



Ready to go: Angi Roslyn ready for charity ride; inset, Angi's Honda

On yer bike, Angi!

A MOTORBIKE-loving mum-of-two who overcame cancer will join a posse of female riders for a cross-country charity ride.

Angi Roslyn will take part in the UK leg of the international Changing Gears event to raise money and awareness for younger women with breast cancer.

All 16 riders participating in the seven-day tour next week will be survivors of the disease, which is the most common cancer affecting women.

Mental health nurse Angi, who was recently given the all-clear, has ridden motorbikes for nearly 25 years. When she read about the Changing Gears event on the internet, she realised it was meant for her.

"I had to do it," 42-year-old Angi said. "Having done no fundraising before, at first I wasn't sure it was for me. I thought it was something other people did. But cancer was something that happened to other people - and then it happened to me."

Angi, of Cubley Rise Road, Cubley, near Penistone, has been collecting the required £2,700 sponsorship money and when the ride begins she expects to have raised around £5,000.

"Fund-raising has been a very positive experience. It's provided a focus," Angi said. "I've been reconnected with people I lost touch with long ago, and everybody, even total strangers, has been brilliant."

The event bids to raise £60,000 for the Lavender Trust at Breast Cancer Care, which supports the 20 percent of breast cancer sufferers who are aged under 50.

Single mum Angi was diagnosed with cancer in February this year.

"It came out of the blue," she said. "It was devastating. I thought my life had finished and I was on my knees.

"As a younger woman, it was a very isolating experience. People kept telling me 'oh my so-and-so had breast cancer' but I didn't know anyone my age who had it.

"I wasn't aware of the Lavender Trust, or its services that could have put me in touch with other pre-meno-pausal women with breast cancer. I hope I can help other women by sharing my experience."

Angi, the only participant from Yorkshire, can count on the full support of her friends and family including daughters Eleanor, 14, and Rebecca, five.

"I'm proud after coming through cancer that she wants to get up and do it, rather than moaning," Eleanor said.

The Changing Gears rides - in the UK, America and Australia - take place over the next few months. The leather-clad ladies begin their week-long adventure at the famous Ace biker cafe in London on August 20.

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