



April 2018 Newsletter



Headlines: AGM: Mission Statement: Chairman's bit: Ghost Bikes: Another Relay: Change in Northern Team: A bit of fun 😊

**The 2018 Annual General Meeting is to be held at Barton Grange Hotel,
746-768 Garstang Rd, Barton, Preston PR3 5AA
On Sunday 29th April 2018 at 10am
Non-Member Supporters Welcome**

Mission Statement: (Updated April 2018 to avoid confusion)

We aim to provide a totally free, but professional, voluntary service, out of normal working hours for the transportation of Urgent and Emergency items, e.g. blood, platelets, samples, donor breast milk, patient notes, theatre equipment, in fact anything that can be carried by motorcycle, solely for the benefit of the publicly funded emergency services and the patients being treated by them, within the NHS Hospitals.

We will provide this service through the night, and 24 hours per day at weekends and Bank Holidays, to the best of our ability, enabling hospital funding to be better spent on patient care.

Chairman's Bit:

Well another year almost under our belt and what a year it's been. We had what could be described as a good summer (English summer that is) followed by either a very wet or very snowy winter, but surprisingly the snow didn't come until 2018 and pretty late at that. Thanks to our riders though we only had to completely close down one area for more than one shift, because our intrepid riders were willing to use their cars when it was too dangerous for a bike.

Not only are we collectively thankful of our great members, the hospitals are too, not forgetting the patients we've helped.

In the first 3 months of 2018 we have collectively clocked up a few thousand miles, 46,289 to be precise and our Controllers have handled over 3,682 calls. Saving our Hospitals around £171,269. We bashed through the total figure of 47,000 in March without even noticing it, and thinking back, we used to cheer every 1,000 call-outs. ***I don't know about you, but I'm blown away by those figures*** (Courtesy of Duncan Oag).

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Thanks to all our Fundraisers and the local people who have raised and donated money to our charity, be they small or large, the fact that they do give just shows how we are thought of.

Of course, the large organisations, who specialise in helping charities, e.g. Freemasons, Rotary, Round Table, etc., have the respect of us all, especially after buying us all those new bikes. If nothing else they're making our Fleet Managers job look easy ☺, whilst keeping him and his deputy pretty damn busy.

The 6th Annual General Meeting is just around the corner and we hope as many of you as possible can come along, not just to hear the Committee and Managers droning on, but for the camaraderie and getting to know other members.

It is also the time to vote for the Committee too. Who will lead us for the next 12 months? It's up to all members, so if you want a change, go on the website and download the voting slip.

Ghost Bikes Grand Opening Event 10th March 2018 by Becky Newton

What a start to Central area's events for 2018! We were contacted only a week before the grand opening of Ghost Bikes' new premises in Preston and at short notice it was a big ask to pull it all together, but we did it with a brilliant turn out of members from all areas including those from another Blood Bike Group! Not seen so many people in Hi Viz or so many liveried bikes in a long while - thanks to Simon for entrusting us with the beautiful Marion for the day and for all the duty riders for coming along. We also had the pleasure of Central's new Pan Paul and the debut of the new BMW.



The morning started off pretty bleak with the rain, but it didn't put people off and luckily brightened through the day. The staff at Ghost Bikes really pulled out all the stops. There were stunt shows provided by Two Brothers Racing and Steve Colley, super celebrity appearances from John McGuinness and Lee Johnston along with the extreme wheelie machine, great music, food and an amazing two storey showroom. Fun was had by all.



The NWBB team were very well looked after by the Ghost Bikes Staff with complementary food and drink (along with plenty of Becky's cakes) and we really had a great day educating people on the work we do. We had lots of new member enquiries and raised an impressive £164. In addition to this Ghost Bikes really came up trumps and donated £1000 from their charity raffle! **A huge heartfelt thank you to them.**



Thanks again to everyone that attended and made it a brilliant day ☺

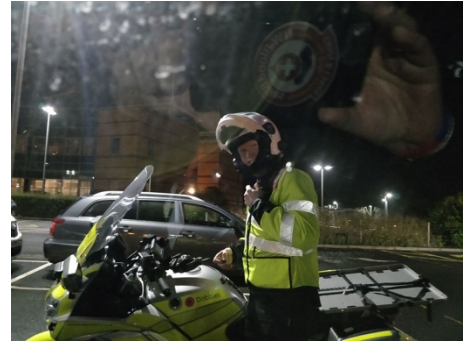
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Another Relay:

Saturday 31st March: This one was somewhat unusual, because it went from Blackburn to Newcastle upon Tyne, but thanks to Alan Barrow, (East), Paul Wightman (Central) and Rob Clark (North) the package got to Northumbria Blood Bikes and then to Newcastle and the whole thing was ably controlled by Fiona Aiken and Duncan Oag. All done and dusted in 3¾ hrs. Well done all, it's what we do 😊

Blackburn had a busy day, as earlier in the day we did a relay from there to MRI.



Reading this online? Copy and Paste this, which was put together by Paul Grundy, into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36-d5h-smXo>
TURN YOUR SPEAKERS UP 😊

Changing of the guard for team Northern:

For over three years of dedicated service as the North Area Manager, Steve Dunstan will be passing on the challenge to Robert Clarke. Steve will open his final area meeting on Sunday 15th April and Rob will close it as his first. The meeting will be held at Castle Street Community Centre, 3 Castle St, Kendal LA9 7AD from 10-00 to 12-00.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to recognise and to thank Steve for his dedication and contributions to this great charity during his time in post.

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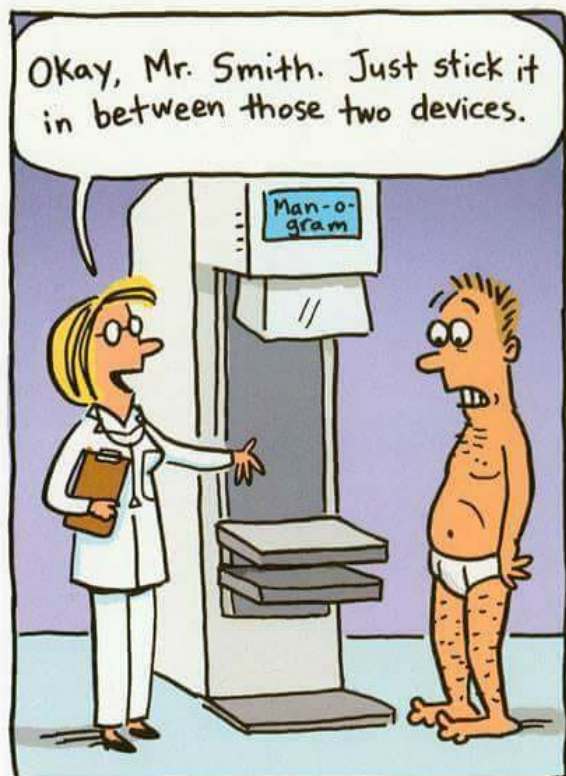
Security Devices (by Debbie & Andy Houghton)

On April 16th 2018 Andy and Debbie Houghton, two long standing members of NWBB Lancs & Lakes, will officially become the Lancashire dealers for the FyrDraca and Dakkara GPS Tracker and Alarm systems.

Both systems were designed and developed in the UK and are now installed in over 1750 bikes, cars, vans and motorhomes nationwide. There are various levels of each system from a simple movement sensor and tracker to a top of the range set up with sirens, smoke, cameras etc. The systems have a 100% recovery rate to date.

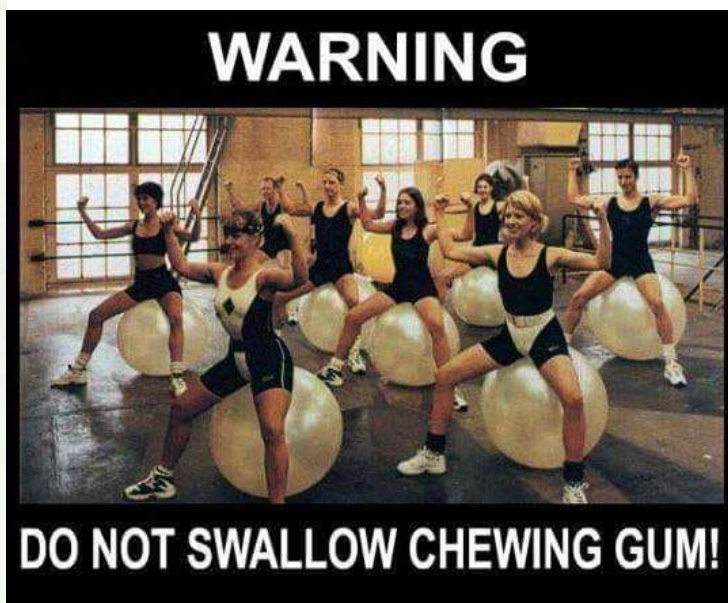
If you are interested in finding out more please go to www.fydraca.co.uk (for motorbikes) www.dakkara.co.uk (for cars, vans and motorhomes) or call Andy on 07545 050109.

Fun time:



If Women Ran the World

I thought they already did?



DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BARTON GRANGE HOTEL 10am, 29th April 2018

Remember what we do

“HELPS TO SAVES LIVES”

but also remember:

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

IF YOU DO THERE COULD BE TWO LIVES 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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