



Newsletter

North West Lancs and Lakes Blood Bikes



September 2018

Important reminder that the **General meeting** is being held at **Barton Grange** on the **4th November**.

Also we will be asking for Pete Haworth to be officially voted on to the Committee as Manager Liaison, rather than wait until the AGM in May.

Chairmns bit...

A great deal has gone on recently, some have left of their own choice and some have had to leave, but many more have joined.

The Secretary of the charity has stood down, but remains a Trustee, in order to separate the Trustees and Committee, which will be complete at the latest in May 2019, because I am standing down as Chairman but will remain a Trustee.

The whole idea is to have a two tier system. The Committee are responsible for the day to day running of the charity and the Trustees are there to ensure the finances and legal issues are done correctly. It also means that if there is a disagreement between a member and the committee, the Trustees can deal with it independently, so it's fairer for all.

We are now, of course, in a position where we need a Secretary and an advert has gone out to members explaining what is required.

We are still ahead of all other Blood Bike Groups, in call-outs, and we have more volunteers than any other group. That said, we are always in need of more people because there is naturally a turn over, due to work, family, illness, etc., so please continue to advertise what we do.

Our biggest area of concern is West, and as you know we are trialling using car drivers for the regular runs, and it's beginning to work, plus we have taken on some more riders.

It's also noted that Bolton and Wigan may be considering using us again, but don't hold your breath, we tried early on to help them, but they rarely used us, however I am informed there are some new people there.

This is to take dialysis samples from Bolton to Salford on Regular runs in the evening and at weekends. We're waiting to have a meeting with them" then **Watch this space**.

<https://westmorlandshow.co.uk/county-show/>

Any member, from whichever area, can attend and help out if they can, it's a big show.

<https://www.gov.uk/enhanced-rider-scheme>

This is being organised within NWBB for any rider who wishes to enhance their riding, and is part way to an Advanced.

Gary Johnston, BBR244 is running it, so if you are interested please send Gary or our Rider Recruitment Manager Mark Furnival an Email. Gary is bbr244@nwbb-lancs.org or Mark is at recruitment@nwbb-lancs.org

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Friends of Prestons Museum - 'Fantastic' Donation

Since the Museum of Lancashire closed to the public in 2016 as part of Lancashire County Council cuts its Friends group has patiently waited for news of its reopening.



But now, following news that the council had no plans to reopen it to the public, they have disbanded and donated their funds to a regional health charity.

Members decided to hand over their remaining £16,500 funds to another worthy local cause – North West Blood Bikes. The surprise donation means the Blood Bikes charity can purchase three new Honda Crossrunner 800 bikes.

The Friends say this will be a fitting tribute to their founding chairman and major donor the late Stanley Brown, especially as one of the bikes will be named "Stanley". The donation was made by Friends chairman Denise Nelson of Longridge at the Blood Bikes HQ at Bamber Bridge.

Simon Hanson, Blood Bikes Fleet Manager, welcomed the donation and said: "It's going to make a huge difference - it's a fantastic donation."

Read more at:

<https://www.clitheroeadvertiser.co.uk/news/friends-of-preston-s-museum-of-lancashire-disband-and-donate-16-500-fund-to-north-west-blood-bikes-1-9289656>

Vintage Tea Party 1st July 2018

I never imagined that the idea for a coffee morning last year could result in the success we had raising £980.



When the lovely Paul Brooks jokingly asked when the next one was I didn't think for a second that this year we could host a bigger better tea party and raise even more with a grand total of £1780!

This success is thanks to the kindness of local companies in providing raffle prizes, the generosity of the people who attended and supported the event, the amazing work of our bakers and ultimately people who love eating cake!

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It was never about raising money, that was just a bonus it was always about a chance for people to socialise and enjoy a cup of tea in a china cup and a slice of something nice.

Not only did we have amazing amounts of cake we had music setting the scene from the fabulous Ashley, face painting by the lovely Jo and our old fashioned candy cart, we also had the amazing Peter Dean who kept people entertained with his magical presence! Outside we had delicious ice cream from our vintage Ice cream bike provided by Den-ice which was just perfect in the sunshine to keep people cool and it wouldn't be a Blood Bike tea party without the gorgeous Marion providing endless picture opportunities for guests – Thank you Simon for bringing her.



A huge thank you to everyone that came and put in such hard work, it couldn't have happened without them, to those who couldn't come but donated, to those who came and ate and ate and ate!



Contributors Becky Newton and Lee Pow

Morcambe Carnival

A great weekend was had by all at Morecambe carnival, we raised £847.00 from sale's and donations thank you all that help out. I would like to thank Kelly Lianne, Wayne White and biscuit for coming over from the east area to help out over the weekend.

Contributer Robert W Clarke



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Carol Smith

On August 14th we invited the amazing Carol Smith to be presented with a certificate of appreciation by the lovely Paul Brooks for her incredibly generous donation to NWBB of over £700. Carol's friends and family donated to us instead of giving gifts on her recent special birthday.



Thank you Carol for allowing us to celebrate with you and for such a wonderful donation. We can't exist without the kindness of people like you.
Contributor Becky Newton

Steven Browne Collection

Here is a very sad story of a rider called Steven Browne. He was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident near Settle in June and had just put in an application to join NWBB shortly before the accident.

His niece, Toni-anne Miles arranged a collection for NWBB rather than flowers & collected a huge £1,221.00 with her workplace, Perrys Burnley holding a fundraising event raising over £200 in that collection. She was an exceptionally brave young lady, when I met her in late July & I have attached a photo of the cheque handover. Her FaceBook page said the following:



Toni-anne Miles
13 July

We have just got round to counting all the donations for North West Blood Bikes in my Uncle Steven's name and we have a **GRAND TOTAL OF £1221.00**

We are all so grateful to each and every one of you who donated. Whether it was on the day of funeral or given direct to us we can not thank you enough. We are also so thankful for those who donated direct to North West Blood Bikes as we know some did.

I would like to thank Helliwells Colne for collecting all the donations on the day and being so helpful putting it in a cheque for us.

I would also like to thank my work- Perrys Burnley as they held a fundraising day with all sorts going on and managed to raise over £200!!! - Amazing!! We are so grateful for your support!!

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My Uncle eventually wanted to become a voluntary blood bike rider and I know he would be so please with the money raised in his memory.

We will all miss him every single day, he is always in our thoughts and we hope this would make him proud.

Thank you again everybody.

Contributor Neil Demaline

Great Team effort

Trevor Goff's 6 year old niece, Sophie Bell along with two friends – Sophie Spencer and Hana Iqbal, raised a magnificent £110.00, making and selling some magic goo (or whatever youngsters seem to make nowadays) at St Pauls Junior School in Nelson's Summer Fete.

That's a lot of 50p's and pounds to get that! Trevor arranged for two of our East Riders,



Paul Grundy and Stephen Clark to secretly attend the school to say thank you and allow the youngsters to sit on the bikes and have their photos taken during the last week of term before the Summer holidays.

Well done everyone, a fantastic effort.

Contributor Trevor Goff



Wow! A busy month ahead...

As of the 1st of September these are the upcoming events. If you can cover any of them, please let your Area Co-ordinator know. For those in the NORTH, please let Brenda Taylor know as we have no Co-ordinator up there at the moment.

September 1

10:00 AM - Alive to Drive Road Safety Event

11:00 AM - St Anne's Kite Festival

Joined by the Al-Farsi Kite Team from Kuwait, kite clubs and flyers from across the UK will bring the Summer holidays to a spectacular close on the first weekend in September. The skies above St Annes seafront will be awash with colour on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday as fabulous display kites take to the air on the beach adjacent to the pier.

11:00 AM - Halton Fun Day

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12:00 PM - Padiham Party in the Park. Event

3:00 PM - Chatburn Allotment Society. Event

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September 3

2:00 PM - Unison Retired Members, Talk

September 4

7:00 PM - Cleveleys Ladies Supper Club. Talk & Supper

September 5

12:00 PM - Chorley Council Unison Retired MEMBERS.
Talk & Buffet

September 6

10:00 AM - Knott End Probus Club. Talk

7:30 PM - Caton WI. Talk

September 8

9:00 AM - Lancashire Game & Country Festival.
Entertainment Event

10:00 AM - Nelson Food Festival
An array of local food stalls will be set up in the town centre, there will be live cookery demonstrations and presentations next to The Shuttle, and a host of other free entertainment for young and old alike.

11:00 AM - Southport Hospital Open Day. Event

September 9

9:00 AM - Lancashire Game & Country Festival.
Entertainment Event

10:00 AM - Classic Vehicle Show, St Annes.
Entertainment Event

September 10

9:00 AM - West Lancs CVS Health Network. Event

September 11

10:00 AM - Clayton Green Library. Talk

September 12

7:30 PM - Heath Charnock WI. Talk

September 13

9:30 AM - Westmorland County Show. Event

2:30 PM - Blackpool WI. Talk

7:30 PM - St Michaels On Wyre Ladies Group. Talk

7:30 PM - Bretherton WI. Talk

September 14

2:00 PM - Ormskirk Parkinsons UK. Talk

September 15

10:00 AM - Lytham Hall Steam Rally. Event

10:00 AM - Motorcycle Open Day, Southport. Show

September 16

9:30 AM - Lytham Hall Steam Rally. Event

September 17

7:30 PM - Leyland 41 Club. Talk

September 18

2:30 PM - Fleetwood WI. Talk

September 19

7:30 PM - Soroptomist International of Preston. Talk

September 20

6:30 PM - Morecambe Town Council Community Award.
Cheque Presentation

September 22

10:00 AM - Asda Superstore Collection. Cash Collection

September 25

2:00 PM - Ladies Tuesday Circle, Blackburn. Talk

6:30 PM - 2nd Whittle Le Woods Brownies. Talk

September 26

6:15 PM - Colne Blood Cancer Support Group. Talk

September 29

1:00 PM - South Lakeland Lacemakers, Milnthorpe.
Cheque Presentation

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or contact you area event organiser



A man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptising people in the river.

He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes I am". So, the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him up and asks the drunk, "Brother have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No I haven't found Jesus." The preacher shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, "Have you found Jesus Brother?" The drunk again answers, "No I haven't found Jesus".

By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again, but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God have you found Jesus?"

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

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Remember what we do

“HELPS TO SAVES LIVES”

but also remember:

and SADLY, this has greater meaning now!

***NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT AS TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK
IF YOU DO THERE COULD BE TWO LIVES 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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