



February 2018 Newsletter



Welcome to our February newsletter

Headlines: AGM: Chairman's bit: 2018: Relay Runs: Beer & Cider Bash: FJR to new home: Easy fundraising: Husbands beware: Recruitment: North Area Manager: Rotary Dinner Dance: Light Relief.

**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**

Chairman's Bit:

New Ways

New ways of working and training are on the cards for this year. Because we have grown so big we are constantly having to assess the way we do things and we're starting by changing some documents and the idea is to get everyone to have a full bundle of information, irrespective of what role you play, be it Controller, Rider, Fundraiser, etc.

Much of the information has already been compiled by our team of Managers and as you know each area has its own unique runs or problems. The idea is that everyone has access to all information then if a Rider has to cross areas, not only will he/she have an idea of where they're going, but the Controller will also be able to help. This will take some time, but will be rolled out over the next 6 to 8 months, with new members getting them first.

HQ

There has been some concern over us taking on and financing our new HQ, which incidentally is working really well, so I will explain why it was necessary:

For 5½ years the charity was based at my house and, besides Denise's 95 year old Dad living with us, half our house was taken over by stock, paperwork, bikes being liveried and wired up and that couldn't carry on.

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It was great at first when we were small, we got to meet everyone because they had to come to our house for ID's, clothing, etc., but the Charity has grown too big for this to continue.

At some stage someone else will take over the heading of this Fantastic charity, so the decision was made to do what we did. Coupled with the fact that we had the funds to do it, thanks to the donations BIG and small from large organisations like the Rotary, Masons, and groups where we have given talks and from the public at Events organised by us and others, made it a sensible decision.

I hope you all understand ☺

2018:

Well, we certainly hit the ground running this year and an early Relay Run to boot, from Blackburn to Porton Down.

Steve Clarke picked up from Blackburn and handed over to Lee Townsend on the M6 and Lee took it down to Keele to hand over to Dave Prior from Midland Freewheelers. Great job, "It's what we do".



Again, the weather has been our biggest headache, but thanks to our Guys & Gals we have 'weathered' it (sic), with riders using their own cars and for one call out it was just as well, look what one of our Riders was asked to carry:



In reality, we would not normally be asked to carry all these boxes, which of course is impossible on a bike, (In the UK anyway) but if the Rider tells them he's in a car then it's up to him or her.

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Beer & Cider Bash

In January we also held our first Beer Festival courtesy of Haydn & Angela Williams, which due to many factors, including fog, rain, etc., wasn't the roaring success we'd hoped for, it was more a social gathering and many of our members helped out at it. I did my helping by swallowing several pints of some fantastic beers and have come away with several superb engraved pint glasses, which incidentally are on sale at £2.50 a glass.

Hopefully the next one will be in summer and more accessible for the public and transport, but as they say, 'we live and learn'.



The first FJR goes to a new home:



Scottish Blood Bikes have bought our oldest 'Woodway' liveried Yamaha FJR and on Monday 22nd January they came down to collect it. They were going to ride it back, but unfortunately where it was going was still covered in snow, so they travelled in a 4 x 4 Volvo with trailer, pretty wise I thought 😊

That FJR was Marcel, so the replacement bike will bear that name and be a tribute to a lost Rider and Friend.

Easyfundraising: We, as a charity, have a link with a UK wide fundraising organisation called Easy Fundraising, basically it allows us to shop in certain outlets and the charity gets a percentage. If you are interested in joining it the link is: (click or copy & paste)

http://t.e.easyfundraising.org.uk/r/?id=hdf1073c,109911f1,10a26f6c&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral-2017&utm_content=cause_referral_20180128&origin=R1804&p1=RAUI4F&p2=71LSK1

Husbands beware:



This was a sign in the oldest pub in Bath, The Saracens Head. But don't worry Ladies, this would never happen here in t' norf, we can't afford it 😊 😊

Recruitment:

As you know, thanks to Duncan Oag's annual updates, we are responding to more and more calls, but recruitment and loss of members, riders especially, remains almost constant. Generally, most areas can cope, but Martin Walsh is having trouble recruiting in the West where call outs are increasing. This means that Westies are really getting some stick, so if you hear of anyone who would like to come on and ride in the West area, please point them to the website.

Mark Furnival, who already does B&T's training and reassessments, has taken on the role of **Rider Recruitment** and has had some success, but the West is still very short, please spread the word.

Likewise, we are always looking for Controllers and Fundraisers and **Neil McCall** has taken over **Controller Recruitment** and **Brenda Taylor** is looking after **Fundraiser/Talks Recruitment**.

Jen Makinson, who used to do all Recruitment was severely under pressure and finding time between work, home life, was becoming increasingly difficult, so by splitting these tasks it should be easier all round, and I would like to thank Jen for all her hard work in dealing with it up to now.

North Area Manager:

I think most, if not all, Riders in the North will know by now that Steve Dunstan has said he wishes to stand down as Area Manager. He has said he will stay on until the end of April and help any new AM to get started. If you think you can take on the role, please let Kevin Sansom know ASAP.

Rotary Dinner Dance 4 us:

As you know 2016/17 my old work partner, Malcolm Baldwin, was President of the Rotary for Lancashire & Cumbria and for his term of office they raised enough money for us and Cumbria BB, to purchase a brand new bike and run it for a year. Well it hasn't ended there. See below because this is on for us. Denise & I are going and if you want to go please order your tickets and let me know.



Classical Music with a twist

Saturday 24th February, 2018

6.30pm arrival for 7.00pm start

Pendle Suite, Dunkenhalgh Hotel

Clayton-Le-Moors, Accrington BB5 5JP

Tickets: £35.00

includes 3 course meal, live entertainment & DJ

Dress Code: Lounge Suits

Black Tie optional

The event is being jointly organised by Rotary Clubs in East Lancashire

Tickets available from:

www.candorotary.org.uk or email: gharrcs@gmail.com

Alternatively telephone:

Ann-Marie: 07739 689710 Pam: 07903 310555

Jim: 07711 318851 Michael: 07710 596735

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How have we done???

A lot of miles and a massive saving for our beloved NHS.

(Tally courtesy of Duncan Oag, Controller Manager)

	East	Fylde	Central	West	North	Totals
Blood	49	16	311	557	278	1211
Meds	570	2426	3325	39	841	7201
Milk	36	87	118	225	86	552
Notes	3017	27	508	21	632	4205
Other	164	117	391	81	1122	1875
Samples	5888	5662	4525	8875	3490	28440
Platelets	17	0	184	332	205	738
Totals	9741	8335	9362	10130	6654	

Urgent	9244	4298	6962	4781	5999	31284
Very	429	76	281	341	347	1474
Milk	35	88	113	214	77	527
Reg Run	0	3872	2003	4771	0	10646
Emergency	32	2	12	19	87	152
Totals	9740	8336	9371	10126	6510	

Blues	102	15	70	92	184	463
XX	214	263	90	422	177	1166
NA	76	94	52	137	49	408

Miles	134968.4	41721.6	128556	135347.3	153918	594511.3
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Calls Taken	45657
Calls Complete	44083

Approx Cost Savings	£2,199,691.81
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Average Taxi Tariff 1 £3.70

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A bit of light relief:

THE SPEED TRAP

A police officer pulls over a speeding car.

The officer says, *"I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir!"*

The driver says, *"Christ, officer. I had it on cruise control at 60. Perhaps your radar gun needs recalibrating."*



Not looking up from her knitting, the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear. You know this car doesn't have cruise control."



As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, *"Can't you keep your mouth shut for once?"*

The wife smiles demurely and says to the officer, *"You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did."*

The driver says, *"Damn it, woman. Shut up!"*

The officer frowns and says, *"I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic £75 fine."*

The driver says, *"Yeah well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my licence out of my wallet."*

The wife says, *"Now dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when your driving."*



And as the police officer is writing out the second ticket, the driver turns to his wife and shouts, *"Why don't you just shut up?"*



The police officer looks over at the woman and asks, *"Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"*

The wife replied, *"Only when he's pissed!"*

Remember what we do

“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