



January 2018 Newsletter



Welcome to the New Year newsletter

Headlines: Chairman's bit: Relay Runs: Snow Causes Disruption: New HQ is working: Controller Prepares: Beer & Cider Bash.



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Chairman's Bit:

A **SPECIAL** thanks to all those members who have worked all through the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Who have we helped:

We don't know exactly, and we don't need to know, but here are a few examples of ones I have heard of:

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A poisoning, which needed an antidote quickly: A patient bleeding out on the operating table needing blood: An analysis which was a matter of life and death: Medication for a very sick patient: Parents anxious about their new born baby's health and waiting for analytical test results.

The list goes on, and as you know we have done relays up and down the UK for the patients.

This may be controversial, but I'm planting my flag firmly in the ground:

We shouldn't have to do what we do, The NHS should be completely self-sufficient, both financially and with staffing levels, to carry out their great work. They are lovely caring people, they must be for the hours they work and what they get paid, so we help when we can. My only wish is that all the staff get to know about us, but even after 5, going on 6 years, not all do, but we're getting there.

The way this group has grown is unbelievable and the number of call-outs we respond to is the same, but to cap it all, the dedication of every single member, Controllers, Riders, Fundraisers and ordinary members of North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes is beyond reproach.

Thanks to our Controller Manager/Statistics Guru, Duncan Oag, in 2017 based on a standard taxi fare per mile we saved our 5 x NHS Trusts £636,643.09p, and travelled around the World several times.

So be proud you deserve to be.

Denise & I wish you all, and your families, the very best of Health & Happiness for 2018

And a massive THANK YOU to your Families for letting you do what you do.

Relay Runs:

Another one: Approximately 17:45 on Monday 18th December 2017 I got a phone call asking if we could help with the transport to Birmingham City Hospital of an urgent sample, answer: "Of course we can" 😊

Neil McCall contacted the Controller coming on duty and Shropshire & Staffordshire Blood Bikes and within 30 minutes it was all sorted. Our Rider, collected at 18:40, met with SSBB at Keele and they delivered at 21:28. It's what we do.

If you remember last Christmas & New Year, you will know we did special relay runs with samples from Furness, Kendal & Lancaster new baby units, through to Newcastle with the help of Northumbria Blood Bikes, well we've done the same again on 22nd & 29th December this year, but that's not all.

We've also done relays from Furness Neonatal to St Mary's Hospital at Manchester on 27th December 2017 and 2nd January 2018 and there were time restraints on these. All were samples taken from 5 day old babies.

But, that's not all:

Between 18:30 on Friday 22nd December 2017 to 02:00 on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 we completed 620 call-outs, an astonishing figure.

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Neil McCall has broken these down as follows:

	Total	Blood	Meds	Notes	Other	Platelets	Samples	Milk	Emergency	Regular Run	Urgent	Very Urgent		Blues Used
Friday 22 December 2017	37	0	5	5	2	1	23	1	0	8	28	0		0
Saturday 23 December 2017	79	2	19	6	4	0	47	1	0	16	62	0		0
Sunday 24 December 2017	71	2	16	2	5	1	45	0	0	15	55	1		0
Monday 25 December 2017	44	2	2	3	1	0	36	0	0	9	31	4		3
Tuesday 26 December 2017	72	6	15	2	5	2	42	0	0	13	58	1		0
Wednesday 27 December 2017	29	0	3	3	1	0	22	0	0	8	21	0		0
Thursday 28 December 2017	24	0	2	1	1	0	19	1	0	8	15	0		0
Friday 29 December 2017	32	1	3	4	1	0	23	0	1	8	23	0		1
Saturday 30 December 2017	78	3	16	4	6	0	49	0	0	18	59	1		0
Sunday 31 December 2017	76	3	14	6	4	1	48	0	0	18	58	0		0
Monday 01 January 2018	70	2	8	5	4	0	51	0	0	12	56	2		0
Tuesday 02 January 2018	8	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	6	0		0
Totals	620	21	104	42	34	5	410	4	1	134	472	9		4

Fantastic team work all round. Merry Christmas and welcome to The World little ones.

Volunteer of The Year:

We also got this from Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to add to our ever-increasing list of awards.

Together we care

NHS
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Heroes in Health 2017

Celebrating Success

**Blood Bikes
NW Lancs and Lakes**

Nominated for

**Volunteer of the Year
Award 2017**

in association with
emis group radio wave

Ian Johnson
Ian Johnson, Chairman

Wendy Swift
Wendy Swift, Chief Executive

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🎵 Let it snow, Let it snow, NOT:

On Friday, 8th December 2017 we were aware that snow was on its way and sure enough most of us woke up to snow in various degrees, too dangerous to take a bike out so between 9th & 12th I had to suspend the use of bikes across our area. There was of course a real risk we would have to close down completely, but we didn't miss a beat, we only had one call cancelled and during that period we successfully completed 185 call outs, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers.

The weather predictions were horrendous and we had 4 x 4 Response on standby, but they were not required, which was good because they were extremely busy further South where the snow was more severe. Even one of our Founders & Trustee's, Graham Jones, who is also a member of 4 x 4 Response joined them in the Midlands. Kids might like the white stuff, WE DON'T ☺

New HQ works:

We've had the press there, Lancashire Life magazine and Lancashire TV, all obviously wanting to know about the wedding, but also what we do.

Members Paul Pain and Gosia Kostrzewa are jointly looking after HQ and Admin including requests for stock and clothing, so if any member wants something contact Paul & Gosia via hq@nwbb-lancs.org of course Paul also remains Deputy Fleet Manager fleet@nwbb-lancs.org and now has a superb workshop to play with bikes, which need attention.

If you need clothing, stickers, badges, etc., Paul or Gosia are the ones to contact.

Controller Prepares:



Riders check their duty steed prior to riding it, but what do Controllers do?

Here is a perfect example from Lisa Grundy, Controller.

Smart office and looks like a small Control room, which for Lisa's duty it is exactly that.

Or it could be like this, with beer in hand:



Beer & Cider Bash:

Don't forget, we are holding a Beer & Cider Bash on 19th & 20th January 2018 at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, PR5 0UY, starting at 12:00 on the 19th.

NORTH WEST BLOOD BIKES LANCS & LAKES BEER & CIDER BASH

Friday 19th January 2018
12pm till 12am
& 20th January 2018
1pm till midnight

At the Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane
Samlesbury nr Preston, Lancs

20 craft cask ales on offer
sourced from brewers in each of the
NWBB areas we cover.

Cider, prosecco, wine & gin
free soft drinks available

Some excellent tunes on during the
day & evening.

£5.00 entry including glass
All profits to NWBB Lancs & Lakes
CAMRA member discount



This has been organised by Haydn & Angela Williams who now have their own Micro Brewery, and it includes specially engraved beer glasses, which are purchased to keep and then filled with the beer of your choice. Faceache has all the details, but there are several independent micro brewers there and much more.

Thank you all again, give yourselves a pat on the back you all richly deserve it and we'll see what 2018 has in store



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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