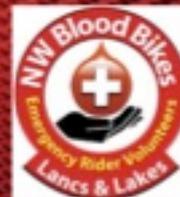


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## Chairman's bit:

Hi All

Where is this year going, they say the older you get the quicker the year goes, well I'm still a young lad ☺ and it's whizzing by:

This year is looking to be the busiest on record for us. We have flown straight through the 16,000 call out barrier with hardly a thought (Julie and Campbell McCorkindale being Controller and Rider for that one).

At the time of writing this it's only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through September but already we have completed 6,124 since 1st January 2015 and 6 were relay runs to the south, some direct from our hospitals and some from further north.

We are all particularly proud of North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes and rightly so, but just as proud of being part of a brother/sisterhood of Blood Bikers Nationwide. What we do matters and helps an ailing NHS, but more importantly helps the sick, something we are all likely to be at some time in our lives, so LONG LIVE BLOOD BIKERS especially our guys & gals at NWBLL.

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## WW1:

As many know I've recently been on holiday and we spent 4 days of our 15 day trip in Europe in Ypres, Belgium, where Denise's Grandfather, "Andy", was between 1915 to 1917. He was part of the Canadian forces helping us out in WW1.

The following picture shows Andy with his rifle butt shot off, that's how close he came to being

shot dead at Hill 62, Ypres. The memorials there and the museums are well worth a visit and to think this was 100 years ago, the War to end all wars? Yes we know all about that.



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## Black Tie Ball

What a great do and superbly organised by Scott and Danielle Miller and Danielle's friend Rachel Astley, and compared by the inimitable Lee Townsend. Well over £5,000 was made from that and the promise by Accolade Logistics of Accrington to sponsor us for some fuel. Plus we managed to get two of the Emergency Bikers from TV along, Steve Harris a Paramedic and Angus Nairn and currently a serving bobby. Angus has agreed to be a Patron of ours.

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## The Wrong Trousers:

No it wasn't Wallace, it was a Blood Biker who arrived with all his fancy clothes for the Black Tie Ball, only to find he'd forgotten a vital piece of clothing, his pants. Mad dash to all the nearest shops just as they were closing to find a pair of

black trousers that would match. No names but well done that man.

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### **Ride To The Wall - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

For those that don't know ride to the wall (RTTW) is an annual event that brings bikers, and others, from all over Europe, together at the National war memorial arboretum in Staffordshire to pay respects.

It saw an early start for group of our intrepid volunteers to brave the dense patches of fog to meet at Charnock Richard services at 08:00 to set off on their trip down to Knutsford services to join their official start and the other small group of over 400 bikes.



Unfortunately, at this point, our chairman decided to call it a day, due to an old injury causing trouble.

The rest however set off, through the fog patches, to the National War Memorial Arboretum.

Fortunately the fog had cleared by the time they reached their free passage through the M6 toll, which is a good job, as Lee claimed he had left his wallet at home.

A little bit of traffic was encountered on the final approach, which is not surprising as it was said that some 7100 bikes had descended upon the memorial.



1<sup>st</sup> stop was the toilets for the older members of the party, then food, although this was to prove a little elusive for Mr Townsend. He decided that the short cue for a burger was the better bet, but found out he had made the wrong choice. Myself and Pete Howarth joined a longer hog roast cue and had got served and eaten our before Lee appeared with his bugger.

Fed and watered it was time to listen and look at the events laid on that included a Tiger Moth and Dakota flypast. The Tiger Moth dropping some 16000 poppies.



Another great day of remembrance, with a little networking with the other Blood Bike groups in attendance, including Devon Freewheelers.

Time to set off back up the road, in better conditions than the morning.

Just over 200 miles for me on the new bike, ½ way to run in now ☺ role on next year.

If you want to know a bit more on what it's all about visit;

<http://www.ridetothewall.org.uk/index.php>

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## Horse Power:

This picture was sent to me by Ian German, who asks the question, "Which horse power shall I use tonight?"



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## Watch the Telly:

Some of you may know that we were recently approached by ITN on behalf of the Lottery to ask if we would be willing to do a short information advertisement for The Lottery. We agreed and the advertisement is set around Preston Pathology and the work we do for them. If you think you see us YES it is us on national telly, we could go global.

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## General Meeting:

Next General Meeting has been set for 1<sup>st</sup> November and will be held at LACASTER BREWERY starting at 10 o'clock. There will be biccies and a brew (what no beer?) and a chance to meet members old and new, riders don't forget to bring your hospital receipts for Denise she has too much time on her hands and needs a hobby. (slap)

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## Donations:

As you know I used to list the donations and the amounts, but we have had so many over the last couple of months and we only get to know of some of them, the rest go straight in the bank.

Many have come from ordinary people, some following talks, some from events and sadly some from funerals through "Memory Giving". There

are so many generous people out there so let's just say a BIG THANK YOU to those people, because without their generosity we couldn't carry on as we are.

That said we are determined to do what we do, but costs and the enormous generosity of our members both play a big part ☺

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## 10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)

Take care and remember:

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

*Paul* Chairman & Trustee.

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