

November 2015 Newsletter (ramblings from the saddle).

Wow! I blinked and October had gone and not even time to have a bash at a newsletter... Can I say my head hurts without anyone referring me to a medical centre somewhere?

As usual we have been really busy these past two months with jobs and events. In September we attended the Fowey River triathlon, which was a real success on many levels. Now I must thank all the wives and partners of CBB Volunteers who put them selves out to help serve teas and pasties to the competitors. This month (November) we will be attending a cheque presentation evening at the Ship Inn, in Fowey. I'll let you know how we get on next month.

An amazing lady called Sue Anstee put on a coffee morning in Mullion for us last month and raised an unbelievable amount of £1082 and that was on the same day the Veryan Indoor Bowls Club raised over £400 for our cause.

Jeremy Fallowes village continues to support us and recently held a quiz night on our behalf. We are also hoping to hear from the Lanlivery Rally Committee soon after we attended their rally in September.

Some of you rode on the Jennings Run this year, which was suspended by one week. They (The Jennings Run Committee) have nominated us as their chosen charity for next year.

October saw many Volunteers riding on the Remember Del ride out in support of Del Wilton who was a CBB rider before his death two years ago.

The Rat Pack motorcycle helmet finally sold for £54 which was well short of what we hoped but as it turned out to be a USA helmet and couldn't legally be ridden in the UK perhaps we did as well as we could. That said the man from Northern Ireland who eventually bought it is very pleased with his purchase.



I have taken this opportunity to add this message below but you should all have a copy in your inbox soon.

We have introduced this to reduce the amount of time Committee Members spend trying to sort out the logistics of getting people to collection events.

Please read.

Volunteer responsibilities at fundraising events

This guidance is aimed at all volunteers that are attending a fundraising event. Whether with a marked charity bike or otherwise. Following this guidance will ensure that we provide a professional and consistent response to any events that we attend.

1. Once the fundraising team has accepted an event, they will communicate with the rota managers who will commit resources to an event and inform those involved via the rider rota.
2. An event leader will be designated by the fact that they are in possession of a marked charity bike. They will have the responsibility of:
 - Contacting other nominated volunteers that are attending to confirm their attendance and timings.
 - Collect all necessary equipment from the central storage location (Container at Damerells) and take to the event.
 - Ensure that all collection pots and buckets are sealed, signed and ready for use.

Note:

There may be occasions when events cover a full day. In that case there may be changes in the event leader, as one rider leaves and another arrives with a marked charity bike. That new rider assumes the position of event leader.

3. At the end of the event, the event leader will be responsible for:
 - Collecting all of the equipment and returning it to the central storage location.
 - Report any defects to any equipment to the relevant department.
 - Deliver the money pots to any Committee Member for counting.
4. The Committee Member is responsible for:
 - Paying the money into the charities bank account. *(Details below)*
 - Inform the treasurer and the fundraising manager with the amounts paid.
 - Post the receipt from the bank to the treasurer.

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Account Name	Cornwall Blood Bikes
Sort Code	20-50-40
Account Number	43478335

As you are all aware the weather will be changing so please make sure your bikes are in tip top condition and if you have a CBB marked bike remember you are responsible for checking the bike daily and notifying the Operations Team Steph and Steve of any problems immediately by email and phone call as well as making sure you put it down on the daily bike checks.

The new Rota seems to be working well with only a few problems but I'm sure everyone would like to send their good wishes to Roger Alway and Richard Taylor (who by the way is the new Secretary as Terry Tomlin has had to step down due to other commitments) for their sterling efforts in compiling the monthly rota. Please look at the non-availability form on Dropbox or if you can't get on with Dropbox call any of the Committee and they WILL help you.

Sorry again for the lateness of this newsletter I will try harder next month unless there is someone who wants to take over the job...? Just asking.

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
Mark