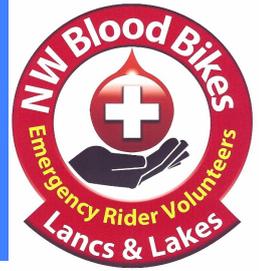




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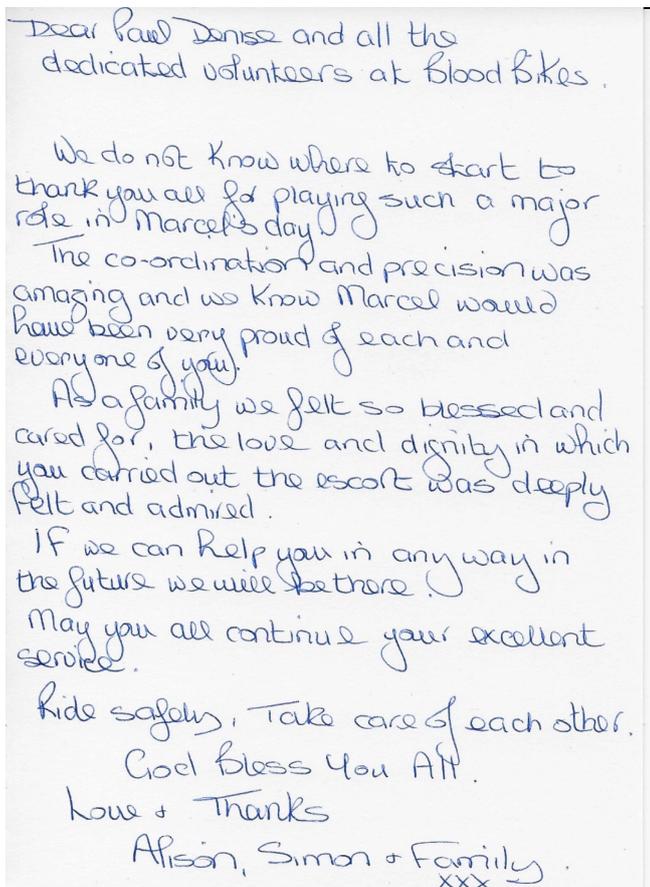
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Chairman's bit:

This is what was written in a Thank You card Alison Fallon gave us recently:



I think that says it all. Member, Simon Gardiner, filmed the cortege and at the Crematorium and we have passed that on to Alison and her family and whilst talking to her and her sister Kath, they both said what an amazing organisation and we should all be proud of what we do.

Hear, hear to that ☺

Events Done:

Well summer is always busy for events and this summer was no exception, despite the weather.

I have already listed some in the July Supplement, but here's a few more:

Caveman Bash at Samlesbury was a bit wet, and tried to mimic Glastonbury, but thanks to Andy & Debbie Houghton, and all who helped out it was a great time.



This was followed by the Westmorland show ground event, again thanks to Andy & Debbie along with all our members who helped out.

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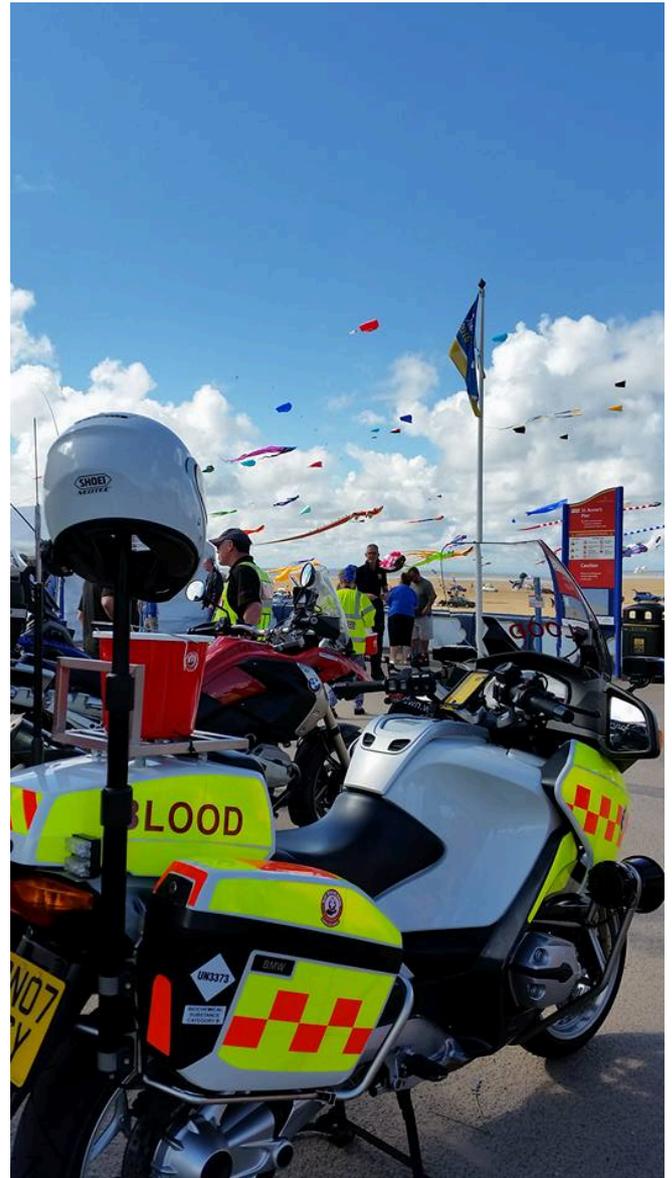


The Rocket Centre at Blackburn was well attended by both members and the public.

This event was attended last year by Marcel and I know he wanted to attend again, but Alison went along to meet everyone instead.



And, on the same day, but for two days, Saturday & Sunday, the Kite Festival at St Annes was well attended by both NWBB Lancs & Lakes members and the public.



The guys who attended there were treated to a buffet on both days lovingly prepared by Jeanette Chesters, *"wish I'd been able to make it"*.

Thank you Jeanette ☺

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The Northern area events team, riders and supporters have had a busy month raising the profile of NWBB-LL as well as raising funds.

The Caveman Bash at Samlesbury, was well represented with Rat (Mike Wilkinson) and Michelle Wilkinson attending with Debbie and Andy Houghton who as always put a lot of effort into the organisation and into battling with the mud and rain over the weekend.

The rain was also making its presence felt at the Retro Rendezvous festival in Ulverston, particularly on the Saturday but this didn't stop John Walker and his merry men from manning the stand. I'm led to believe that they kept smiling all the way through despite the poor turnout from the public – as the picture shows it was a very quiet street!

The weather improved for the next weekend when we had a stand at the Lions Club event held as part of the Catch the Wind weekend on Morecambe promenade. The stand manned by Debbie, Andy and Dougie and Tracie France was busy all day with people of all ages calling in to talk to us and sit on the bike. Picture shows our oldest potential recruit - a young at heart 80 year old lady who was thrilled to share the Sprint with Ivan.

Ivy was also in attendance at the Total Retro Event held at the Westmorland County showground - she even had a visit from Elliot and ET! (see picture). The events team of Debbie, Andy, Dougie and Tracie were in attendance again with support from various riders who dropped in over the weekend. The area manager and membership secretary even managed to turn out for a couple of hours! This was a joint fundraising event with the Endmoor First Responders and with match funding from Barclays Bank (thanks Rat) we managed a credible £871 over the weekend.

In total the amount raised at all these events was in the region of £4,000, which included a raffle by

the Rocket Centre and Barclays Bank donating a reciprocal amount to that raised at the Total Retro Show. Big thanks all round.



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have also been several talks to groups done too, which not only bring in much needed funds, but also spreads the word, so thanks to all who've done those.

Events to come in August:

Date:	Where:	Organiser:
6 th	Bolton Fire Stn Open day	Bryan Evans
9 th	3 Sisters Race Day	Paul Brooks
12 th	Homeserve Day	Haydn Williams
20 th	Blackpool Custom Bike Show Daz Busby	
20 th	Southport EMS Day	TBC
21 st	Rivington Barn	Ste Pickering
28 th	Homeserve Day	Haydn Williams

If you can get to any, please contact the organiser ASAP.

ALSO

As you may know, the new District Governor of the Rotary, which covers the whole of Lancashire and Cumbria, Malcolm Baldwin (my ex Motorway Police partner), has chosen Blood Bikes as his Charity for his term of office and is trying to raise enough money to buy both Lancs & Lakes and BB Cumbria a liveried bike each. We are obviously talking about a considerable amount of money here.

Each individual Rotary Club is donating to it and although Malcolm asked Rotarians to send their donations to the District Rotary Treasurer, some are coming directly to us, which I have been asked to "ring-fence". It's not a big issue, it's simply so Malcolm knows how much they have managed to raise at the end of his term, which I believe is June 2017.

If anyone gives a talk to a Rotary Club and they are kind enough to give you a donation, please make a note of whom I should write to. Basically that goes for every talk to any group, because without an address I can't thank any group for their generosity ☺

Here's a little something from one of my ex colleagues who wrote to the NARPO magazine following an article I put in, in May about us. I thought you might like to see it:

Blood Bikes:

Paul Brooks article (p 39) in the May issue about the organisation NW Blood Bikes was of personal interest to me.

I retired as a PC from the Met in 2004, with many years' service in Traffic. I was a long term blood donor & motorcyclist (albeit mainly fair weather in recent years). In August 2015 (page 25) NARPO (National Association of Retired Police Officers) magazine printed an incentive to all to seek a scan for Aortic Aneurism. As I have yet to reach the 65 years' criteria. I paid scant attention. In September 2015. After 2 days' work as a patient transport driver for an East Sussex hospice, I rode my bike home after work, and that evening collapsed with what I later discovered was an Aortic Dissection type A (which ruptures the thoracic aorta). I was rushed to A & E by ambulance and was transferred to Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, where I underwent major emergency surgery. It is remarkable that I made it into surgery at all, as I had lost a considerable amount of blood already.

By this time, it was the early hours of the morning, and I was unaware of anything, but my wife told me later that at least 2 blood bikes arrived at the hospital, and she saw one of them delivering blood to the theatre area.

In Sussex there is a branch of SERV, based in the Brighton area, that undertakes blood & blood products transport out of hours, and they were on hand to assist when I needed them. As part of the surgery I was given a new Aortic valve, and a coronary bypass. A few days later a pacemaker was fitted. I subsequently spent 7 weeks in hospital, the 1st 2 weeks in intensive care and under gradually reducing sedation. Virtually the whole of September is a blank to me, but I returned home at the end of October, I have made a gradual & steady recovery since.

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Without SERV and similar organisations around the country, including NW Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes, I would have been unable to see my 64th Birthday, or my one year old, granddaughter's 1st birthday.

I can now look forward a few years, with a somewhat reduced state of health, but I am only too aware that without Blood Donors and the Emergency Rider Volunteers, I would not be around at all.

Tony Lariham
London Branch of NARPO.

Driving Licence Counterpart:

Just some info, because I keep getting asked if the plastic D/L's Counterpart is required.

In June 2015 the paper counterpart for the plastic photo driving licence, (the bit where endorsements were typed or written) ceased to be legal and can be shredded and thrown in the bin. All endorsements are now stored electronically and if you are unlucky enough to end up before a Court the Magistrates will know if or how many points are on your licence ☹

Personal Bike Insurance:

The Fleet bikes are insured through West Craven Insurance and they may be able to give you a competitive rate, but because they specialise in Blue Light vehicles they may not, but it's worth asking providing you are a NWBB L&L member. It's worth a call: 01282 817277 and tell them you're a blood biker using your own bike. If they can't get it cheaper please let me know ASAP.

OR

"Swinton Bikes, the dedicated motorcycle division of Swinton Insurance are very keen to attract the business of blood bikers looking to insure their own machines and so have made the following offer to any blood biker contacting them.

25% discount from the quoted premium and

they will waive their £25.00 admin charge too. (e.g. a £200 premium would normally cost £225 but will cost a blood biker £150). This is a fantastic offer open to all blood bikers and it replaces the free helmet and leathers cover offered to date. (Please be aware that any policies incepted via DD will benefit from the same offer other than THEY WILL INCUR the standard 'Direct Debit' interest charge).

To take advantage, you must contact Swinton Bikes directly on 0800 298 2754.

State that you are a blood biker and which group you belong to. The discount will not be offered if you call any other number.

Swinton will periodically check details of people claiming the discount and so please do not, of course, pass this information around the wider community."

Bluelight Card:

If you haven't already got a Bluelight Card, visit www.bluelightcard.co.uk and check out the discounts. Use your Blood Bike status to join.

Constitution & Handbook Update:

Please remember, as a NWBB L&L Member you have access to the Members area of the website and there is a lot of useful information in there.

The Constitution and Handbooks (Document Store) are especially relevant to riders; please make sure you are up-to date with any changes.

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

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