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Welcome to all our readers.

Chairman's bit:

Hi all,

RPH Biochemistry

About 15:00hrs on Friday 25th April 2014, I received a call from the Analytics Manager at RPH, Maria Burn, just as I was leaving a meeting at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, asking if we could help out, as a vital substance was required very urgently at their lab, and the nearest supply was Salford Royal (formerly Hope Hospital). Knowing it was out of our normal hours I contacted the Vice Chairman, Graham Jones, who lives in Bolton and explained what was required. Graham jumped on his trusty steed and set off and from call to delivery he did it in less than 1 hour.

As a result I received the following email from Maria:

"Run completed in 1 hour. You guys are amazing. Thank you for arranging that for me

Will you please thank Graham; I didn't see him when he arrived here.

Tim McIlwaine, Biochemistry lead has asked me to pass on his gratitude to you & the team".

Which just goes to show what we do helps those we need to help. Graham did the run, but I'm certain that anyone I asked would have done it if they were available.

Yes it makes you feel good and it makes you proud, but that aside, isn't it a great feeling to know you can be relied upon to help?

Okay praise over, now get some work done.☺

The Annual General Meeting

Well that's it for another year. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are still the same people thanks to unanimous votes for each.

I would like to thank all members for their support throughout the year and look forward to the future.

The meeting itself had a very good turnout and it's always good to see old and new faces, but it's impossible to get to talk personally to everyone, but I will catch up at some time.

Contributions to riders (more about this in the minutes for Members to read) seemed to go down well and the fact that we have got to a stage where we can trial it, is rightly deserved.

The discussion on hours of operating was received well by most of the Controllers past and present who were at the meeting, seemed positive, but will have to be re-discussed before we move on and a concerted effort to get more Controllers and Riders must be made. Lee Townsend has offered to design and print leaflets asking for volunteer Controllers.

For members only: I have attached a copy of the minutes from the AGM.

Donations/Collections, etc.

A donation was received from a couple in memory of a young lad, a motorcyclist, who was cruelly taken from us a few days ago and whose funeral NWBB L&L attended.

Some of our guys went to Barrow to show respect and to help with traffic for the cortege to get to the Church un-hindered.

A few weeks ago a thief walked into Shorrocks Motorcycles in Penwortham and walked out with a £400 crash helmet without paying.

Shorrocks put up a reward and a motorcyclist, "Philip Morrison" who may be joining us; found the culprit up at Rivington Barn. As a result the helmet was handed back and Shorrocks' offered Phil the £100 reward, but Phil asked them to give it to NWBB L&L, so Lee Townsend and I went to Shorrocks's on Saturday morning for Phil to hand over the cheque. Well done Phil, things like that prove that Human Kind does exist and thank you from all of us.

We also received a £25 donation from Jacqui Clemson-Heaths office "fines & donation" (for this read 'swear box'). Thanks to them, SWEAR MORE ☺

Events Done

Lee Townsend managed to get us accepted at the B&Q store at Blackpool on the busiest day of the year, Good Friday. Lots of our guys turned up and many customers donated to our charity. Well done all involved.

Devil's Bridge:

On Easter Monday a group of our riders went up to Devil's Bridge, Kirkby Lonsdale, to tempt riders to come and join us.

Whether it worked or not it was a lovely day for a ride out.

Wray Scarecrow Festival

The Scarecrow Festival has begun and one of our guys seems to be taking it easy, does anyone recognise him, or her?

Some fabulous scarecrows around the village, take the kids to have a look. Oh and the beer and grub at the George & Dragon is superb especially the Scarecrow Ales.

If you look closely at the next one you might recognise someone in our group who is also involved in the Spitfire Charity at Lytham St Annes:

I've never seen Lee sit so quietly!

BUT by far the funniest:

Trafford Centre/John Lewis
(Arranged by Al Boyle)

'*Recently we were selected as a local charity to be supported by the John Lewis Store in the Trafford Centre. This means that between 1 May 2014 and 31 July 2014, we have a chance at a portion of a £3000 donation. The idea is that John Lewis will put up a charity box for each of 3 charities they have selected to support in this period. These will be located at or in the restaurant/café in the John Lewis store. Each time a customer makes a purchase within the store they are given a token. The idea is that they then use the token to vote for one of the 3 chosen charities by placing it in the relevant box. At the end of the period, the £3k pot is split dependent on the %age share of tokens in each box. So, if we have 31% of the total amount of tokens we would receive £910 from John Lewis.*

We have an opportunity here to rally all our friends' and families' support and get everyone putting tokens in our box. If we got all the tokens, I assume we'd get all the money. We are held in high esteem by our supporting public, so this should be easy. So, if you or your family or friends are shopping in the Trafford Centre between 1 May and 31 July, pop into John Lewis and see if what you're after is in there. Buy it, get a token and pop it in our Blood Bikes box.'

Forthcoming Events

Wray Scarecrow Festival (Cumbria) May Bank Holiday "Now under way" (For more details contact Andy Houghton)

3rd May – 10:00 ASDA Bolton - volunteers for collecting required.

4th & 5th May, Lord Nelson Pub Fun Day at Whittle-le-Woods. NWBBLL will have a stand there, volunteers required.

12th May – Paul & Denise giving talk to Ladies group at Whittle-le-Woods

13th May – 3 Sisters Track day 14:00 onwards = all welcome, £10 for 10 laps & all proceeds to NWBB Lancs & Lakes.

15th May – Management meeting at Hartwood Hall, Chorley.

17th May – Morrison's of Chorley Bag Packing – Volunteers required, contact Campbell.

23rd May – 19:00 Comedy night at St Chads, Whittle le Woods – tickets from Paul Brooks

24th May – 09:30 Collection at Clayton Le Woods ASDA – volunteers for collecting required

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Comedy Night

Tickets will be on sale for the Comedy Night, details below.

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That's all for this week folks. Take care and remember, **"NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK".**

Paul