

Monday 9th April 2018

North West Air Ambulance Visit

The Chapter was pleased to welcome the Regional Fundraising Officer from North West Air Ambulance Liz Greenwood to their April meeting to give a short presentation and to show a video about the services that the charity provides.



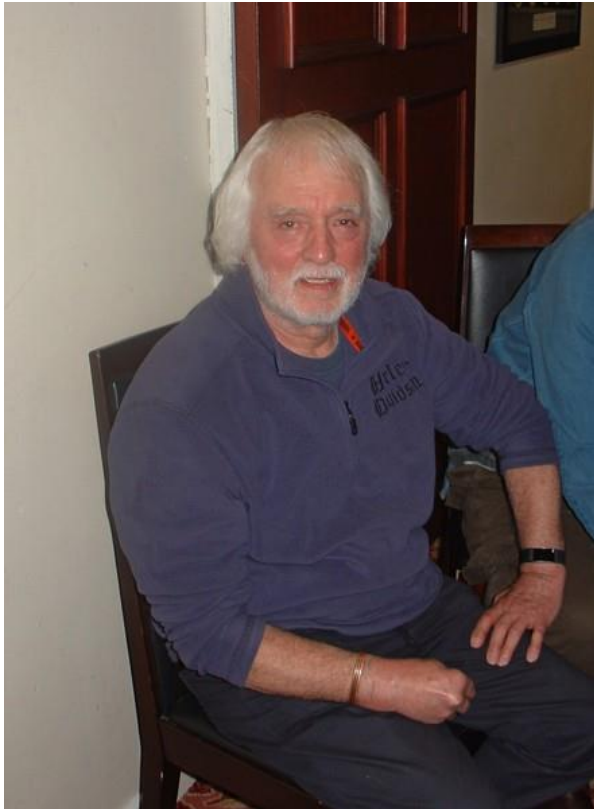
As already announced the chapter's annual charity collection for 2018 will be donated to the North West Air Ambulance Service and collecting got off to a brilliant start at the Manchester Bike Show with a handsome £1510 being raised by members over the two days of the show.

Liz thanked the chapter for supporting NWAA and explained that it is only by the generosity of the public through donations, fundraising activities, lottery membership and through their network of retail outlets who provide vital charitable funding that the service is able to keep flying.

The organisation which started in 1999 aims to raise £8 million each year to keep the service operating. They now have three helicopters, two based at Barton and the other based at Blackpool manned by teams of pilots, doctors and paramedics. NWAA have also recently taken an Air Ambulance Response Unit (AARU – or RU for short!) into service which the medical crew hope will provide an additional lifeline to patients in the region.

During March this year the organisation attended a total of 144 incidents of which 44 were Road Traffic Collisions (RTC).

Also during the course of the evening chapter member Dave Barrington agreed to take the leading role in a sponsored haircut (very long down to a No.1 all over) in support of the charity. John from Hull did an excellent job as Sweeney Tod and the resulting collection from members on the night raised a princely sum of £101. Well done to Dave and thanks to all who donated.



Before



During



After

Further fundraising activities will take place throughout the year so let's hope we can raise a record amount for this truly vital cause.