

# Cornwall Blood Bikes

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**Riding for Life**



## May 2015 Newsletter (ramblings from the saddle).

Hiya, sorry I'm late with this edition but its been busy!

April total for jobs completed is 178 bringing our total for the year to date 776, well done everyone.

As the newsletter went to press last month we were deep in preparation for the relaunch event that was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Damerells motorcycle dealership at Indian Queens. We were so lucky with the weather, which encouraged lots of people to attend including prospective politicians, radio hosts and the TV news. There were stalls for cakes, cream teas and a brilliant tombola stall that was stocked solely with Easter Eggs. The fact that it was the day after Easter made no difference chocolate is chocolate so trade was brisk with people trying time and again to win the 1kg egg that was donated by Fran Appleton of St Agnes. It was only in the last 20 minutes of trading that someone actually won it. They are now under treatment for a chocolate overdose at Treliiske...

The event was a great success even though the lead up to the event had been troublesome but as always people pulled together and despite some setbacks nobody would have known how much work had been put in by so many people to make it all happen, well done to everyone. We do need to make a special thanks to wives, girlfriends, aunties, uncles and all manner of people not directly connected to the charity other than being a relative of someone who is. These folks provided the backbone of the event, which allowed others to schmooze the various guests. Thanks you! Now you will be asking what the total was for the event, it was a brilliant £1122, which has been put to use straight away.

The relaunch event proved very good with regard to people wanting to join the charity. Poor Chris P has been up to his neck in applications and inductions while also working on some of our policies so thanks Chris your work is always appreciated even though we may not say it. Toby has also been helping with the inductions, which takes some of the weight off Chris. Cornwall Advanced Motorcycles (CAM) have benefitted greatly from our event as all the new joiners have also signed up with them to undergo Advanced Rider Training. CAM also provided a facility for check rides for anyone who wanted to see how good or bad his or her riding was during the event. Steve Dandy gave sterling service on the Bike Safe stall, although I don't know how many people he got to sign up.

Garry Williams ran a stall for secondhand bike gear, which proved very popular, and the auction was a great success. There is still some gear left and more has been arriving since so if you fancy having a look at what there is get in touch with Garry. All proceeds will go to the charity.

Yet again we had another slot on the BBC Spotlight program, who says I have a face for radio? The Cornish Guardian also printed a full-page article about our work. This is very important so we can keep the public profile high.

There was only one collection in April at Sainsbury's in Helston raising £253.92.

Ok so Bike Nights... we as an organisation have created a bike night at the Damerells site in Indian Queens on Monday nights. Its open to everyone and Chapter 1 Diner is open for business throughout the evening. What we need then are people to come along and support

this event. Ultimately this will become a regular feature for us and it will bring money into the charity as it grows. So this is a plea from me with my fundraising head on, come on lets get the message out and get ourselves and others up to Indian Queens or down depending on where you are coming from and build this event into something worthy. Steve Damerell has offered clothing to be raffled off, the plan is to have some stalls etc. and there is a possibility of a bucking Bronco competition later on as the event grows. Damerells is open so why not come along and have a look around the shop while you are waiting for your burger to be prepared at Darren's? If you have any ideas on what else we can do on a Bike Night get in touch with Steve Wells as he has taken on the challenge of organizing the event.

Up coming events for May include the quiz night (5<sup>th</sup> May) at the St Agnes Hotel in St Agnes. The quiz starts at 8pm so come on and join in and don't forget to wear your Hi-Viz jacket. I need people to help sell raffle tickets and just to show a presence.

With events in mind the tickets are now on sale for the Rat Pack night of music at the Princess Pavilions in Falmouth on 11<sup>th</sup> July. This will be an evening of music provided by NGM Productions (<http://www.ngmproductions.co.uk/Welcome.htm>) for 160 lucky people. The evening will consist of a meal then the full Rat Pack show all for £40 per person. It's a black tie dinner but then what would you expect if Frank Sinatra was singing?

The purpose of this event is to raise lots of money for our organisation so to that end we will be hosting an auction and the usual raffle but here is where we can all help. **I'm trying to source three single rooms for one night on the 11<sup>th</sup> July for the Rat Pack as a donation so if anyone has contacts I the hotel or B&B trade in Falmouth can you see what you can do.** If we can get accommodation as a donation we will save ourselves a substantial amount of money on the night.

We have through Steve W got a couple of prizes for the auction but we need some more. Phil Fishwick has offered his services as a rider for the pillion ride down the coast but if others want to add their names that would be good, perhaps if we had four riders... Please let me know if you have any ideas either by email or phone. Come on chaps don't let me down.

Ok this month (May) we have some supermarket collections so put you availability down on the Riders Rota as soon as possible or contact Roger Always and he will do it for you.

There is also an updated Members Contact sheet on Dropbox so if you have not updated yours for a while perhaps you should now.

If you have any bits you would like me to include in future ramblings please email me at [fundraising@cornwallbloodbikes.org](mailto:fundraising@cornwallbloodbikes.org) and I will see what I can do.

Right that's it for today don't forget to put your availability down on the rota and if you want a marked bike check out the booking form on Dropbox. **My last plea concerns Dropbox, remember to take the form you want to read or amend out of the box and put it on to your desktop. That way we don't get duplicate forms, which leads to confusion.**

Ride safe  
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