

# Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to all our readers.

## Chairman's bit:

Hi all,

First of all....

We have now completed over 7,300 call-outs and a huge pat on the back should be accepted by all of you who have contributed to them, either as Controller, Rider or active Member. This last month has left us trying to fill gaps, which is not surprising as many have been away on well deserved holidays, but we did it, so thanks to all those who stood in at the last minute. I know many will saddle up again now the holidays are over, but if you can coax, bribe or hassle new riders and controllers to join us all the better. Thanks to everyone concerned....

## Blues & Two's or Two's and Blues?



We have now enlisted the help of two ex police rider training guys who not only have 60 years of policing between them, but have 40 years of training police drivers and motorcyclist too. Nigel Greenhalgh, with the help of Paul Dixon, has re-written the presentation to what I would expect to be Home Office standards.

We are therefore starting to train more riders to the standard required for emergency response runs using our liveried bikes. Places on the course are limited, but we should be able to do several courses.

All existing B&T's riders will need to attend the presentation to update their qualification.

The first of the new courses will be on Sunday 28th September, and Area Managers have been tasked with selecting advanced riders who are prolific on the rota.

This will eventually be open to all advanced riders who regularly go on the rota.

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## Howdy....

We mentioned this in the last newsletter, but thought it worthy of another mention.

Ian Brooker's (rider) friends, Mr & Mrs Middleton, had an American country singer/guitarist visiting them, the one and only Pete Martinez. He performed at a "garden party" on Wednesday 15th July, and the Middletons have donated the proceeds from the sale of tickets to NWBB, a total of £770.

Pete also performed at the Old Town Hall in Poulton on Weds 16th, July and Great Birchwood on Thursday 17th. Next stop....?

On another note - Ian also completed the Great North Swim (2 miles), raising about £200 for NWBB. Well done Ian and Mr & Mrs Middleton (below).



Taxed to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with MOT to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Service history, 28402 miles, heated grips, Sola-larm with two alarm fobs, two bike keys, original panniers with matching top box and two keys, touring screen, centre stand, original tool kit & bulb kit. Two new tyres May 2012 and new swinging arm January 2007

£2200



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The following donations have also been received, amongst others. Big thanks to all:

Baxenden MCC £217.80

Penwortham United Reform Church £350.00

David Myers Opticians £50

Dog & Partridge collection tub £30.20  
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### **Fancy a bargain?**

Read on....

This bike is owned by David Reeves, the husband of Pauline, one of the Red Rosettes ladies choir who held the concert for us last year.

The reason for the sale is that David has Parkinson's disease and it's getting worse, so he has had to give up riding, but as you will see from the advert he has owned it virtually since new.

David is a guy who has 3 MG's one from the 1940's, maintained and cared for by him and all in pristine condition, and he is passionate about vehicles of all sorts. I have seen the Pan and it's like new even though its 23 years old, the mileage speaks for itself.

If anyone is interested please either contact David or Pauline direct, but say who you are and how you got to know about the bike or if you want to know more contact me and I will point you in the right direction. It really is a superb specimen of a great bike.

Contact David Reeves 0783 150 5888



## Are you accustomed to public speaking?

If so, could you volunteer some of your precious spare time to give talks to interested groups? These talks are vital in raising the profile of the Bikes, and in fundraising in general. Please drop a line to your Area Manager, Chairman or via Contact us if you're reading this on the website.

**Harald Gormsson** was a very forward thinking King of Denmark and Norway. Despite being born in circa 935, he allowed his nickname 'Bluetooth' to be used for a communications protocol that would take the 21st century by storm.

Just by coincidence, we have taken stock of 10 more Bluetooth headsets, which we're selling on for £30 (and making 4 pence profit on each!). 2 of this second batch have sold already and, by all accounts, they're very good quality. If you'd like to have a look-see, just ask the Chairman if there's any left.... As tested by Harald himself. And not a horn in sight....

**AGM** is to be held at 10am on Sunday 14th Sept at Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk L39 4QP. All welcome, please come along and have your say and hear what's been happening and what's going to happen.

All Riders are asked to bring their hi viz as the University would like a photo shoot, and the hi viz can be worn when on your own bikes as officially you will be on duty.

We look forward to meeting everyone again and welcoming all the new volunteers. Can you let Graham Miller ([secretary@nwbb-lancs.org](mailto:secretary@nwbb-lancs.org)) know if there are any points you'd like raising asap?

**Cleveleys Writers "Poets in the Park"** took place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Stanley Park Blackpool. They've produced a book of poems and will sell them for us. The first poem in the book was a Blood Bike one written by Denise Brooks.

Paul & Denise Brooks, Gary Johnston, Jacqui Clemson-Heath and Rob Newsham attended. Jacqui's Dad was one of the Poets. Well done all.



**Gregson Lane Gala** took place on 24<sup>th</sup> August, and was attended by Paul & Denise Brooks (don't they get around), Carl Farber and Paul Pain.



A visit from Deepdale Duck and the Mayor of South Ribble, who wants to do something for us. Good guy, though, and a biker. The duck or the Mayor....?





All in all, a well attended day with vital fundraising...

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How far would you go to promote NWBB to the masses? Well one member has tried to recruit from within when he ended up in hospital last week, with a heart attack, but he's far from death's door and just as flamboyant as normal.

Denise Brooks, who does voluntary work at Chorley hospital every Tuesday morning, serving drinks and dinner on the Medical Assessment ward, called in this morning to see Frank Fitzgerald in the cardiac ward. Unfortunately, he's recently suffered a heart attack, but isn't too bad, considering.

Not to let an opportunity pass him by he took along with him his trusty titfer (hat to those who don't know), which proudly sported a NWBB cloth badge in all its glory. He paraded this around the ward selling NWBB to anyone who wanted to hear (and a lot of those that didn't), and even the doctors didn't get off lightly.

Hopefully we now have a few more health workers who will give us a kindly wave and promote us to the management. Get well soon Frank and can we have a photo of the trusty titfer please when you are better....

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### New "dated" ID's

Very shortly the old ID's will be obsolete as far as the Hospitals are concerned. We have new dated ID's for all riders and they must be worn when on duty, especially if we are asked to carry certain types of pharmacy, which can be anytime. They cost nothing so please, if you haven't picked up your new ID yet, please do so ASAP - your Area Manager has them all.

### Trimpell Sports & Social

On Sunday the 24th August Debbie and Andy Houghton set up a stand at the Trimpell Sports and Social Club in Morecambe for their annual family fun day. This was the second time we had been invited as one of their nominated charities.

We were given one of the more prominent spots, right next to the main stage. Andy had taken his bike and Steve Dunstan brought the Strumpet, the older Triumph St 1050. Julie Lancaster, young George and Mike Ashton completed the NWBB line up along with our very own honorary fundraiser, Fiona Houghton.



All in all a really great atmosphere, some great acts, (Check Out Ms Dani Gallagher, pictured above) and a lovely day in the sun. There were many children and several ladies, one of which who'd just had a lung removed, who thought it was great to be sat on a blood bike! Some of the kids even tried to see if a K1200GT could seat 5.....





And the great thing, as one of their nominated charities, they helped with all the fund raising and we stand to receive over £500 from donations and sales - not bad for chatting and sunbathing..... (just a shame most had to ride and drive otherwise we could have helped with the beer sales!!)

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

*Paul* Chairman & Trustee.

Need anything including in the newsletter? Email the Chairman or send your text (times new roman 12 pt) and photos direct to Paul Grange - grangey@gmail.com


Fancy a knees up?

Music from our Local Band

# FLASHBACK

Dance or sing along to Music from the 60's, 70's and 80's @  
Nets Bar  
Gregson Lane, Hoghton

On Behalf of



North West Blood Bikes,  
Lanes & Lakes

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm  
Tickets £5 On The Door

I know most of us roughly toughy guys don't buy quilts, but winter is coming and it would be a nice pressy for the lady of your life. :-)

These people are a branch of a nationwide group of people who make outstanding quilts and we are honoured that they are collecting on our behalf. I have loads of raffle tickets if you can sell any, and don't worry not all the prizes are quilts. I know it's a pain trying to sell raffle tickets, but there is a crock of gold at the end for us. If you want any, give the chairman a call, 07710 951159

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Exhibition of Work Celebrating 25 years

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at Midge Hall Methodist Church  
Longmeanygate, Leyland PR26 6TN

**September 18th, 19th and 20th**  
**10.00am - 5pm**

Sales tables, Tombola, Refreshments  
**Adults £3.00 Students £1.00**

Raffle to be drawn each day  
for quilts and many other prizes  
in aid of Blood Bikes and 'My Life'

**Tickets 50p each**