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## Chairman's bit:

Hi All

I recently picked up a heart-warming story from Face ache [sorry Facebook], which is a story, published in the Herald Express in Devon:

### What makes it so worthwhile...

By *Herald Express* | Posted: March 11, 2015



**THANKS:** Felix with Devon Freewheelers volunteer Les May

*FELIX was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia at just three years old.*

*His treatment has been very aggressive and he needed eight blood transfusions and 10 platelet transfusions in the first few months alone.*

*These transfusions were lifesaving; a normal platelet count for a child is between 150 and 400 - at one point Felix's count was just 9, leaving him susceptible to life-threatening bleeding.*

*Typically, Felix's transfusions were required at weekends or late at night and were always an urgent request.*

*Mum, Jayne, says: "We hadn't really given much thought to how the transfusions arrived until a nurse mentioned in passing to Felix that a motorbike was bringing them.*

*"He was so impressed to learn this and even more excited when we actually saw a rider bringing the transfusion into hospital!"*

*"I was astounded when I realised that it was due to the kindness of volunteer riders that he was able to get his transfusion so quickly, enabling him to be well and get back home as soon as possible.*

*"We are so grateful to the Devon Freewheelers for the part they have played in helping our little boy through his treatment.*

This explains why we do what we do, not for kudos, praise, bragging rights, or to be able to ride an emergency bike, we do it to help save lives and help our Hospitals do just that.

That said, I personally praise every single volunteer we have, and all those across the UK for doing what we do, keep it up, it definitely helps.

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**Following on from that:**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and Southport ask us to do a run to Birmingham City Hospital. The Controller, [Rosemarie Marsden], contacted Midland Freewheelers and a meet was made at Keele Services by Bill Dennis and a rider from MFW for hand over, and the package was safely delivered. Well done Rosemarie and Bill.

Two days before and they used a taxi instead of seeing if we could do it, and the bill? In excess of £400.

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### East Area Manager Award:

The East Area manager, Neil Demaline, got a shock recently at his latest area meeting:

Courtesy of George Korol (East Rider)

Our area meeting was combined with the initial award of the prestigious "**Diarrhoea award.**"

An award presented to the East Area Rider making themselves available for having the most "runs".

Leading from the front, the initial recipient is none other than Area Manager Neil Demaline.

Neil is pictured at our glittering awards ceremony receiving his trophy from Deputy Controller Manager, Neil McCall.



The "diarrhoea award" will be presented on a similar basis at our next quarterly area meeting in June. The rider offering their services for the greatest number of hours over the preceding three months will hold the trophy until the next meeting.

Just a bit of fun, intended to increase participation and give bragging (and some explaining) rights to

the holder of the trophy, which we hope will be displayed prominently in the recipient's home or business.

PB: Very apt for the recipient ☺ ☺ ☺

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### Manchester Bike Show:

Haydn Williams [Treasurer] helped us get to the show and Lee Townsend was given the job of organising it all. Guys there on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March were Graham Jones, Campbell & Julie McCorkindale, Mick Steel and Lee Townsend, and on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> were Paul & Denise Brooks, Simon Hanson, Dave Meredith, Andy Downey and of course Lee Townsend, and they got the job of pulling it all to bits ☺

Lee and his guys did a great job even down to getting a large screen TV with our presentation continually running on a loop. Many thanks to Lee and his people.

Laurence Brannigan brought us 6 Ferrari watches to raffle and we made £250 from them and by chance one of our new riders, Chris Turner, won one of the watches. Needless to say he was well pleased.

Here's the twist:

Knowing one of our members wanted the watch Chris won, and the fact that Chris has enough watches, he has sold it to that member and the amount paid £100, has been donated to the charity by Chris. I think you'll agree he's a STAR \*



All the winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Maxwell	white ticket 441-445
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Turner	white ticket 316-320
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Cleworth	white ticket 291-295
4 <sup>th</sup>	Angus	green ticket 626-630
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Mahon	green ticket 661-665
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mo/d Chaudry	green ticket 741-745

Blood Bikes Manchester were there and a host of businesses, making it a good show, which I'm sure will get better year on year.

Of course, there were other attractions, as you can see below, doesn't our stand look good???



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### Updated Film:

We now have an updated film to use at shows and presentations and any member can have a copy to advertise what we do.

Members who give talks to groups can have the use of a projector to show these films and those who've got access to Facebook [grrrr!] can view the film with a song "Angels on two wheels".

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### Show & Tell 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

We know that some members were not aware of this show, otherwise known as "Emergency 999", but that was simply down to the fact that we only

knew what they wanted 2 full days before the event.

It was the first time this show had ever been held at Washington Hall, Euxton, which is the Lancashire Fire & Rescue training facility, and organisation was a little rushed.

I have to say it was a bit bitty and spread out, but I'm sure it will get better every year and next year, hopefully, we will get plenty of advanced warning.

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### Donations/contributions for March:

£30.44	David Myers collection tub thanks to Ian Brooker*
£50	Widows Welcome Club
£106.29	Garth Dawson Studio thanks to Scott Miller*
£120	Memory Giving team, in memory of Barbara Harrison
£19.85	The Shovel's collection tub.
£25	Grimsargh Mothers Union
£100	Kendaloud District Driving Instructors.
£450	Well Oiled MCC
£200	Westhoughton Rotary
£10	Mrs Wight
£150	Leyland & Cuerdon Lions
£5,000	East Lancashire Hospital Trust

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### Have a laugh with Triggers Broom

If you are a fan of Only Fools & Horses, check this link out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUI6PooveJE>

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### Annual General Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015:

Please try and attend this meeting, as the Committee will be chosen for the next year by nomination and vote.

There is also quite a lot to discuss and the way we go forward.



## New Premises for NWBLL



There's just three downsides though:

- 1) It's right next to a railway track
- 2) It's a bit small
- 3) It's in the basement of a house near Toronto, Canada 😊

On the upside, our name has spread across the pond.

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Take care and remember:

**NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT AS TO PUT  
YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK**

*Paul* Chairman & Trustee.

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