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# July 2015 Newsletter (ramblings from the saddle).

The number of jobs for June was 170 at the time of going to print so down a bit on last month but lets not worry eh? The total for the year is around 954.

Right then, June, its been and gone and I have no idea what happened? There are so many things happening on a daily basis it's hard to keep track but here goes.

Roger Alway is doing a sterling job with the Hospital League of friends. Bookings are coming in thick and fast for us to attend their hospital fetes. At the moment this is quite speculative on our behalf but I'm sure as time goes on it won't be long before they (L of F) will be helping us to raise money. Most organisations have already committed to their charities for this year so we are actively grooming them for the next and coming years.

Bike nights are taking off thanks to the hard work of many people and the impressive printing capability of Steve Wells home printer which managed to churn out over 800 flyers for the event. I believe he is now making his own ink by mixing saliva with old carbon paper from his receipt books…
It has to be said that Steve has made a massive contribution to the amount of raffle prizes we have accumulated for our forthcoming events. I'm not sure how he has done it but I did hear something about a Highwayman being spotted lurking around the streets of St Columb dressed in a Hi-Viz jacket. Why don't a few others have a go at sourcing prizes?

We have also received the new old BMW from Somerset. Ian Butler picked it up on his way to the NABB AGM somewhere north of Launceston or Birmingham. I have had a ride of the bike and even though it's got over 80,000 miles on its frame I think it rides better than our 12-plate bike.
Apparently the AGM was very interesting (yawn) and Ian has volunteered to go there next year on his own again…

Collections this month were pretty good:

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| Newquay Hospital 9/6/15 | 41.6 |
| Tarrandean Lane Open Day J Fellowes 8/6/15 | 410.72 |
| Morrisons Bodmin 12/6/15 | 487.35 |
| Bunscuffle Café 15/6/15 | 100 |
| Maureen & Martin Lanyon Donation 15/6/15 | 20 |
| Treemilestone Spar Shop 20/6/15 | 34.95 |
| Stratton League of Friends Fete 20/6/15 | 28.62 |
| Bodmin LoF 27/6/15 | 43.09 |
| Pat Harvey Cheque Donation | 80 |
| Relaunch Proceeds to date 29/6/15 | 20 |
| West Cornwall Motor Show 28/6/15 | 131.81 |
| Total | £1398.14 |

Rat Pack tickets have not exactly been flying out of the door but sales are steady and we will make a profit so I mustn't grumble. It will be a great night and its still not too late to buy a

ticket or get others to buy them.

The monthly Volunteers meeting had a good turn out and we were glad to have Pat Harvey (our Patron) at the meeting. She has been able to offer us assistance with raising extra funds and is pursuing some other avenues on our behalf.
At the meeting the new logo was decided by everyone adding a tick to the logo they liked and one was chosen which is now being added to all our paperwork and posters and flyers are in the process of being printed, hopefully. We need these to spread the word. Dave Wheaton has been doing some doodling and has come up with some new versions of our old banners etc. Dave will now be helping Ian with the PR side of things.

Chris P is now safely back with us after his bike broke down in Europe during his holiday. At one point I was sure I had seen him trying to get into the back of a truck in Calais, him and three Afghans. Membership is in a strong position with more people enquiring to join. Ian by the way is still trying to equip the new people with kit but is being let down by the manufactures so please bear with him.

Dave the Treasurer is working hard on our finances, which on one hand look pretty good but on another hand on a slightly shady day we are in dire straights so lets just keep on raising money. Which brings me on to the subject of collections. We have all signed up to do collections and rattle tins at some point during the year so lets not make Roger Always job harder. Why don't you take a look at the events calendar on the website and pencil yourselves in for a bit of supermarket collecting, there are loads of dates to suit everyone. It's very important that we all get onboard for these collections. If we don't have money we don't have a charity!

Garry has been given a large amount of leather goods from an acquaintance, which includes bags, belts and all manner of things leather. These will be sold at the Bike Nights or if you want a special showing pop in to James garage…

Tickets for the Rat Pack event on 11th July are still available so if you want tickets let me know soon otherwise you may be disappointed. This evening's entertainment is a good way for us to raise money with a raffle and an auction so please get the message out and start to sell tickets. We only have 160 seats for what is in effect a West End show provided by NGM Productions http://www.ngmproductions.co.uk/Welcome.htm). 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?

If you have any bits you would like me to include in future ramblings please email me at 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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