



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017



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Welcome to the June Newsletter of 2017:

Up until we came back from holiday it had been a scorching summer, great for shorts and holidays, but not so good for leathers or bike gear, but then we're in Great Britain and the weather is very rarely exactly what we want ☺. Unfortunately all our Riders have to wear all the protective gear come rain or shine, but then they're motorcyclists.

We have again started running as soon as our feet hit the ground following our 5th Anniversary and we are closing on 37,000 call outs very quickly, but remember "We can't help everybody, but every one can help someone" and that's exactly what we do.

(From Gary Johnson – Fylde)

Here's a story that tells it all:

At Lytham Club day, a lady came over to us with tears in her eyes, and thanked us for the work we do. We got talking and she explained what had happened. We were all chuffed with the story, as it epitomises why we all got involved with NWBB, and she was more than happy to send through a thank you (see below), with some pics we took at the event.

From Mary:

Nikki's Story

My daughter Nikki was almost 9 months pregnant when she suffered a ruptured placenta. She was rushed into Blackpool Victoria Hospital (BVH) on 16th November [2015](#) for an emergency caesarean section.

Her situation was very serious but thankfully the Consultant and team delivered a beautiful baby boy before Nikki's condition deteriorated.

Nikki lost a huge amount of blood and needed transfusions urgently. BVH requested additional supplies and I saw the blood being delivered. This was a Sunday, out of hours!

Once my daughter's condition stabilised, she was moved to Intensive Care and little Jack was moved to the Neonatal Unit.

Whilst Nikki was in Intensive Care she started losing more blood and needed more transfusions. She overheard staff requesting urgent supplies. This was on Sunday evening and again out of hours, fortunately additional blood supplies were delivered quickly.

Once mummy and baby arrived home I wrote to thank everyone involved in saving my precious daughter and Grandson's life. However it wasn't until Saturday when we attended Lytham Club Day and saw the NW Blood Bikers I realised I'd missed thanking a group of people who dedicate their time as volunteers, providing a vital service helping to save lives!

I spoke to Gary Johnston and another gentleman and mentioned my daughter's experience and thanked them for everything the NWBB do. They were delightful and spent time with 2 year old Jack who insisted on sitting on every bike ☺!

My daughter lost almost 5 litres of blood that day/night. I truly believe that without the NWBB the outcome could have been so much worse and too painful to even think about.

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Keep on doing what you are doing lovely people.

A huge thank you from me, my daughter Nikki, 7 year old Lucy, her very precious brother 2 year old Jack and the whole family. We are eternally grateful to you all!

With unending gratitude.

Mary x



Jack

Jack & Nikki

Gary



Bish

3 Sisters Race Track:

As many of you know each year since we started Wigan council have invited us along to a charity Race Day at the 3 Sisters Race Track and even though the firm that were running it went bust a few months ago, Councillor Bob Brierly, has invited us again, but this time they are organising it. Basically what happens is everyone who comes to ride round the track, pays for the privilege and that money comes directly to us, minus the cost of Paramedics and Marshals.

It really is a great day and kicks off at 2pm until dusk, but we'll be there from 1pm. See below:

3 SISTERS RACE TRACK DAY
FOR
NORTH WEST BLOOD BIKES LANCS & LAKES
 Come and join us on 8th August 2017 & have a great time!

Directions

M6 JUNCTION 24 (signposted A49 Wigan & Wigan Pier). Down long slip road to roundabout where you turn right, (signposted A49 Ashton), also a Brown directional sign for **THREE SISTERS**.

Along the **A49** for just over 3/4 mile to the first set of traffic lights, (shops on left), turn left into **BRYN** road, also signposted **GOLBOURNE**.

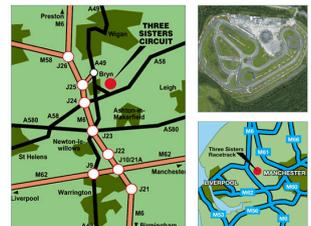
Along **BRYN** road for approx 1/4 mile, turn left into **LOCKETT** road onto **SOUTH LANCS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**.

Along **LOCKETT** road for approx 1/4 mile and then left into **Three Sisters Road**.

Please Note: There is no exit at Junction 25 for Southbound M6 Traffic. For Southbound customers we recommend proceeding to Junction 24 (1 mile) and returning Northbound to Junction 25.

Click to view [google maps](#)

Visiting Three Sisters by train? Book your train tickets with TransPennine Express to Wigan North-western www.tpeexpress.co.uk



Unit: (no not You ☺)

Unit 5 Momentum Place, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6EF.

That's what we have now, but there's an awful lot of work needs doing, but first we have to get a mezzanine floor in, then we can decide how the inside will be planned. As I mentioned at the AGM it will take on the role of being the address of the charity and admin will be done from there. It will also be a great place for training courses, such as B&T's, FBOS, etc., and is central to the charity. We will no doubt be asking for volunteers as we get it ready, so please watch out for something different to do with your weekends or days off ☺. Realistically I don't expect it to be up

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and running before the end of August, but miracles do happen ☺.

I'm sorry this edition is on the short side, but I have been away for nearly 3 weeks, so will have to make up for it, next month.

In the meantime

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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