

Widows Sons 2019 National Rally

Hosted by West & East Midlands Chapters



26th to 28th July 2019

Lichfield Rugby Club

Cooke Fields, Tamworth Road
Lichfield WS14 9JE United Kingdom

Introductions



Welcome to the 2019 Rally, held in conjunction with the East Midlands team.

Both Chapters have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure you all have a good time and to create a program of events that will keep you entertained over the weekend. This program is packed with useful information, maps and full details of the Program. I will be onsite all weekend and happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please enjoy yourselves, enjoy what the Midlands have to offer – and have a very safe return trip.

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Brethren and visitors, welcome to this, the Widows Sons 15th Anniversary Rally here in Lichfield. It doesn't seem too long ago since some of us were camped in a wet field (reoccurring theme) near Chepstow for the National Rally. If I remember correctly around 100 of us attended the event. Things have changed significantly since then. This weekend we have 500 members and friends. We are much more organised, and better at what we do. We are a Masonic success story. Thanks to your help and support this Rally will raise even more money for the good causes we all support. On behalf of the East and West Midlands Chapters I wish you all a very enjoyable stay with us.

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Brethren - “Happy Anniversary”

In the lead up to this event, I have been very reflective, looking back at our small beginnings, and comparing them to what we have become now, in what is a very short space of time. I remember sitting in a small dusty meeting room in the Nottingham Masonic hall, a small group of us sitting around a table, creating what became the Presidents Governing Board, and laying out the foundations for our future without any idea of the size and extent of the success we would achieve, to this day it still makes me swell with pride.

At our first PGB meeting we had 6 chapters and nearly 100 members, we now have 23 chapters and over 1000 members. We donate an average £60,000 a year to charity, have attracted good men into masonry, and saved lodges from closure in a number of Provinces around the country. We are now the largest and most successful Masonic Association in the UK, and this is still “early days” there is so much more we can do together, to be one of the leading lights in the craft.

I have a cutting in a scrapbook, which is the very first article in Freemasonry Today about the WSMBA, it asks the question “is it possible to belong to a gang of leather clad bikers and stay true to the principles of Freemasonry?” this title alone exhibits the early opinions about the Widows Sons, however now it is clear to all that we not only stick to our principles as Masons, but we perfect them as members of the Widows Sons. We are now on the Home page of the UGLE website, listed in the Grand Lodge Year book, we appeared in the documentary “Inside the Freemasons” and we have representation in every corner of the UK. Motorbikes and Masonry are clearly a perfect match.

Lets enjoy a fantastic weekend in good company, having a great time, celebrating what we have achieved, but most importantly, what we are yet to become in the future

Onwards and Upwards

Peter Younger

Widows Sons National Chairman

Programme of events

Friday 26th July

08:00	Reception & Main Gate opens
18:30	Joint Presidents Welcome (Marquee)
19:00	Tug of War draw and heats commence
21:00	Live entertainment in the Marquee - Freeway (Page 10)
23:00	Main gate closes

Saturday 27th July

08:00	Reception & Main Gate opens
09:30	"Short" Rideout Briefing
10:00	"Short" Rideout departs (see Rideouts page)
10:30	"Long" Rideout Briefing
11:00	"Long" Rideout departs (see Rideouts page)
14:15	Marshalled "Short" Rideout departs NMA
15:00	Presidents Governing Board (upstairs meeting room)
16:00	Marshalled "Long" Rideout departs Carsington
19:00	Pig Roast commences (second Pig will be served around 21:00)
20:00	Presentations & awards
	Presidents & UK Chairman Address
21:00	Live entertainment in the Marquee - The Sound AKA (Page 11)
22:00	Raffle Draw - tickets will be on sale all weekend
23:00	Main gate closes

Sunday 28th July

08:00	Reception & Main Gate opens
15:30	Site closes. Thank you & see you next year!

"Happy have we met, Happy may we part & Happy meet again"

The Rideouts

“Short” - National Memorial Arboretum

- DE13 7AR

The National Memorial Arboretum is Britain's year-round national site of remembrance at Alrewas, near Lichfield, Staffordshire, United Kingdom. It is a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice, and fosters pride in the British Armed Forces and civilian community. This is a great chance to visit the Venue of the Ride to the Wall without the crowds and you can be back early if you are in the PGB Meeting.

Riders briefing will be **09:30** in the Marquee, departure **10:00**. The scenic route there is less than 10 miles.

The guided return will leave **14:30** in time for PGB

“Long” - Carsington Water - DE6 1ST

Carsington Water is a reservoir operated by Severn Trent Water located between Wirksworth and Kniveton in Derbyshire, England. The reservoir takes water from the River Derwent at Ambergate during winter months, pumping up to the reservoir by 10.5-kilometre long tunnels and aqueduct.

Riders briefing will be **10:30** in the Marquee, departure **11:00**. The route there is around 40 miles.

The guided return will leave **16:00**

City Centre Attractions

Lichfield Cathedral - WS13 7LD



Lichfield Cathedral is the only medieval English cathedral with three spires. The Diocese of Lichfield covers all of Staffordshire, much of Shropshire and part of the Black Country and West Midlands. The stone is sandstone and came from a quarry on the south side of Lichfield. The walls of the nave lean outwards slightly, due to the weight of stone used in the ceiling vaulting; some 200–300 tons of which was removed during renovation work to prevent the walls leaning further.

The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum - WS13 6LG

Dr Samuel Johnson is perhaps Lichfield's most famous son. He was born in 1709 in the house on the corner of Breadmarket Street, which is now a museum dedicated to his life.

Beacon Park - WS13 6QZ

Beacon Park is set in more than 70 acres of beautiful gardens and open space. Museum Gardens is the formal part of the park. With its stunning floral displays and avenue of trees, along with the centrepiece fountain, statues of Captain Smith of the Titanic, King Edward VII, and Erasmus Darwin, it is a must-see on your visit.

Erasmus Darwin House - WS13 7AD

Erasmus Darwin House is the former home of the English poet and physician Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of naturalist Charles Darwin.

The Old Guildhall Prison Cells - WS13 6LX



The Old Guildhall Prison for felons and debtors is at the rear of the Guildhall. Visitors can explore original cells and the history of law and order in the city in this small display, on the site which has been in use as a prison since 1548.

National Memorial Arboretum - DE13 7AR

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Black Country Living Museum - DY1 4SQ



An award-winning corner of the West Midlands is now one of the finest and largest open-air museums in the United Kingdom. Location for some scenes in *Peaky Blinders*, this is twenty six acres worth exploring. They have created a 'place' – a real and lively place, where once there was nothing and nobody. With a village and charismatic residents to chat with. Trams to ride. Things being made. Stories to hear. Time to be well spent.

Letocetum Roman Site and Museum (Wall) - WS14 0AW

Letocetum is the ancient remains of a Roman settlement. It was an important military staging post and posting station near the junction of Watling Street, the Roman military road to North Wales, and Icknield Street.

Staffordshire Regiment Museum, Whittington - WS14 9PY

The Staffordshire Regiment Museum is a military museum in Staffordshire, England, preserving the history of the Staffordshire Regiment, its antecedent regiments and its successor regiment, the Mercian Regiment, from 1705 to the present.

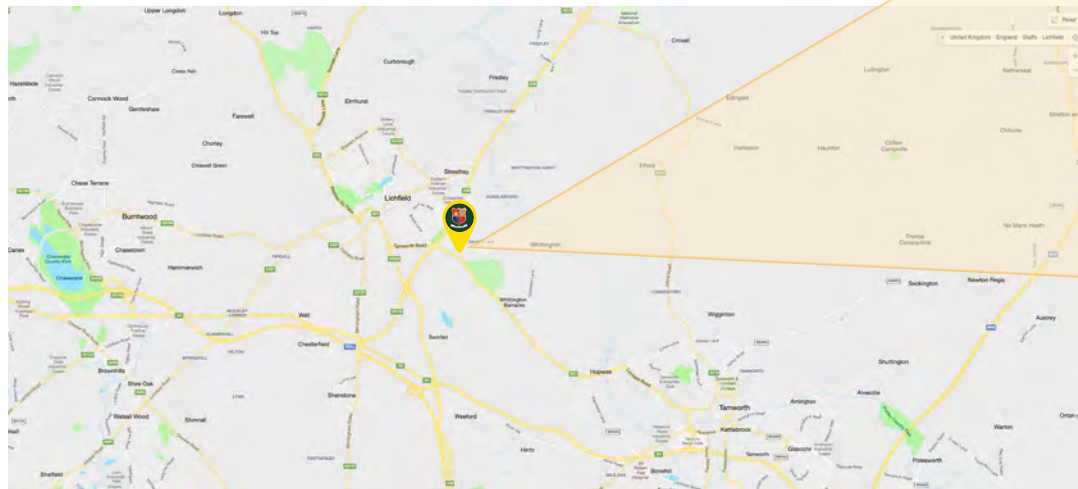
Chasewater Railway - WS8 7NL

The Chasewater Railway is a former colliery railway running round the shores of Chasewater in Staffordshire, England. It is now operated as a heritage railway.

Cannock Chase AONB

Cannock Chase was designated as an AONB in 1958 because of its beautiful landscape, its wildlife and its history. Cannock Chase is the largest surviving area of lowland heathland in the Midlands. Wild deer still roam the Chase and are probably descended from the original herd introduced in Norman times for hunting purposes.

Directions



6. Stay on A5 until Weeford Interchange, junction with A38 - take the 5th exit onto the A38 ramp to Burton/Lichfield
7. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto London Rd/A5206
8. 0.5 m (Owl at Lichfield Pub) Turn Right onto Cricket Lane
9. 0.3 m Turn right onto Tamworth Rd/A51
10. 0.6 m - Turn left just before Horse & Jockey Pub.
11. LRFC is 250 feet on the right

From the North (heading South on M6)

1. At junction 11a, Use the left 2 lanes to take the M6 exit to Birmingham/M5
2. Keep left to continue on Exit 11, follow signs for A460/Cannock, at the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A460
3. 0.5 m - at the roundabout, take the 3rd exit and stay on A460
4. 1.6 m - at the roundabout, take the 4th exit onto Walsall Rd/Watling St/A34/A5
(do not take M6 Toll)
5. Continue on A5 until "Wall Island" - Junction with A5148 (Shenstone) Signposted National Memorial Arboretum and Burton A5148. Take 2nd exit.
6. At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit onto London Rd/A5206
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From the South (heading North on M1)

1. Heading north on M1
2. At junction 19, take the M6 exit to Coventry/Birmingham
3. Continue to J3a - Merge onto M42 Northbound (leave M6)
4. Follow M42 until J10
5. At junction 10, take the first exit to A5 to Tamworth

Housekeeping and general information

- Please observe **5 mph Speed Limit** on site at all times
- Please stay off No1 playing pitch (at front with Stands and Barrier) at all times
- We have secure parking areas for bikes, reserved parking for motorhomes and caravans. You will not be able to exit the bike compound without matching wristbands
- There will be a 24hr Stewards presence by our team
- **Emergency contact No: 07792626955** - Stewards will operate from the Gazebo at the main entrance.
- There are separate toilets and showers for Men and Women open permanently
- Please do not take glass outside the rugby club rooms.
- The sale of alcohol is prohibited
- Qualified First aid facilities are available on site by St John's Ambulance in or near changing room area or please contact the emergency number for more information
- The Wi-Fi Password is lichfield1874 (all small case)
- More rubbish bags are available from the gazebo and a mixed waste skip is on site
- The nearest Petrol Station & Shop - turn right from the T Junction onto the A51. A Shell station is at the Junction with A5206 (London Rd) at the Traffic Lights approx 2 minutes/1 mile on your left





Freeway Rock Covers Band

Freeway are a four-piece modern and classic rock covers band, with indie, pop rock and pop punk classics added to suit all audiences. We are constantly rehearsing and adding new tracks to our expanding repertoire, to allow us to tailor our sets for known preferences in regular venues. We play songs from the 60's through to the 00's, covering great tracks from bands including The Rolling Stones, David Bowie, T-Rex, U2, Chuck Berry, Kings of Leon, Stereophonics, The Clash, Primal Scream, Martha and the Muffins and many more.

We currently have three hours of material and will generally play until the curfew dictates that we stop. We also select our set to get the audience up and dancing and thrive on the energy feed back from a participating audience.

We play throughout the East Midlands, and are keen to add to our list of regular venues, and would be happy to travel further afield for quality gigs.

To have us play your venue then please contact either:
Mark on 07742 538363 or Tony on 07814 740434

Band Members

Dave Mountford -Lead Vocals
Tony Beet - Bass
Stuart Waller - Lead Guitar/Backing Vocals
Mark Jeffery - Drums

The Sound AKA

OUR STORY

We are a Midlands based 4 piece Punk-Ska-Mod-Alternative-60s-Rock Covers Band, formed ten years ago, consistently delivering powerful, Dance Floor packed gigs, playing Music made famous by The Who, Kinks, Jam, Specials, Bad Manners, Madness, The Skids, Clash, Undertones and others.



Band Members:
Matt the lead,
Bill the bass, Ade the sticks
& Phil the voice



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A vibrant, colorful advertisement for Drayton Manor Theme Park. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and falling confetti. In the center, the text "CREATING FUN FAMILY MEMORIES" is written in large, bold, white letters with a purple outline. Below this, a yellow banner reads "#LITTMOMENTS". At the bottom left, the text "OVER 100 Rides & Attractions" is displayed in a stylized font. The Drayton Manor logo is at the top left, and the "HOME OF THOMAS LAND" logo is at the top right. Various rides and attractions are depicted, including a roller coaster, a helicopter, a Ferris wheel, and several Thomas the Tank Engine trains. A circular seal on the right side reads "AWARDED BEST FAMILY DAY OUT". The website "DraytonManor.co.uk" is at the bottom right. A small copyright notice is in the bottom left corner.

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