



Web Newsletter

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WHEELIE CLUB DETAILS AVAILABLE

Details of the first Wheelie Club meeting of the 2008-2009 season are now on the website and intending participants will also have been contacted by snail mail. It is now confirmed that the Wheelie Club will meet in Fleming Fulton School, Malone Road, Belfast on Saturday 13 September from 12 noon to 1.30 pm.

QUEEN'S STUDENTS WIN WHEELCHAIR DESIGN AWARD

An award-winning design by a group of Queen's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering students could help both wheelchair users and bus companies.

The group of six called TranStow has won the top prize of £2,000 in the Royal Academy of Engineering Student Design Poster Competition for their Retract-a-Seat, a device intended to make travelling on high-floor buses easier for wheelchair users.

Currently wheelchair users need to give bus companies 24 hours notice before travelling on high floor buses. During this time, four bus seats are removed to create the legally required space for the wheelchair.

But TranStow have come up with an idea that means a double seat retracts to make room for the wheelchair. The bases of two seats flip up, allowing a hatch to be opened while the Retract-a-Seat folds backwards into a compartment below the floor. The hatch is then lowered and locked into position to create a surface on which to park the wheelchair. For more information go to:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofMechanicalandAerospaceEngineering/NewsandEvents/>

NIASBAH WEBSHOP NOW OPEN FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Exciting news! We're delighted to announce our fundraising webshop.

When shopping online, you can access over 100 leading retailers - such as BT, Thorntons, Marks & Spencer and John Lewis - using our webshop. Every time you use our webshop to go to a retailer's web site and subsequently buy something, you'll automatically earn money for us! I've just ordered 12 bottles of wine through the webshop by becoming a customer of the Sunday Times Wine Club and NIASBAH will benefit to the tune of over £10-didn't cost me anything extra and no effort involved-brilliant.

You don't pay anything extra by using our webshop, so please try to use it whenever you can. Please spread the word. Thank you!

Find our webshop at www.buy.at/NIASBAH

NEWSFLASH FROM INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS

The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) has just published the latest edition of its International Newsletter. You can find it by clicking on www.ifglobal.org

The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) is the world-wide umbrella organisation (INGO) for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus organisations. It was created in 1979 by national organisations of people with these impairments and their parents. Today IF's membership consists of 32 regional and national umbrella organisations for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Further, IF has an intense contact with regional and national organizations in over 50 countries, spread over five continents.

IF aims to disseminate information and expertise throughout the world to families, individuals, professionals and volunteers involved in the Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida field.

NEWS ON THE FUNDRAISING FRONT

NORTHERN IRELAND CIRCUMFERENCE CYCLE CHALLENGE

After their successful cycle ride around the circumference of Northern Ireland our bikers are now seeing the fruits of their labour with over £1,600 estimated to have been raised so far. We'll keep you posted on how the fundraising continues to go.

BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL (Trikers and Bikers to the uninitiated)

Along with the Martial Arts School of Fitness almost 100 bikers and their families gathered in Dundalk on Sunday 7 September for a brilliant day out and raised money for NIASBAH to boot. We don't know how much money was raised yet but the photos on our website will give you a flavour of the atmosphere at the event. So click on <http://spinabifida-ni.org> to view the slideshow.

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The Northern Ireland Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus