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Newsletter December 2021

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**As we mature the time
between one Christmas and
the next reduces. But it still
means the same:**

“Peace & Good Will to All”

**Best Wishes from the Editors,
Committee and Trustees to all
our Readers.**

As we get older the years seem to speed by with the speed increasing year upon year, but this time of year is special, whether you are religious or not. It is a time for giving and a time for all fellow men & women to come together, either as a family or with friends, and often family and friends together.

There is enough trouble in the world, but one thing is for certain, there are more good people than bad in the World. You only have to look at the number of charities helping the needy, especially in the United Kingdom.

The Blood Bike family is a prime example, our people, whether in NWBB Lancs & Lakes or Blood Bikes in Devon “Devon Freewheelers”, or Scotland, like “Dumfries and Galloway Blood Bikes”.

For many Blood Bikers, Christmas dinner may have to go in the oven whilst the rider goes out on a call, leaving their family and friends to celebrate, but that’s who we are. We do it because someone needs our help, and long may it be that way.

Merry Christmas to All our Readers

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Following on from the Happy Time, this was VERY SAD News:

Before we continue to read this month's Newsletter, Most of you know that one of our beloved Controllers has passed away.

Please take a moment to think about the family of our dear Controller **Lyn Mitchell**, particularly Lyn's daughters Rie and Natallie.

Lyn sadly passed away on Remembrance Saturday 13th November 2020 after a short illness.

We have all done many duties as Riders with **Lyn** as our Controller and we have all shared banter with her, as we do with all our wonderful Controllers.

What many do not know is that **Lyn** was a Controller for Cumbria Blood Bikes first, then came to us.

Funeral: Lyn's "Final Ride" was at 12 noon on Thursday 25th November 2021 at Distington Hall Crematorium, Workington, Cumbria, where the funeral took place.

Lyn was escorted by both NWBB and Cumbria BB Riders, seen below for the final ride, and Rie and Natalie, Lyn's two daughters, walked in front at the Crematorium.



Lyn will be sorely missed by us all, Riders and Controllers.

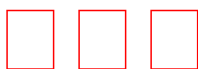
Rie and Natalie read out some loving and funny stories between their tears. Natalie read out a poem which Lyn is believed to have written.

The turn out was tremendous and Lyn would have been so proud of her two daughters and the rest of her family, from her family down to great grandchildren.

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R.I.P. Lyn, we'll all miss you.



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“Come to Colne Market Day” From Aneesa McGladdery

Here are some photos that were taken at the Come to Colne Market Day on the 23rd October. We raised £250 on the day and had lots of conversations with members of the public and businesses in the town alike! It was great to spread awareness of the work that is done and the kids LOVED sitting on the bikes for a photo!

Thank you to the volunteers who came along and stood on the stand talking to people and will obviously big up my husband [Kieran McGladdery](#) for sorting a spot out at the last minute.



Thank You TESCO!

West had a fabulous fund raising day at Tesco Southport and a massive THANK YOU must go to the store Community Champion Adele.

As promised she got to sit on Plop 1. The team managed to raise an awesome £822.00 from sales and donations, and extremely popular was children sitting on the bike and having a Picky. Thanks to the whole team, Jay Nicholas, Jane Courtney, Bill Casey, Dave Meredith, Allen Douglas (Plop1*pilot), Chris and Toni Williams, John Fewtrell, Barbara Mason-Lister and of course Brenda Taylor. It was great to be able to meet and spend time with other Blood Bikers.

A Huge Thanks to Tesco Southport and of course their Customers. (Especially for bringing us inside when the weather turned bad.)

***Note: All our bikes have names, this one is Plop 1, named after the group which bought it.**



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_____ (that blue sky barely out-last-ed the photo!) _____

A bit of History about where our HQ is situated:

Bamber Bridge, where NWBB Lancs & Lakes HQ is, has a bit of history from WW2.

During the Second World War, Bamber Bridge hosted American servicemen from the 1511th Quartermaster Truck regiment, part of the Eighth Air Force. Their base, Air Force Station 569 (nicknamed "Adam Hall"), was on Mounsey Road, part of which still exists now as home to 2376 (Bamber Bridge) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets.

The 1511th Quartermaster Truck was a logistics unit, and its duty was to deliver materiel to other Eighth Air Forces bases in Lancashire. The 234th US Military Police Company were also in the town, on its north side.

The US Armed Forces were still racially segregated, and the soldiers of 1511 Quartermaster Truck were almost entirely Black, and all but one of the officers were white, as were the MPs.

Military commanders tended to treat the service units as "dumping grounds" for less competent officers, and the leadership in the unit was poor. Racial tensions were exacerbated by the race riots in Detroit earlier that week, which had led to 34 deaths, including 25 Black casualties.

The people of Bamber Bridge supported the Black troops, and when US commanders demanded a colour bar in the town, all three pubs in the town reportedly posted "Black Troops Only" signs.

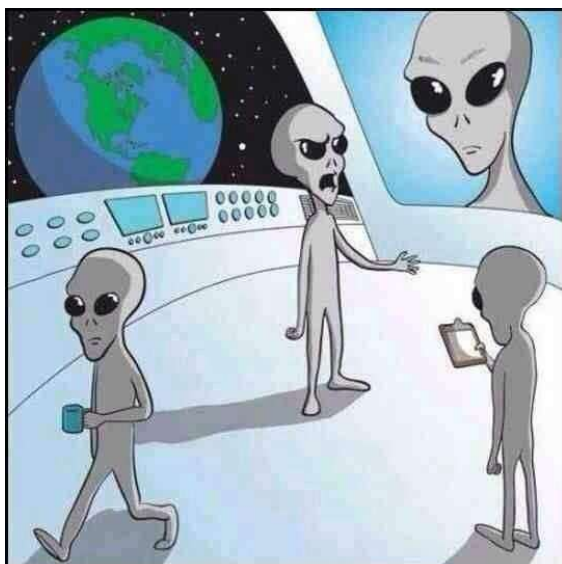
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A battle ensued and several black soldiers were injured as were white MP's. Following on from that some of the black soldiers were brought before a Court Marshall and given prison sentences, hence Bamber Bridge is well known as "The Brig" a name of a military prison.

Following the good and sad news here's the Fun Stuff:



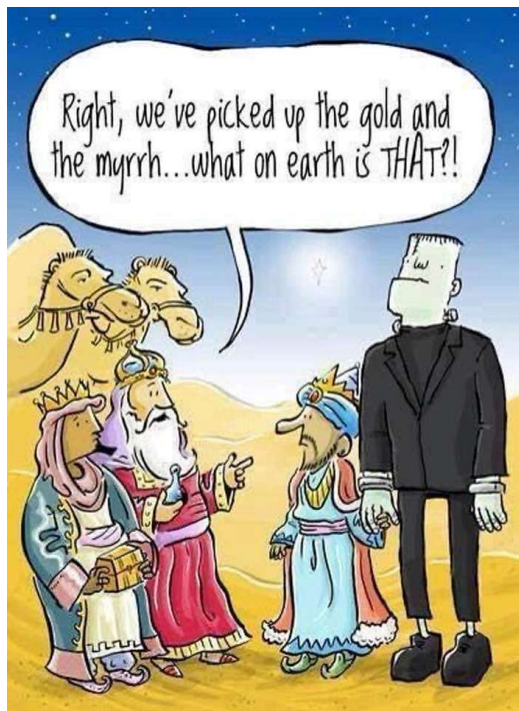
"LAST MONTH THEY WERE LOBOTOMIZING PUMPKINS,
NOW THEY'RE SHOVING BREAD UP A TURKEY'S ASS. THIS
PLANET HAS ISSUES, BERT."



Put the tree up first she said
and then: you can go down
the pub with your mates

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A Cheese factory exploded in France

Da Brie is everywhere



Please Remember

No journey is so urgent as to put your own life at risk

Your thoughts, your ideas, your stories, your Newsletter:

North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes was built on **thoughts and ideas** and they are still as vital today as they were 9 years ago. Best practice always wins, so if you have any good ideas, speak to your Area manager. Likewise, your stories about Blood Bikes or even personal stories if you are willing to share them. If they are personal, **the Editor** will contact you before any publication unlike the National Press people 😊

**We also welcome news/funny stories from our friends in
our NHS Trusts:**

Please email them to editor@nwbb-lancs.org

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT & HELP OTHERS

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