

## MEDIA ONLY - Prescott Bike Festival Press Call

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Press Call Announcement – Prescott Bike Festival 2016

Date: Friday 15 April 2016

At: Prescott Hill Climb, Nr Gotherington, Cheltenham GL52 9RD

Time: 11.00am

Prescott Bike Festival will be taking place on Sunday 17th April 2016 (in aid of Blood Bikes) just ahead of the event will be a special press call on Friday 15th April providing excellent pre-event photograph and interview opportunities.

Those confirmed include;

- Paul Fairbank, Chairman of Severn Freewheelers and Prescott Bike Festival organiser Gordon Downie, plus

### Matt McKeown and the World's Fastest Shopping Trolley

'Trolley Dash' is the fastest shopping trolley in the world, having set a Guinness World Record of 70.4 mph. It's powered by a Blackburn Pallouste gas turbine which has been converted to thrust and features an afterburner for extra oomph. We are sure that the Prescott course will prove a great challenge to Matt and his machine as 'Trolley Dash' is designed to go in straight lines!

### Kevin Scott and 'Warhorse' the Monowheel

Kevin Scott and the UK Monowheel Team will be bringing to Prescott the World's Fastest Monowheel, known as the 'Warhorse'. In 2015 Kevin received a Guinness World Record for the fastest speed achieved on a Monowheel at 65mph.

### Allen Millyard and his hand-built machines

Allen Millyard, a nuclear research engineer and iconic motorcycle builder will be regularly firing up his home-built 'Flying Millyard.' Despite resembling a classic 1920s sedate two-wheeled Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, this beast has two cylinders from a Pratt and Whitney 1340 radial, and a 5.0-litre V-Twin, engine designed for an aeroplane. This machine has won numerous prestigious national and international awards.

Allen Millyard will have six of his motorcycle projects present including the 'Millyard Viper V10'. An 8.0 litre, 500bhp motorcycle that he built using a V10 engine from a Dodge Viper sports car. The bike is hand-built and up scaled to suit the size of the engine, weighing 600kg, and reaching a speed of 207mph (half throttle). The bike has won numerous awards including 'Most over the Top' machine at Salon Privé Concours d'Elégance.

Plus local resident Terry Parker and his 2002 Ducati 748 Cup Race Bike produced to compete in the World Supersport Championship.

**About Prescott Bike Festival:** Prescott Bike Festival is taking place on Sunday 17 April. The festival is a big celebration of man and machine with large displays of historic, modern and race bikes, plus a Paddock Specials Show 'n' Tell area and the unique opportunity for members of the public to take part in the spectacle by 'running the hill' or participating in a thrilling passenger ride experience. There's also a whole raft of entertainment too from live music, stunt shows, biker celebrity appearances and hundreds of trade stands, motorcycle manufacturers, dealer zone, motorcycle clubs, demo areas - what's more it helps to raise vital money and awareness for the Blood Bike charities. For further details please visit: <http://www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk/>

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**Event Address:** Prescott Bike Festival, Gotherington, nr Cheltenham, GL52 9RD, just 15 minutes from the M5.

**About The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes:** The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes is the umbrella organisation representing 24 regional blood bike charities, all providing a motorcycle based, free delivery service to the NHS; moving vital medical supplies, blood and pathology samples from medical centres and hospitals throughout the UK. NABB member groups are closely involved in the transport of frozen human milk from the donor to the milk processing banks. This has been a real lifesaver due to the necessity of very premature babies having intolerance to anything but human milk. Run entirely by volunteers, NABB member groups have over 1500 active members with a fleet of 120+ emergency response vehicles. All NABB riders are trained in the movement of medical essentials and operate from individual regional charities but with a common goal – to alleviate suffering and reduce the funding pressures on the NHS.

Severn Freewheelers is the regional Blood Bike group operating Gloucestershire, Hereford & Worcester and North Wiltshire. Over 70 volunteers help Severn Freewheelers carry out a much-needed service. Severn Freewheelers runs five BMW R1200RTs and a Honda ST1300; all are emergency response equipped and the members handle some 4,000 call outs per annum, covering 150,000 miles.

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