



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the third Newsletter of 2017:

First off, don't look for the March Newsletter, there wasn't one. My apologies but things got a bit hectic both with Blood Bikes and Domestic ☺.

The numbers keep going up:

Wow! 33,000 successful callouts and not long after 32,000, what have we created? ☺ This is a Fantastic figure and as I keep saying, all down to every member. How many patients have we helped get swift results from their blood or urine test? How many patients have we helped get medication to them? How many patients have we got blood to quickly? But most crucially how many lives have we helped the wonderful NHS save, plus a lot of ££££££'s

The questions keep coming, but we get answers rarely. That said what we do get in a constant stream is Thanks and Praise from all our contacts at the hospitals.

Keep up the good work and be proud. I for one have never been so proud.

Can "WE" Cope?

We are doing a fantastic job, of that there is no doubt, but at what cost? By that I don't mean money I mean workload, especially the workload of the Controllers. We keep harping on about this, but it is getting quite serious. Duncan Oag (Controller Manager) and Julie McCorkindale (Deputy C.M.) are looking seriously at a way to relieve the pressure and one way is to have a

dedicated Regular Run Controller leaving all the ad-hoc calls to the duty Controller.

This is not without its problems, mainly because of confusion for the Riders as to who is their Controller, but hopefully with everyone's help and understanding it will get less confusing, because it will certainly ease the pressure on the duty Controllers.

The new Pound Coin:



You probably know that a new Pound coin is now being circulated and that the old round one ceases

to be legal tender on 15th October 2017.

So what difference does it make to us, not a lot, BUT we have collection tubs out there and Denise (my long suffering spouse ☺) will be emailing after Easter all those members who have placed tubs, or know of them, to collect and return the tubs to her by the end of August.

This action is extremely important or else we will have donations that are worthless, so please do what you can.

New Bikes:

Thanks to winning the Aviva Community Fund 2016 we have been able to afford to buy three new bikes, which will replace 3 of our gallant, but suffering existing bikes.

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The new bikes are already registered but awaiting livery and wiring.

Annual General Meeting:

Just a reminder, the AGM is to be held on the 14th May 2017 at the Deepdale Football ground, Preston North End's home. To some "Hallowed Ground", to others "The Enemy" ☺

Kick Off is at 10am prompt, so please allow time to get there. (Sorry I had to use that phrase)

The AGM is the best time to meet old and new members, as well as finding out what's happening and getting your new ID, not to mention choosing who will be on the Committee for the next 12 months.

Our Secretary, Graham Miller, sent out Mail Chimp Emails with a Nomination form attached.

That said the time for Nominations has now passed. The closing date was 14th April 2017 and the forms had to be in before midnight.

At the AGM members will find out if there are any changes to the Committee, so come along.

There are also changes to the Constitution and the changes will be voted on by all members at that time, so please have a look at the latest version which is in the Members area of the website.

New ID's:

The new ones will be issued at the AGM and you will notice that they are slightly different to the current ones. They will have an "Emergency" number on, which is not for us to use nor is it to give out to the general public, it's for your benefit should you be unlucky enough to be involved in an incident and the Emergency services or assisting members of the public can use it. This number will contact a member of the Committee to put wheels in motion to help.

Donations:

I try not to talk about donations because lots of people work really hard to get them, but I have to mention a cheque for £3,500 from "Friends of Shireburne Park" and "Ribble Valley Strummers", handed to Carl Farber and Wayne White. £3,000 was from Shireburne and £500 and from Ribble Valley Strummers.

They have been collecting over the year after having us as their charity of the year.

We also got £3,000 from Skarisbrick Armada MCC, given to Martin Walsh.

Both amazing amounts

Remember what we do

"SAVES LIVES"

but

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

Paul (Founder, Chairman & Trustee)

If I've missed or forgotten something, forgive me, (but let me know, I can always do another supplement) also, 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

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