



Chairman's bit:

Hi All

Welcome to the March Newsletter. *I'm afraid the first item is a very sad one indeed, but I make no apology as I think Emma, her husband Ian, and her family deserve this.*

Emma Grandison, Ian's wife and sister of James Robinson (one of our members) tragically passed away on the 5th February 2015.

Emma was 32 years old and whilst pregnant with her daughter Erin, was diagnosed with cancer, but refused treatment until Erin was born. She clung onto life to see Erin grow to 15 months old, but finally lost her battle with life.

Emma was a Dear friend of NWBLL and an amazing supporter of ours, going on TV, the Bee and 2BR Radio and was interviewed in Lancashire Evening Post. James joined us as a Rider because of our help to the hospitals.

On Friday 13th February 2015, the day of the funeral, several of us on liveried and private bikes, escorted her from her home in Longton Preston, to Charnock Richard Crematorium, and Emma was carried in a converted VW Camper van.

The Crematorium was packed and Emma had recorded her own Eulogy, which was played on a wide screen TV. I'm sure Erin, Ian, and their families will treasure the film for the rest of their lives.



Emma's legacy is not over yet as there are two of her friends going to kayak the length of the Leeds Liverpool canal to raise money for a Cancer Trust and will be passing Botany Bay, Chorley on the 11th April 2015, when Botany Bay are holding a Family Fun Day.

Thank you Emma

R.I.P.

New Website

Yes it's gone live. The same address as the old one www.nwbb-lancs.org but totally revamped, thanks to Greg Riley our Webmaster.

Members can only access the Members area and get access to the rota through it, after emailing Greg and letting him check your name on his list, but anyone can see everything else.

The new site has been designed with phones and android pads in mind and alters to suit.

Wish List

We have a new addition to our wish list should you know anyone or any organisation that asks “what can we buy you?” we need two power point projectors and speakers, for showing films or power point presentations whilst giving talks to groups.

We have two projectors already but only one set of speakers, so if anyone wants to borrow them, let the Chairman know.

Talks

Whilst on about talks, we now have the RAF giving talks for us, albeit a WW11 veteran in the form of Lee Townsend (no he’s not really that old ☺) talking to the Urostomy Association about the famous Spitfire, but collecting for NWBLL.



Lee is a member of the Lytham Spitfire group who have a full size replica of a Spitfire, which last year (as some of you know) they took to Germany of all countries. Anyway £60 in our coffers, thanks Lee.

New Recruits:

Monday night, 2nd March the Fylde Deputy Area Manager, Pete Haworth gave a talk to 16th Fleetwood Scout Group.



Hopefully, they’ll spread the word as each one was given a “Snap Band”, we may also get some new recruits in a few years ☺. Well-done Peter.

Publicity/Recruitment Manager

I put out an appeal for anyone wanting this role and Steve Lloyd has put himself forward, thanks Steve. It will take some time to get wheels in motion I’m sure, and he will work closely with our Membership Secretary, so if Steve contacts you for help, please do if you can.

Love Barrow

John Walker, North rider, has been asked by Barry Rigg, of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay, if he would be interviewed for a “Love Barrow” book/brochure, explaining what we do. John is ideal because he’s both Rider and Controller.

What’s come in, in February?

* Denotes Member

£25 From Gisburn Women’s Institute

£400 From Mrs D. Jones (private donation from *Graham’s Mum)

£50 From the 41 Club

£30 From Mr GJ Hodgson (private donation)

£60 From Urostomy Association

£150 Morecambe Bay Classic Bike club

£31 From the tub at David Myers Opticians
Lytham, thanks *Ian Brooker

Don't forget:

The AGM is to be held at 10am on Sunday 26th April 2015 at the Masonic Hall, Cunliffe Street, Chorley. Nomination Forms for positions on the Committee are now available from the Secretary, Graham Miller secretary@nwbb-lancs.org but must be returned to him by 26th March 2015. Any late ones will not be valid.

Tinnitus:

Most motorcyclist put their ears at risk every time they go out on a bike, so the wearing of noise suppressors (ear plugs) is vital. Some of the older riders, the Chairman included, have been riding since the 60's when no-one thought of earplugs and the damage was done, so please wear them.

One form of defective hearing is Tinnitus meaning "[ringing](#)" is the perception of sound within the human ear ("ringing of the ears") when no external sound is present and often caused by the ears being subject to loud noise over sustained periods.

Bryan Evans, Rider (and South Area Manager when it gets going again) is undergoing a tinnitus study and has had injections in the ears. He tells me it's working, but they need more volunteers for a period of 0 - 12 months and even 18 months, so if you suffer, contact Bryan on 01204 416814 and he'll explain what it's all about.

Weather:

Dateline Sunday 1st March, first day of Spring, and Paul Pain (Central Area Manager) was duty rider and asked to go to Lancaster NHSBT to pick up platelets for Royal Preston Hospital.

The call was designated "Very Urgent", so Paul set off and got as far as Forton Services on the M6 where 1½" snow had fallen in just a few seconds. He couldn't go on and informed the Controller, Brenda, who then called Ian German and asked him if he could go in his car.

Ian set off but because of the snow, the M6 is close to a stand still as were the A roads, so Ian took back roads and eventually got there, collected the platelets and got them to RPH.

Yes it took longer than anyone would like but faster than any other courier. Well done all three of you.

"First day of Spring." WHAT?????????

Finally 3 Sisters Race Day 12th May 2015



Take care and remember:

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

Paul Chairman & Trustee.

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