members at the Riders Branch RBL stand than visiting the shop (SHD on mass too)

### **27 Mar—Forth Gear Easter Egg Run**

Sponsor, Bob Gillies gathered the Riders Branch for breakfast at Frankie and Benny's South Queensferry, before the short hop to Forth Gear shop. 40 bikes and some additional pillion riders delivered over 100 eggs for Forth FM and the kids of Edinburgh. Afterwards splinter groups made off for; East Fortune, Anstruther and Callander ensuring almost all attendees had a short ride out combined with the day.

### **1-3 Apr—RIDE OF RESPECT (RWB)**

Saturday 1 April 14 hardly souls and a couple of foolish ones set off for Cheltenham

and the overnight stay and drink with RBL Cheltenham. Day 2 involved a quick hop to Hullavington Airfield for the later ride through Royal Wootton Bassett. Although, understanding why we were there I am convinced that we were the main attraction!

### **3 Apr—RIDE OF RESPECT (Glasgow)**

8 attended the Ride of Respect in Glasgow which started in Cumbernauld and ended at Maryhill TA Centre, WELL DONE

### **FUNERAL FOR LCPL LACKIE**

In Cupar, Fife on Fri 15 Apr 11. Meet KINROSS Services at 0930 hrs for those wishing to attend, to pay respects.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Goes to Graeme Heatherwick of Staples Dundee who provided the Riders Branch with a pop up recruiting display free of charge. Hurrah

### **PARTNERSHIP NOTICE**

The Riders Branch RBL formally accepted a Partnership with the Patriot Guard Riders US for the purpose of expanding our “veteran support family”.

### **Events List:**

- 14 May—Overnight Ullapool (contact Chairman if not on forum)
- 15 May—Meet & Greet at Glenrothes RBL 1200 hrs (sponsored by East/ North Area)
- 29 May Erskine Hospital.
- 17-18 Jun—Parade of Colours COLDSTREAM
- 18-19 Jun—BSB Knockhill
- 25-26 Jun AFD 11
- 2 Jul—BLESMA Crieff Day
- 8-10 Jul BMF Kelso
- 26-29 Aug TiTG
- 30 Sep—2 Oct—Ride to the Wall
- Anyone wishing to sponsor / notify an event contact the Chairman.
- Ride-outs will commence soon once members get their bikes out of the garage!



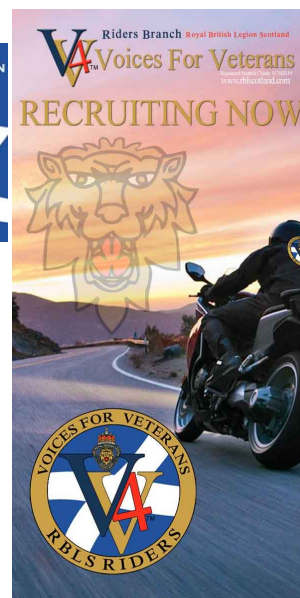
## Erskine Hospital Open Day



Erskine provides specialist dementia care to approx 1300 veterans each year in 5 residential locations throughout Scotland and support to a further 3 partnership care homes. The day comprises of a mass ride to the main location at Bishopton from throughout Scotland, each rider paying a small donation at the site (£5.00). Funds raised can buy:

- £10.00 specially adapted cutlery.

- £30.00 quadrupled walking stick
- £155.00 could buy one day nursing care
- £350.00 specialist medical for one resident per year
- £670.00 buys a hydraulic bed.
- £1000 fits out a “quiet” room for relatives.





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**Forth Gear Easter Egg Run breakfast, Frankie and Benny's, Sth Queensferry**

**Thing to Note:**

Chairman is still raising sponsorship for his attempt at the Saltire Challenge.

AFD 11—Names being taken for attendance. Small donation guarantees you a slot on the parade and a moment from the Riders Branch (Limited Edition).

The RBLS Annual Conference in Perth in June, will be when the Riders Branch will hopefully be receiving 8 medals in recognition of recruiting achievements by members.



**Ride of Respect  
 RWB**

The hardy souls who went down to Wootton Bassett for the Ride of Respect on 3 April. Friday 2 April being hosted by RBL Cheltenham in the Albion Club.



**Kaz and her trusty team at Saltire Edinburgh -- 14 new members recruited**

**GLASGOW**

**Ride of Respect—3 April**

