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July 2016 NL Supplement



A Busy Time:

We have had a busy few weeks recently, but thanks to all who helped out. MARVELOUS!

Lytham Carnival:

Saturday 25th June 2016



Well done all those who helped out escorting and being there.

Family Fun Day:

Sunday 26th June 2016



Great turn out and thanks to Steve & Caroline Dunstan for organising it, and all those who went along.

Thanks also to Lancaster Brewery, let's make next year even better ☺

Shireburn Caravan park:

Saturday 2nd July 2016



Well done to Carl Farber for organising it and all those who attended. I think there should be a caption on this one for Kevin Sansom, the dog and why is Ivy flying?

What is Kevin thinking????

"Ivy, Stop jumping on the dog"

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Wrea Green Carnival:

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Well done all.

Crossing the border: (Written by Ian German)

7 of our members went for a 4 day tour of Scotland early in June. Ian German, Kevin Sansom (pillion Gosia), Paul Hatton, Andy Smith, Dennis German and Peter Wright. We covered 1000 miles in 4 days without a hitch and not a spot of rain (ed "What in Scotland?"). Stayed in 3 different hotels so we could tour around Scotland and see as much of this wonderful country. We talked a lot about blood bikes and I am sorry to say no money was raised (ed "Probable spent on Whisky?" ☺). We had good fun in each others company. Something to consider for the future??



AND, another relay run from Dumfries:

Tuesday 12th July we had a call from Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes asking if we could help them get a sample down to Oxford.

Neil McCall took on the task of sorting it and Mike Hockney (Controller) looked after it with the lovely Michelle Wilkinson (North Rider) collecting it from Blood Bikes Cumbria, who then passed it on to the not so lovely Warren Bolton (Central Rider and AM) ☺ ☺ who passed it on to S&S Blood Bikes.

Another great piece of co-operation. Well done to all.

Bids for jacket:

A Gentleman supporter bought this matching jacket and trousers but has never worn them, as you can see it still has the labels on, and he has donated them to us.

I would ask that reasonable bids for it are entered, the highest will win and the money will go to NWBBL. Size is XL with waist size 34 - 36



John McGuinness signed prints:

A local artist, Peter Foster, paints motorcyclists and with permission from John himself we have several autographed and framed prints for sale at £40 per print. The original painting is ours and the prints are done on linen which makes them look really cool. If you want one, please contact

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steve.dunstan@nwbb-lancs.org all proceeds are
going to NWBBL.



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Bikes:

Some of you are aware, but we have had both Triumph Trophies off the road recently because one of them decided to dump all the hydraulic brake fluid for the front bake.

Design fault or poor maintenance??????

The other Trophy was put off the road as a precaution. I contacted an old colleague of mine who specialises in vehicle examination (something I used to do, but a conflict of interest stopped me doing it) and he came up with the reason. Lee Townsend ("Rottweiler") contacted Triumph UK, passing on our Experts report, laying the law down, and they came up and took the bike away to examine it. It took a while and I have to say there were a few "misguided" statements from Triumph, but eventually they sent one of their top engineers up to examine the other Trophy and have given it the all clear. However,

there was a verbal agreement that there may be an issue with the design of the brake pipe.

All of this makes it more important for riders to carry out a full POWDERE check before riding the fleet bikes, and indeed privately owned bikes too.

This failure could have ended very seriously; fortunately the rider was not going fast and managed to bring the bike to a stop using the back brake only.

Please be careful and check your bikes.

Finally:

Today, Thursday 14th July 2016, we said goodbye to a dear friend and Blood Biker,

Marcel Falloon.

We did our best to provide Marcel's wife, Alison, with the best send off possible and I think we did just that.

Following the Church Service at St Andrews Parish Church, Ashton, Preston, which was full to overflowing, and where Denise Brooks read a passage from the Bible especially requested by Alison, we escorted the cortege to Longridge Road, Crematorium, with the help of PC Andrews on a Police bike, who set up every junction so we didn't need to stop.

Our liveried fleet bikes were used to man junctions after the Police stopped the traffic, and in total there were some 50 or so Blood Bike riders there, most on their own bikes and there were also many controllers and fundraisers there too.

We also had two riders from SERV OBN, who had travelled up from Oxford that morning.

This Blood Bike fraternity is simply marvellous.

I spoke with Alison at length before and after the funeral and she and Marcel's brothers and son said what we did was wonderful and couldn't thank us enough.

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She expressly asked me to pass on her eternal thanks to everyone involved, so:

Thank You All (from Alison)

Graham Miller, set it all up with the undertakers and the Police, as well as doing a dry run this morning so everyone who was marshalling knew exactly where they were going and which junction they would be covering, so a special thanks to Graham, what a superb job.

A few of us went to the wake at Marcel's local bowling green and on schedule at 16:10hrs there was a low level fly past by a Typhoon from BAe Systems at Warton, where Marcel had worked. What a sight and what a gift to Alison and Family, and just went to show what people Marcel worked with thought of him. There were a few tears from some members, both male and female and I include myself in that. God he will be missed.....

If there is a heaven, then they have got one of our finest.

A great deal has gone on recently so if I've missed or forgotten something, forgive me, (but let me know, I can always do another supplement) or if you want something including in the next newsletter? Feel free to Email your copy (text and images PLEASE) directly to me, chairman@nwbb-lancs.org

Remember

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

Paul (Founder, Chairman & Trustee)

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