



Welcome to all our readers.

Chairman's bit:

Hi all,

Well, 8,000 call outs has been and gone, and as of 2nd October we had already done 2650 call-outs since May, thanks to all you guys. Have any of you sat back and thought what we have all achieved? It's absolutely amazing. We have saved the NHS hospitals over £300,000 at least, and we are continuing to build up a network of friendly associations with local groups - W.I., Rotary, Masons, Round Table, to name but a few, and every time we give a talk to any of these groups they are amazed at what we do and, to tell the truth, so am I.

We remain the busiest, biggest and by far the best (although some groups will disagree 😊) in the country, which wasn't and isn't why we do it, but a little boast every now and again does nobody any harm. All the Blood Bike groups do a fantastic job, and we should be proud to be associated with all of them. Well done everyone.

On another subject, Google Docs has caused us problems over the past month, so we are looking for a tech group who will write us a bespoke data capture system similar to the Google Docs, but owned by us, and Lee Townsend has offered his server to run it. This means that there will be some slight changes when it's done but nothing serious, if I can do it anyone can 😊

Further to that, Greg Riley, our Web Master, is re-writing the website (modernising it) so there will

be a need for new passwords, but again, if I can do it anyone can.

We have received a cheque for £560 from the Hercules run (more about that later) that we escorted last year, and we've got a cheque for £250 from CAF Charities Aid Foundation. It all mounts up, so thank you to them....

Aintree Bike Sprint

Although this didn't generate a lot of money, we had plenty of interest, which is much needed in the West. We even spoke to people from further afield pointing them in the right direction for their nearest Blood Bike group.





How many riders does it take to change a (head) lightbulb?

Hutton Priest Quilters.....

.....are raising money for us. People think of patchwork quilts as a bit of a joke but, believe me, they were absolutely fantastic. It's an art form in itself. Picture shows Margaret, their chairman (yes male or female are now classed as Chairman) with Denise and I. We have been invited to give the group a talk on 8th October where they will present us with a cheque. Details about this in the next newsletter

The Mayor from South Ribble attended too and was blown away by the quality of these quilts. Basically, these quilts are bespoke with any picture you want on them and made to order, often taking weeks to complete.



New Recruits!

Here's the new design for NWBB mugs. Some burly riders, for sure....



Designed by the Chairman's son-in-law, the mugs are available for £5....

Leighton Hall Sprint

Campbell and Julie McKorkindale, Mark and Julie Gibson and Mike Ashdon all attended to fly the flag (and rattle the tin) for us, and took these pictures.





Anything for a free tea? Carl Farber writes:

29th of September proved to be a pleasant evening for a ride over to Ribchester, where I spent an evening in the company of the Wilpshire Lady Farmers.

Given that in years gone by I worked as a farm hand we had much to talk about over the course of the evening. After the meal, it was my turn to stand and talk for a while; I told of what we do, why we do it and our wishes for the future of the charity.

I left the Ribchester Arms, well fed and with a donation from them of £25.00

Thank you to the Wilpshire Lady Farmers!



Hercules Run

John Griffin attended at this year's meet, and gratefully received a cheque to the tune of £560.

Here he is, looking suitably impressed....

Ride To The Wall, with Lee Townsend

On Saturday 4th October it was the Annual Ride to the Wall (RTTW) to visit the National Monument Arboretum (NMA) and three of our members joined in the event.

Pete Haworth and Lee Townsend travelled down on livered bikes accompanied by our Membership Secretary Nigel "The Bunnmiester" Bunnay on his own bike. The guys rode to Knutsford Services on the M6, which was one of the many assembly points, for 8.30 and a 9.20 departure. There were an estimated 300 bikes the Services and what a great sight to see them all set off and head down the motorway.

On arrival at the NMA the organisation is superb and the bikes are all marshalled into the venue smoothly and easily. Once parked up you are able to get food, drink and merchandise easily and the atmosphere is brilliant. You are amongst kindred spirits and if any of you are ex-forces then also amongst comrades.

There is a short service and some speeches, all of which are very poignant and appropriate without being boring or going on too long.

We met with several other Blood Bike Groups and this gave us the chance to exchange stories, ideas and put names to faces that we may have spoken to. Overall a brilliant day despite the weather on the way down and would highly recommend a visit to the NMA.

Maybe next year we could a large contingent from NWBB-L&L to attend?



Noticed this over my garden the other day and wondered if it was sign, relating to the then forthcoming Independence Referendum!



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

Paul Chairman & Trustee.

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