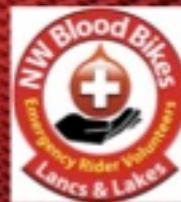


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NWBB Lancs & Lakes



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Welcome to all our readers.

Chairman's bit:

Hi all,

DUTY TIMES

Don't forget, from Monday morning 19th we stand down at 02:00hrs for every hospital. This is necessary for a short period because we are struggling to get Controllers, as well as riders, to cover overnight during the week. The weekends will remain the same, but finishing at 02:00 on a Monday morning instead of 06:00.

Unusual Run

This week, we saw another unusual run. 21:17 Julie McCorkindale (Duty Controller) received a call from RBH asking if we could collect "Versa Tips for Biochemistry Analyser" from Leighton Hospital, Crewe. Apparently urgently needed for one of the machines and the only available ones were in Crewe.

Campbell went and collected them and then handed them over to Carl Farber for delivery. Well done to all three; Julie, Campbell & Carl, this is what we are here for.

Bag Packing at Morrisons Chorley

We are being allowed to Bag Pack at Morrisons Chorley on 17th May (tomorrow if you read this newsletter today Friday). Any help will be gratefully received. If you can help, please call Carl or me. If you can, please be there for 09:30.

Newsletter

I have been doing a weekly newsletter now since the end of last year, but sometimes struggle to complete it, so what I am going to do is change to a Monthly newsletter, that way you will all get more relevant up-to-date information and give more time to collate what's happening in and around, with your help of course.

If anyone attends an event, please take a photo or two and fire it/them across to me for inclusion.

Southport & Ormskirk

We have recently received information that Southport and Ormskirk are joining forces with Whiston Hospital (Liverpool side of St Helens) for analysis procedures, which will have an impact on what we do.

The distances are not great, but it takes us into Merseyside's area. However, I am told that they

prefer to use us rather than NWBB Merseyside, perhaps because they have grown used to us and know we work well, (praise indeed). It could bring in riders from further afield like Keith Baldock, who has been with us a long time, but has only been able to help with Milk up to now, but we'll have to wait and see.

Martin Walsh and I are trying to arrange a meeting, but the move is not expected to take place until nearer the end of the year, so no rush on that score, but will try and get one early to get a better handle on it. I'll keep everyone affected informed.

Events Done

12th May Denise and I gave a talk to a local WI group in Whittle-le-Woods, it was well received and although the collected monies, £35, won't beat any records, it was still gratefully received. There was a lot of interest and quite a few people there to spread the word for us. As usual they were all amazed at what we do, so thank you ladies for your interest.

3 Sisters Track Day

Well the morning of the Track day was a bit worrying, weather wise, but it turned out well.



I think there should be a completion here as to what Kevin Sansom (on the left) is thinking, or what the shady character (Laurence Brannigan) in the gazebo is up to.

A lot of riders, I suspect, didn't turn up because of the mornings weather, but enough did for us to walk away with £1,300.

The Eatin Place

Graham Jones went along to a bike meet at "The Eatin Place", Burnley Road, Blackburn, to try and recruit.



According to Graham it's a great place to meet, and the foods good.

Forthcoming Events

17th May – Morrison's of Chorley Bag Packing – Volunteers required, contact Campbell.

17th May – Controller training course at Royal Preston Hospital run by Paul Pain and Denise Brooks.

23rd May – 19:00 Comedy night at St Chads, Whittle le Woods – tickets from Paul Brooks

24th May – 09:30 Collection at Clayton Le Woods ASDA – volunteers for collecting required.

Seniors Banking... PRICELESS!!

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old, woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the Times.

Dear Sir

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds

must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters,--- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an OFFENCE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contract which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public figure, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone banking service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows: IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALLING Press the (*) button.

For English press #1

To make an appointment to see me; #2.

To query a missing payment; #3.

To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there; #4

To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping; #5

To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature; #6

To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home; #7

To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. A Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier; #8

To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 to 9; #9

To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client.

And remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off.

Is this funny or not?



It could only happen in Ireland

(Zoom in and see what's on the track)

This definitely isn't funny



They found his mobile phone still in his hands
and his head in the back seat.
Isn't texting while driving fun?

Comedy Night

Tickets are on sale for the Comedy Night, details below. If you know you're coming can you contact me ASAP to reserve tickets.

The Newsletter can now be accessed by anyone and everyone, including members of the public, through a button on our website www.nwbb-lancs.org "About Us"

Take care and remember, "NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK".

Paul

North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes
Present

VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE
COMEDY NIGHT

LIVE AT 7PM FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014

Come along to our fundraising
Comedy Night at St Chad's Club,
Whittle-le-Woods on
Friday 23rd May 2014.

Tickets only £20 pp - all proceeds
going to NWBB Lancs & Lakes.

Our next ride may save a
life, could it be yours?

Hot pot supper available.
Entertainment by
Fungus & The Bogeyman.

CONTACT: SUE AT ST CHAD'S OR PAUL AT NWBB LANCs & LAKES
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