

NORTHUMBRIA BLOOD BIKES

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THE BEBSIDE INN

Many thanks to all the staff at The Bebby, bands that played, Jeannie Smith and the customers for the fundraising event held on 10th and 11th June. The Jo James Band played a set on Friday that had everybody up on their feet dancing in a packed Bebby. Saturday night's entertainment saw Steve Ballantyne Trio rocking the place. The Bebside Inn also paid their thanks to 'Alan Dewar and Julie Collop for the use of their field. The Geordie Paupers RC for their tireless help in every way throughout the weekend. CHEERS Guys n Gals! To Mick and everybody else who gave donations for the raffle'. A few of our volunteers popped along throughout the weekend to chat and answer questions. As if by magic we even arranged a visit from the Flying Scotsman (not really but good timing). Now a special thanks to the recently shaved Jeannie Smith. As seen on the next page Jeannie is now sporting a new summer hair do. So far Jeannie's had £1025 pledged. With the count up, from The Bebby of £851.63, an incredible £1876.63 was raised!

Thank you to everybody who made this event possible!











Yabba Dabba Doo!

Sunday 5th June saw the sun beaming on our volunteers, not at Bedrock town, but at Prudhoe Town Fair. From trampolines to Hook-A-Duck the annual fair was filled with family fun. It's always great to see a proud supporter, Colleen Hind (pictured right), sister of our very own Debbie Patton. Great event enjoyed by many and we raised £254.63!

Wilma!









Sunday 5th June saw 28,000 dogs take part in the Great North Dog Walk, South Shields. Flaming June it definitely was and our volunteers caught some rays, (thanks to a small issue of a roofless gazebo). This year we had two dogs, Dexter (left) and Vegas (bottom left), taking part to raise money for us. Thank you to Vegas' mum Linda who raised £100 (match funded by her employer). Dexter, (who's mum just happens to be our publicity officer Kirsty), fell in love with our volunteers and thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.

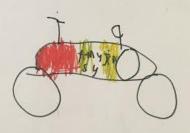




Volunteer David King's son Dylan, (pictured below), presented our volunteers with a wonderful card about how he wishes to help us when he grows up. Dylan you're welcome to join our team and thank you for the card!



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To david + david

We wish to hell p hon wer I grow up

THE PARTY

TIME DAILY XXX







FAMILY FUN WEEKEND & Creepy Crawly Roadshow

16th-17th July

Otterburn Mill



Pack up the kids and the old folks and come and join us for a family fun weekend.

We're firing up the BBQ - and coming up with some fabulous burger recipes, which we have the joy of sampling!

There is plenty to do from the Otterburn nature trail, outdoor picnic area, Birds of Prey, kids activities, kids playarea, café and shop.

Help us raise funds for Northumbria Blood Bikes, who will be joining us on the day, a totally voluntary service which provide an essential service during out of hours.

For more details visit our Facebook page or call 01830 520225

Creepy Crawly Roadshow 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm





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Morpeth Town Fayre, Sunday 12th June, saw a Panda testing to see if his legs could reach the ground on our bikes.

Unfortunately being a rider might be out of the question but we did raise £155.95.







On Monday 20th June 2016 Northumbria Blood Bikes volunteers were proud to be presented with two defibrillators from North East Hearts with Goals. Christine Stephenson and Kelly Best, (from North East Hearts with Goals), handed over two AED devices to Northumbria Blood Bike volunteers (Sean Storey, Peter Robertson and Alan Johnson). One of the defibrillators has been donated through North East Hearts with Goal's fundraising efforts and the other from donations made at Mr. David Richardson's funeral. David was a proud and passionate volunteer blood biker who sadly passed away in April of this year.

Graham Moor, from Northumbria Blood Bikes, said "We spend many hours each weekend attending events to raise funds and awareness. Our friends at North East Hearts with Goals have been providing AED devices for a few years, and we felt that it would be very useful if our cars and exhibition trailer stored an AED, so members of the public can use it if the need arises. In the event of a cardiac arrest, it is vital that rapid treatment is available to patients, and having an AED supports this. Our volunteers who wish to use the AED are being trained to use the devices."

Thank you to everybody involved who have enabled the placement of these lifesaving devices.

Photographs taken by Ross McKenzie



Sunday 19th June – Alan Bragg and Ronnie Patton gave a talk to St Andrews Church, Corbridge, who have kindly donated £1000









Local bikers Andrew Richardson, Darren Callaghan and John Campey took on the epic challenge of riding from Lands End to John O'Groats on Friday 24th June. All in aid of raising funds to help buy life-saving equipment for a Northumbria Blood Bikes.

The journey saw the trio cover over 1,800 miles in three days, the bulk of which was achieved in one day when they rode from the bottom of England via Wales and right up to the tip of Scotland.

Andrew Richardson, co-founder of Newcastle-based Realsafe Technologies commented: "We are hoping to buy as many defibrillators as possible to be used at fundraising events across the region by the team at Northumbria Blood Bikes. The life-saving equipment could mean someone's loved one makes it home after a fun day out."

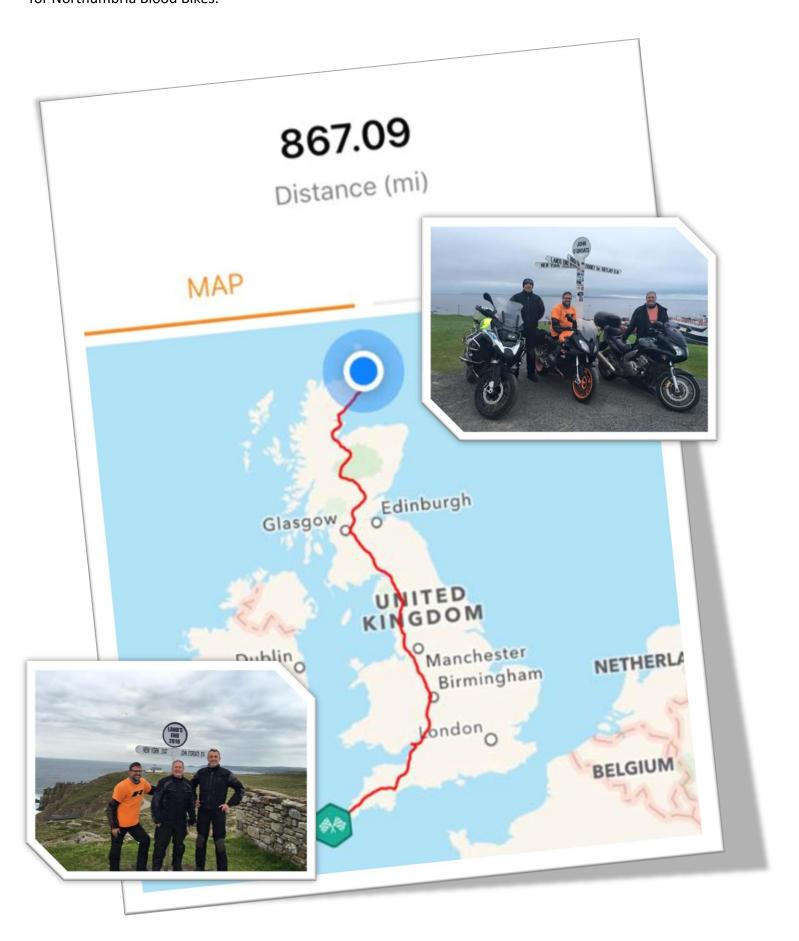
Andrew continued: "The ride is also a personal challenge for the three of us having never attempted such a long trip before. Support so far has been tremendous and we've raised enough to buy at least three defibrillators to date."

Preparation started on the Wednesday morning ahead of riding out on Thursday. Cooper BMW, Sunderland filled their tanks on for the first leg of their trip. Motorrad Sales Executive Stephen Brown said: "The trip will be a real endurance test not least because isn't an easy one as they have to ride down to the other end of the country before hand the challenge starts and then back the day after. It'll be tough for the guys but for a worthy cause and that's why we wanted to give show our support."

The ride was broadcast live on the day via a blog page at www.realrider.com using video and tracking equipment. Supporters were able to see where Andrew, Darren and John were at anytime on a real-time map. Photos were added to the map throughout the trip and a GoPro camera mounted to Andrew's bike gave viewers a view of the roads they're travelling on.

A well-known high street bank has also agreed to provide match funding up to the value of £1,000. Details of this and how to donate can be found on the teams fund raising page at: https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/dja-lejog

Huge congratulations from all of us at Northumbria Blood Bikes and thank you for your support. An update from Andrew on Facebook "Thanks to so much support we've raised over £3,000 - enough to but at least 4 defibrillators for Northumbria Blood Bikes."









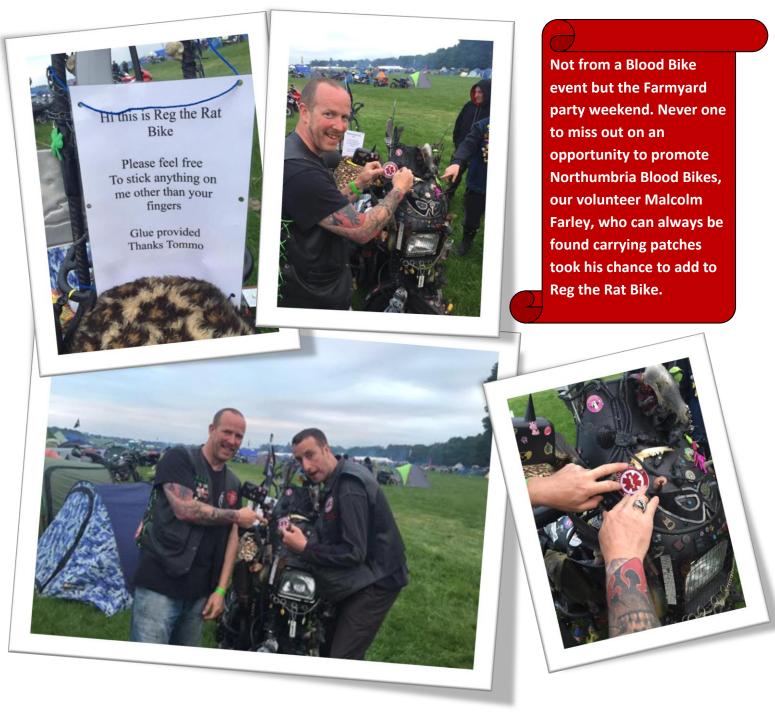
Our volunteers are never ones to turn down an opportunity for cakes. So when cakes were offered at **Front Street Primary** School Fayre, Whickham, they were very kindly accepted and devoured. We're sure there will be a line of volunteers for next year when they find out cakes are on offer.



A few weeks back Steve Rawlings gave a talk to St Colombas Church Inner Wheel Group. It must have been some talk and the group was so impressed with the service we provide that they've held a weekend of celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday. The birthday celebrations were where they raised funds for Northumbria Blood Bikes. The weekend saw them holding a concert on the Saturday evening and lunch on the Sunday.

We were invited along a service where we were presented with a cheque for £1,000 that was kindly accepted my volunteer Dave Lucas.

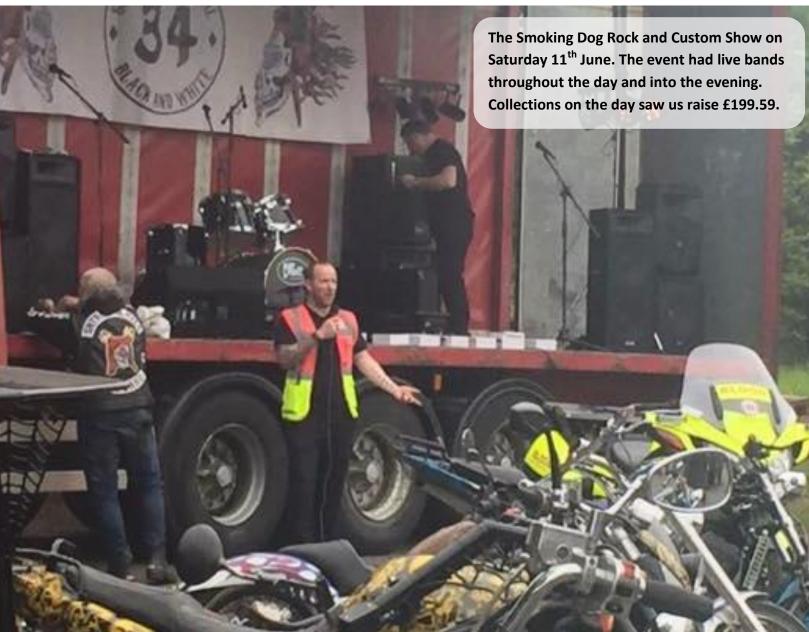
Many thanks to the ladies for all their hard work and choosing to donate the proceeds to us!











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On Wednesday 22nd June Northumbria Blood Bikes attended the formal handover and presentation of the bike sponsored by the Mark Masons Benevolent. They have sponsored not only the purchase but also the running costs of the bike for a year totaling £18,000. Our new bike has been named Mark Master Mason.

When formally handing over the keys of the bike, to Graham Moor, Dr John Wright said: "The highest ideals for the charitable endeavors of the Mark Mason Benevolence Fund are the saving of human life. This has been achieved with donations to the RNLI, Mountain Rescue groups, Ambulance Services and Shelter boxes for disaster zones. Supporting the Northumbria Blood Bikes continues this principle with a donation that facilitates the rapid delivery of life saving fluids."

The above photograph from left to right: John Watts (Northumbria Blood Bike volunteer), Paul Paterson (Northumbria Blood Bike volunteer), James Peter Croft (President of the General Board), Keith Emmerson (past Deputy Grand Master), Nigel Barlow (Northumbria Blood Bike representative), Dr John Wright (President of the Mark Benevolent Fund), Gordon Craigs (Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland) and Prof. Denovan Wilson (Provincial Grand Master of Durham).













Thursday 16th June our open members meeting, held at Northumbrian Water, with guest speaker Peter Riley from Helite UK Airvest Ltd. Our patron Heidi Mottram had recorded a short video thanking the group for its work, and this was played to the group. Peter Riley from HELITE gave an talk about the product, its history and current positioning in the market place. Covering how it protects the rider in the event of accident, he concluded by "blowing up" a number of members. Many were impressed enough to place orders on the night. Thanks to Peter for making the journey from Leeds. If you missed the meeting or would like to order visit: www.helite.com. Look out for details of our next open meeting and AGM on 15th September.



FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Lots of things happening, and we need your help to support them! If you can help, even if only for a couple of hours, please contact us....information is at the bottom of this page. NBB members can register their attendance for most of these events on our website (login required).



Raby Castle Gala

A family fun day, hosted by The Freemasons of the Province of Durham, on 2nd July in the grounds of Raby Castle. If you book online RABY £10 admits your car and all the passengers, it's £15 on the gate.





Spennymoor Gala

Held in Jubliee Park, Spennymoor, with parade, fairground, entertainment and much more.







Dobbies Ponteland Craft Fair & Fete

A real good old-fashioned Summer Fete with local quality craftspeople and artisan food and drink sellers trading in a big marquee and a funfair with traditional rides.





Chilton Gala

An annual family fun day with free admission



BikeWise 2016 Police HQ, Aykley Heads, Durham 10:00 - 17:00

The 22nd show which will be held at the new Police HQ. Packed with bike related stalls and family entertainment.





Heart and Soul Rally, Percy Park Rugby Club, North Shields

Tickets are available to purchase now from:

http://www.heartandsoulrally.com/index.html.





Coffee Morning and Craft Fair, Christ Church Consett 10:00 - 13:00

Free entry event with Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Craft Stalls and Face Painter.



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