



# August 2018 Newsletter



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## **NOTE FOR THE DIARY**

**GENERAL MEETING: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 09:30 for 10:00 start at Barton Grange Hotel 746-768 Garstang Rd, Barton, Preston PR3 5AA**

Same venue as the AGM last April. If you can make it please do, there's a lot of information to pass on and it's a great time to meet other members.

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### **Chairman's Bit:**

Sorry for the delay, I didn't have time for a July edition because I've just moved to a new house, and the newsletter had to take a backseat, so I will try and make up for it in this one.

On that note, I am looking for someone to take over producing a monthly newsletter, so if you are interested in doing that, please contact me, either by email or a phone call.

Another month gone already, "soon be Christmas" someone shouts, it's less than 5 months off so I'll have to start thinking what to get the missus again 😊. She says she wants a Bidet, okay I say, "we'll have to alter the bathroom", "No" she says, "A Bee day, learning about Bees". 😊

Sounds a bit like "Four candles", "Handles for forks" 😊

50,000 call-outs is now in our history, and an outstanding milestone for every one of us. I was away on holiday when storm Hector struck the UK, so well done to all those riders who had to endure it to get to that figure.

For all who have sent me emails volunteering for two roles within the charity, Thank You, it's great to know there is keenness to get involved, but we're sorted now.

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We now have a new Membership Secretary, under the care of fellow founder member, Graham Jones. As you know Graham is also a Trustee and he knows the charity well, so it should be in safe hands. Mark Furnival is looking after Rider Recruitment and Rider training and will work with Graham and our Rota Manager Jacqui Clemson-Heath.

We also have a new Manager Liaison person on the committee, Peter Haworth, who has been asked to come on, on a temporary footing until the next Annual General Meeting in May 2019, when he will no doubt be up for election. Peter is also an expert on Office 365, seeing as it's what he does. Kevin Sansom has moved on to be the Liaison for the Controller Manager.

Graham Miller has stood down as our Secretary but remains a Trustee. The whole idea is to separate the Committee from the Trustees, so we have a two tier system. Until next May I will be the only Trustee on the Committee but will take a back seat on any Trustee issues until I stand down as Chairman in May next year.

The idea behind this is to ensure that there is no conflict. The Committee will be in full control of the day to day running of the charity but overseen on legal aspects by the Trustees.

I've said it before, but will say it again, the whole idea of Blood Bikes is to transport urgent items between NHS hospitals, but we have grown so big we have to run it on similar lines to any business and unfortunately politics and legal issues come along with it and believe me they're a real pain. Please be patient with us as we go through a transition, you're a great team and lovely people.

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## **Leyland Festival 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Forgot to pack the ark!**

Becky Newton

After weeks of glorious sunshine, we should have known better than to bring out the central area gazebo. Our third major event of the year and our third wet one! Despite the weather we had a fabulous time and had an excellent attendance of members from all areas. Along with some new faces, we had the pleasure of the lovely Gary Warn who is once again an active member in North West Blood Bikes proving that once you join this amazing group there is just no escape!



It was a busy event and we attracted the crowds with both liveried bikes Paul and Ebony doing us proud, we even attracted The Mayor who was very appreciative of the work we do.

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We had new rider enquiries, raised over £115 in donations / merchandise sales and we also sold an abundance of raffle tickets for the vintage tea party so all in all we went home a little soggy but feeling proud. Huge thanks to the people who donated and the members who took time to join us.



Here's to the next one....please let the sun shine ☺

### **NHS 70 Years Summer Celebration (7<sup>th</sup> July 2018)** Becky Newton & Lee Pow

Finally, the sun shone whilst our gazebo was up! After three miserable outdoor events we finally got lucky with this one. We were invited along to celebrate 70 years of the NHS at Royal Bolton hospital.



It was a marvellous day with lots of family entertainment including a funfair and brilliant stalls. We put smiles on lots of people's faces as always with the liveried bike which was a huge pull along with endless sweetie

bags and balloons.

Yet again so many people were unaware that the work we do is 100% voluntary 100% of the time but we have changed a few people's ways of thinking and



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that is therefore a job well done. We also managed to raise over £83 in donations and merchandise sales which is just fantastic so thank you to the people of Bolton.

A lovely day celebrating the wonderful work of the NHS and getting to know some of the NHS staff that we assist in our roles.

Here's to the next one!

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## **Sainsbury's at Bamber Bridge and Morecambe:**

Becky Newton and Rob Clarke

Great news: We have been voted as Sainsbury's charity partner of the year for both the Bamber Bridge and Morecambe stores, which will involve lots of opportunities throughout the year for both fundraising and raising awareness and we are very excited to be working alongside them. The launch is this weekend 2nd to 5th August. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Money's flooding in at Morecambe 😊



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## **St Anne's Carnival**

Gary Johnston

One of the Fylde's regular events is St Anne's Carnival, and this year was busy as usual – it's got a real buzz about it. It's a great event for NWBB as we always have a great location, and this year was particularly special...as usual, we led the parade, and three groups in the parade got a spontaneous round of applause from onlookers; the RNLI, The Fire Service, and these guys...



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## On a serious note:



This from Gary Johnston on Fylde area.

We've got quite a few motorcycle trainers in the charity, and they've been getting their heads together, muttering in corners....the result is that we're pleased to be able to offer our riders the opportunity to do the DVSA Enhanced Rider Scheme, free of charge.

If you don't yet have an advanced rider qualification, this could well be the course for you. It's ideal as the next step towards the full advanced qualification and will take about a day to complete (probably split up into different sessions over a number of days). It won't qualify you to ride one of the charity's liveried bikes, but it will give you a great foundation for further training which will help if you progress to Advanced training. Plus, it will give you a Certificate of Achievement issued by the DVSA (which may get you a discount on your insurance). More than anything though, it's meant to be a fun course, because we all learn more when we're enjoying ourselves. Further information is available on the Gov.uk website or call Gary Johnston on 07943964027.

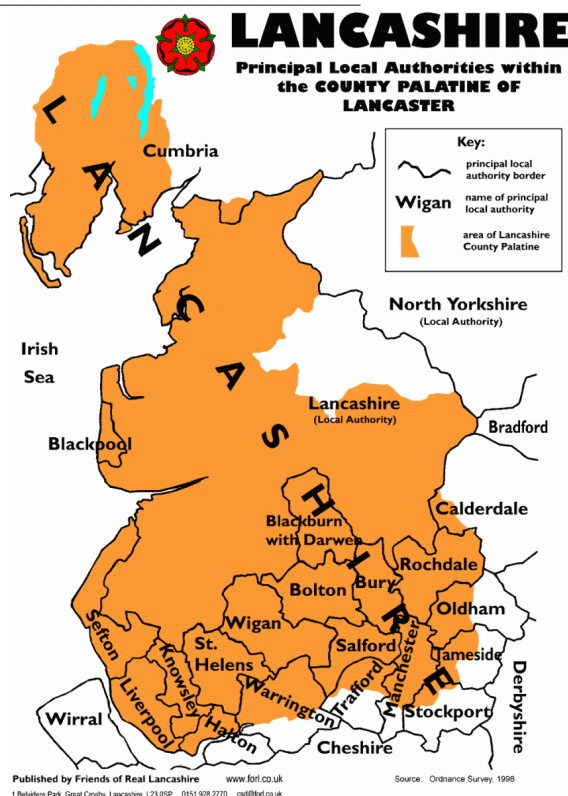
**We expect demand to be high so if you're interested, let your Area Manager know.**

## Did you know?

Many people talk about how "Lancashire is not what it used to be", well to a certain degree, and in certain ways, that is true. However, the Palatine County of Lancashire still exists and no matter what successive Governments do, they cannot change the Palatine boundary.

There is an organisation called "Friends of Real Lancashire", [www.forl.co.uk](http://www.forl.co.uk) who are vehemently proud of being Lancastrians.

Just imagine how stretched we'd be if we covered the whole of the Palatine, so we have to thank Manchester BB and Merseyside & Cheshire BB.



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## Fun Stuff:

I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?

## New use for plastic containers



## Warning: STAY AWAY FROM SOUTHPORT

I witnessed totally disgusting behaviour on the beach at Southport yesterday. A man and woman were arguing in front of a load of kids, then she smacked him one on the head and it all kicked off between them.

The Police turned up and the Policeman ended up using his baton on the bloke, but the man actually managed to get the baton off the Policeman and started hitting the Policeman with it.

Then a crocodile turned up and stole the sausages.....

**Remember what we do**

**“HELPS TO SAVES LIVES”**

**but also remember:**

**and SADLY, this has greater meaning now!**

**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](mailto:chairman@nwbb-lancs.org)*

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