



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

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September 16 Newsletter



Chairman's bit:

In the last 12 months we have won so many awards I think British Airways should paint the nose of a 747 orange and yellow and take us all off to some far flung desert island for two weeks in the sun with free food and drink, then bring us all back, to carry on doing what we do so well.

We have won the NHS award (Gold medal), the QAVS (350 Gold medals) and the National Lottery Award (Gold medal) 😊😊😊.

Anyway I'll dream on:

Our Vice Chairman, Lee, received a phone call on the Committee ring around number a few days ago and it not only gob smacked Lee, but me also when he told me, so from Lee this is how it went:

On Tues 23rd August I received a call on the NWBB Committee Ring Round number. A gentleman asked if this was NWBB and I of course confirmed such. He then introduced himself, as Joe Sabien and that I would not know who he was. He was from Sea Sanctuary Cornwall and they were in the Health Category Final against us. I now think I am going to get abused because we won!! But quite the opposite happened. Joe went on to say the following: -

" I just wanted to call and congratulate you all. We would have loved to have won but if we had to lose to anyone then I am glad it was you. I think that what you do is fantastic and keep up the good work!"

I obviously thanked him for his kind words and I have to say that this is one of the kindest gestures I have witnessed and want to ensure that all the membership were made aware. So if you are ever

in Falmouth in Cornwall, look them up and say hello."

There are more good people than not out there and this phone call just proves it. What a nice man and what a lovely thing to do. ☺

Events team:

For personal reasons there has been a change of Events Manager and during the transition Neil McCall was asked to step in to cover the role until Kimi Kirkham was able to take it over, which she is now doing.

I would like to personally thank Gwyn for his time in doing it and Neil (who already has a lot on his plate) for stepping in temporarily, and Kimi for taking it over.

If anyone gets to know of an event or has ideas please contact Kimi through the events@nwbb-lancs.org

National Lottery Award

Yes we won in the Health category and a couple of weeks ago we had 22 people at our house, including 7 film crew from the BBC and Rav Wilding the ex copper from Crime Watch and Helicopter Heroes.

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Rav wanted to get involved to see what we do, so I managed to get special permission from the Bike Insurance company for him to ride one of our bikes. (The BBC also Insured him) We went to Chorley and collected a box and took it to Preston. Rav on a bike with me on another mentoring him. A good laugh but with a serious message.

Once at Preston he was introduced to our staunchest ally, Maria Burn.



When edited a film will be shown on the 12th September, which is the national Lottery Award show.

Also on Friday 26th August a features reporter from the Daily Mirror in London, Emma, came up to see what all the fuss was about.

Lee Townsend collected her from Preston train station and took her to the County Hotel in Lytham, where she had booked for two nights. On Friday evening Lee was on duty and used his own bike so that Emma could ride pillion whilst he showed her what we do. Their last call was about midnight so she worked into the early hours and thoroughly enjoyed it even though she had never been on a bike before.



No! I wasn't trying it on ☺ I'm happily married, well that's what Denise tells me ☺ (SLAP)

Ormskirk Motorfest:



Great days by all accounts even though Helga needed a push start after all the kids had been playing with switches ☺

High drama outside the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

Spotted mother duck and ten ducklings in a flowerbed near the Centenary Building. Apparently she had built a nest and only had the

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ducklings yesterday. Just started to video them when two of the babies fell in the gully! Luckily a motorist had a bar in his car and managed to lever open the grate and rescue the victims. Happily mum relocated them to the canal later.

Check this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NWBBL/permalink/1099809993398881/>

Thankfully, donor breast milk was not required ☺

Padiham Classic Bike Show:

Yet another great day, this time in the East.

WARNING "If you are of a nervous disposition there may be one image which upsets you ☺"



There was loads going on in August, well done everyone involved.

Letter from the Police:

Following Marcel's funeral, I wrote to the Chief Constable of Lancashire to praise the efforts of and help of PC Kevin Andrews (Motorcyclist) and Civilian Traffic Manager (Ex Sergeant) John McLaughlin, for helping us to arrange the route and escort the cortege, all of which was sorted by our Secretary Graham Miller, and as a result I have received this letter from the Chief Superintendent of South Division.



Now I know we all like Cyclists?

But there are some really good riders and NWBBL&L supporters out there, and to name two, one of whom is a member, Laurence Brannigan, and his mate Warren. They have literally just finished a cycle ride from Manchester to Lytham on our behalf. When they set off at 07:30 this morning (Saturday 3rd September 2016) the weather was fine and dry:



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But it didn't last and this is them at a café in Lytham drying out:

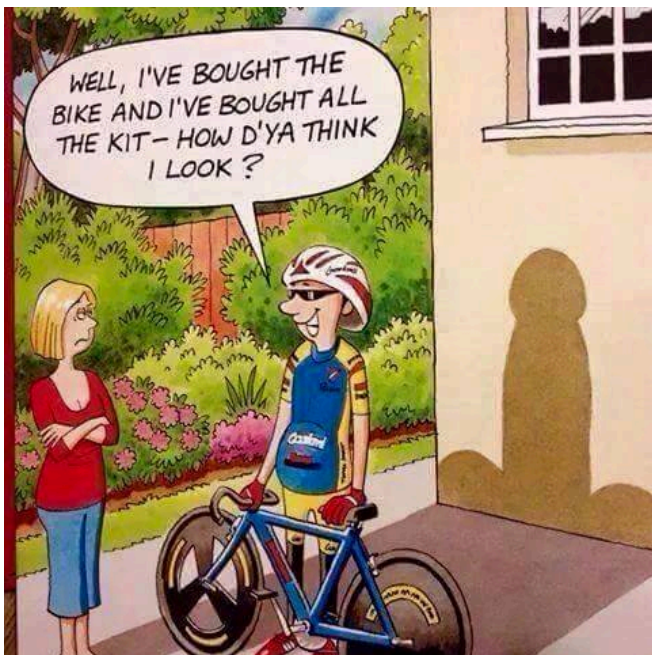


So far they've raised nearly £300 for us, but there may be more to come. Well done guys, I can only envy your fitness and courage 😊

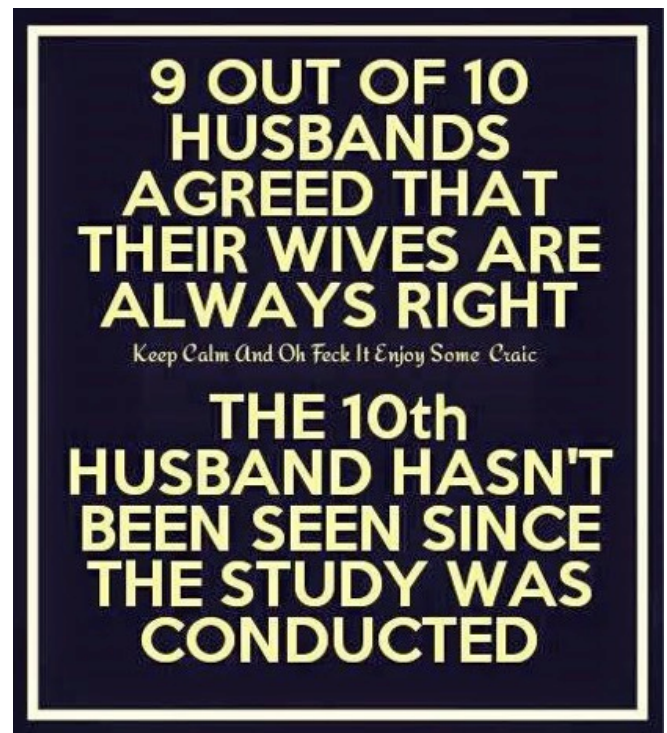
And whilst on the subject:

So what do you think of his rider's outfit, does it make him look like a proper cyclist or what?.....

No offence intended Laurence and Warren, but I just had to put it in 😊



And finally



Remember

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

Paul (Founder, Chairman & Trustee)

A great deal has gone on recently so if I've missed or forgotten something, forgive me, (but let me know, I can always do another supplement) or 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