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### **March 2016 Newsletter (ramblings from the saddle).**

Sorry for being so relaxed about these newsletters but time flies when you are having fun...

So what's happened since my last one? Well we have had an AGM, which saw the Committee standing down only to be re-elected immediately afterwards even before they could get out of the door, which is a nice vote of thanks from the Volunteers.

Chris Gill has agreed to take on the mantle of Quartermaster so Ian and Chris are in the process of handing over responsibilities.

The bank balance is looking very healthy although we have had to pay out quite a bit of our hard earned cash on repairs to the marked bikes, which have had some niggling problems.

Steph Mellows is back with us after his recent health scare, which is great news. While Steph was away the task of Operations Guru was handed over to Steve Wells who did a great job. A job made more difficult because of the recent bike problems.

The weather has been its usual unpredictable self over the winter. I can say winter as its now officially Spring. One day we have had gales and heaps of rain then followed by cold and icy conditions. At times it felt like I was in Scotland where the weather changes every five minutes or so it seems.

Now for something really exciting we are having our BIG BIKE DAY on 10<sup>th</sup> April, which is a Sunday, so no excuses for not being there. Steve Damerell has agreed to let us use his car park for the event. Ian B has been sending out press releases about the event to the great and good of Cornwall to encourage them to attend.

Dave Wheaton is the event organiser but as with everything else he can't do it all on his own so he will need lots of help so drop him a line to find out what help he needs

[design@cornwallbloodbikes.org](mailto:design@cornwallbloodbikes.org) he will be very grateful to hear from you. We are having some stalls such as a cake stall so can you ask your better halves if they would bake a cake, scone, cupcake etc. etc. for this stall.

We are also having a bottle tombola, which is basically wine bags filled with bottles. Inside each bag will be a bottle (obviously) but the bottle could be anything from wine to jam if that makes sense. So for this to work properly we need lots of bottles (full of course) for the stall. We are trying to find cheap bottle bags online but if you know where we can get them cheap drop me a line. Please have a look around to see who would like to help us with a supply of bottles.

Perhaps pop into a supermarket and ask if they can help. We will also need some raffle prizes so again can you help out?

Garry Williams has agreed to dress up to scare the kids, cheers Garry.

We have the police Bikesafe team coming and possibly a police dog team. If they are not too busy the NHS Paramedics will attend. Richard Taylor is in hard training to beat the 15-year-old kid that put him under so much pressure last year with the speed gun. James has asked the Garrison to attend again as they made such a big impression last year.

So the message I'm trying to get across is everyone needs to get involved if this is to be a success so don't be shy everyone can help.

The container is coming along and is in the process of being fitted out by Lee Saddington and his band of helpers.

We have ordered merchandise for selling at our events so thanks to Dids and Dave W for their efforts in getting the stuff sourced and ordered. If the sales of these items, which at the moment are shopping bags and mugs with our logo on, are successful we have lots of other ideas in the pipeline. T-shirts have proved to be a bit problematic but are on their way once we have found a colour that matches our branding colours the best.

Fundraising is ticking along and we have some more dates for supermarket collections on the website events page (please check and let Roger Always know of your availability). There are also other events that need to be filled so take a look.

Below is a list of money raised so far this year:

Quilters Dreckly £200  
Sennen Farmers Market £100.11  
Crowlas and Ludgvan WI £137.32  
Falmouth Bay Residents Assoc £200  
Mounts Bay Harriers £20  
Asda Bodmin £506.98  
Camping Club £1662.97  
West Cornwall Hospital Renal Unit £50

Total £2877.38

Onwards and upwards!!!

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.

Ride safe  
Mark