



Chairman's bit:

Hi all,

Happy New Year to all our Members, in whatever capacity you help the Charity, and to your families and Friends, and I trust you'll join with me in wishing all our supporters and Hospital staff a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Well, 2015 is here and I'm going to bore and/or astound you with some figures from 2014, thanks to Jacqui, our Rota Manager. All figures are from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

EAST:	2217
CENTRAL:	1691
WEST:	1112
FYLDE:	949
NORTH:	927
SOUTH:	110
MILK:	93
TOTAL:	7099

These are outstanding figures, thanks to the dedication of all Riders and Controllers and all those who raise funds. A rough estimate of how

much we've saved all our Hospitals is; £284,000 an amazing amount.

We, "jointly", have set a ball rolling and it shows no sign of slowing down. Every single one of you should be proud and humbled at what we've achieved, I'm getting goose bumps just writing this. ☺

Two more figures: Christmas Day and Boxing Day we responded to 72 calls, and 2015 started with a bang as we responded to 38 calls from one minute passed midnight on 1st January to the end of the day. WELL DONE EVERYONE.

Letter of Thanks:

I have just received this letter, which speaks for itself:

31st December '14

Dear Mr. Brooks,

I would like you to accept this contribution for the Blood Bikes. It's a fantastic job you do and I used to see the bikes many times at Royal Preston Hospital where my late husband received treatment. I'm sure you must have brought blood & platelets for him many times. Thank you once again.

Yours Sincerely
Dorothy Fowler.

This is surely testament to what we do and why we do it. This is the second contribution from Mrs Fowler.

On a lighter note: Foggy!

As a result of the Christmas Bash put on by Shorrocks Motorcycles at the New Hall Tavern,

on Saturday night 27th December 2014, Carl Fogarty joined us. They ran an auction and raffle, and raised £1,100.

Tony from Shorrocks, (on the left) handed over the cash to Carl Farber (centre) who quickly passed it on our Treasurer Haydn Williams (seen counting it quickly ☺).



They also got T shirts made with our Logo and Foggy's on them for the bar staff to wear.

Thank you to all at Shorrocks and especially Tony for organising it and Foggy for coming along on the night.

What's come from where?

Members name in brackets

- £250 Tuesday Group Carol Service
- £300 Tech 22 (Mark Robert's company)
- £270 "In Memory" Donations Team
- £59 Chorley Wildhearts collection tub
- £179 (Mark Cooper's) collection tub
- £153 Lord Nelson, Mark & April.
- £28 The Shovels collection tub
- £17 Goosnargh P O (Lynnette Smith)
- £1,100 Shorrocks M/Cycles, Bash at New Hall Tavern.

We can't thank every donator enough, but Thank You anyway.

Drink Driving

With New Year upon us, I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about

drinking and driving.

As you know, some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends.

Well, two days ago, this happened to me. I was out for an evening with friends and had more than several beers followed by a couple of bottles of rather nice red wine and a few vodka shots.

Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit. That's when I did something I've never done before - I took a taxi home.

Sure enough on the way there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident.

This was a real surprise to me, because I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it.

So, if you want to borrow it give me a call. ☺

Forthcoming Meetings:

Controllers: Hartwood Hall, 7pm 05/01/15.

Committee: Hartwood Hall, 7pm 07/01/15.

Managers: Hartwood Hall, 7pm 15/01/15.

General: 10am Sunday 25/01/15 All members welcome. This will be at a new ultra modern venue. Address below:

Global Renewables Lancashire Operations Ltd,
Environmental Education Centre,
Farington Waste Recovery Park,
Sustainability Way,
Leyland,
Lancashire,
PR26 6TB

Take care and remember, "NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK".

Paul Chairman & Trustee.