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NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

To date our Calls: 100,532 & 98,137 Runs completed:

Finally, Our Becky gets Married to Lee:

Finally: Becky Newton marries Lee Pow to become Mrs & Mrs Pow. The wedding at Chorley Registry Office took place on 12th June 2021 having been delayed at least twice because of Covid.



Escorted by Paul Brooks on a bike and taken by car by Simon Livesey to the Registry Office, and then on to Broughton Grange for the celebration and of course the cutting of the cake 😊.



**Congratulations & Love to both of you from all at
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Newsletter compiled and edited by Founder Member: Paul G Brooks

Events are back (well on the Fylde at least)

Charity Clay Pigeon shoot at Greenhalgh with Thistleton 24th June 2021



and our Fylde events team were invited along. Despite the weather our intrepid heroes battled through and got a nice donation off one man.

Well Done All:

Lytham Classic Car Show 27th June 2021

Busy, busy, busy with Fylde Events manager himself sporting the Union Flag, and two of our young ladies there too.

They sold quite a bit of merchandise and had plenty of children looking at the bikes.

Let's hope this is the start of something good throughout our group.

Well done all.



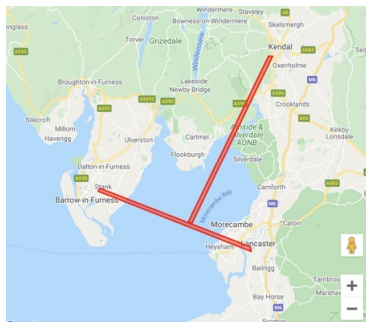
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Drones maybe used to transport Covid Samples:

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay are looking into the idea and have contacted the Civil Aviation Society to check.

Up to now this is something Blood Bikers do during our duty hours. There is obviously a need for the same during the weekdays.



A drone can take short-cuts, as seen here, but are very much weather dependent.

Let's hope they perform better than the French Postal one, otherwise, as our Treasurer has pointed out, the fishermen in Morecambe Bay may find some strange items in their nets 😊

A long weekend Break & you meet a Friend:

Paul & Denise Brooks finally got a long weekend away, like so many of us, lots of holidays and breaks away have had to be cancelled or postponed, but finally they did get one and went to North Wales. They stayed in Barmouth but decided to have a trip to Aberystwyth as well, to go on the funicular railway amongst other things.



Whilst looking for a place to park the car they came across a colleague:

Blood bike rider Gwyn Lloyd from North Wales Blood Bikes.

The bike was parked directly across the road from a bike shop with no rider present, but Gwyn was found inside the shop. A chat with him and it seems they do similar hours to us, and to cap it all Paul found out that he's a retired copper too, so they had quite a bit to chat about.

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A Busy Night:

Monday evening 7th June 2021 through to 2am on Tuesday morning the 8th June 2021. The Controller, Mark Entwistle had 39 calls that evening and unfortunately an analyser at RPH had broken down. Any machine breaking down is not good, but when it's a vital piece of equipment, often lifesaving, alternatives have to be found PDQ.

In come the two Central Riders for the night Terry Moore and Marc Mahony to move samples to CDH every hour up to 2am and work around closures at the M55/M6 Southbound, and the M61 Southbound at junction 8 (Chorley). Some will say [#itswhatwedo](#), but more than that, it's why we do what we do.

The pre-analytics Manager at RPH Path Lab, Maria Burn has sent a Thank You, which is always appreciated but really unnecessary because we did what we set out to do. **Thanks Maria anyway.**

Do you know what VPN stands for in Cyberworld?

Neighbourhood Watch together with Cyberhood Watch are offering a survey via 'SurveyMonkey'. If like me, you occasionally use public WIFI, it could be worth taking the survey. I am very wary of using it and only use it for public information and nothing else.

Worth a try, but it's up to you:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XSYQQTD>

Generous Donation, just when we need them most:

This from Mark Entwistle.

Richard Beswick (pictured here) from Arlington's B&B on Leopold Grove in Blackpool has supported NWBB frequently. Most recently with his personal donation of £1000.



Richard is also instrumental in organising general fundraising at Churchills pub on Topping Street in Blackpool. Prior to Covid we were their chosen charity and in addition to the collection tub which has provided several hundreds of pounds they held raffles etc and collected approximately £1100 for us.



When things return to normal Richard is keen to start the fundraising again.

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A message from Lancashire Constabulary:

Even though we haven't had any cases in Lancashire, we wanted to remind you how this kind of scam works and how to avoid becoming a victim, as there have been various reports around the country. Please share this information with people you know. Ed *"I have received Emails re this and no doubt some of you have"*

What is this scam?

Basically, consumers are being cold called by individuals impersonating employees of legitimate mobile network operators and suppliers.

Victims are offered early handset upgrades, or new contracts, at significant discounts. Once customers have been convinced that the deals are genuine and agree to proceed, suspects then ask for their online mobile account credentials, including log-ins, address and bank account details.

Suspects then place orders with genuine companies on behalf of victims, however select a different handset to that requested and have it shipped to the customer's address.

Upon receipt, suspects assure victims that this has been an error and instruct them to 'return' the handset to a different address not affiliated to the mobile company. These addresses are usually residential.

Upon intercepting the 'returned' handsets, the suspects cease contact and victims find themselves stuck with no phone and liable for the entirety of a new contract taken out in their name.

How can you avoid becoming a victim?

If you're unsure that the person calling you about a mobile phone or contract upgrade is an official representative of the company they claim to be from, hang up and do not reveal any personal information.

Only contact your mobile network provider on a number you know to be correct. For example, 191 for Vodafone customers, 150 for EE customers, 333 for Three customers, 202 for O2 customers, 4455 for Tesco Mobile, 789 for Virgin Mobile and 150 for Sky Mobile.

If you receive a device that you did not order or expect, contact the genuine sender immediately. The details for this will be within the parcel.

NEVER post a device directly to a given address. All genuine mobile network operators would send out a jiffy bag for you to return without you incurring additional cost.

We would like to thank our colleagues at the City of London Police and Royal Mail who assisted us in our arrest operation yesterday.

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T/DI Mark Riley of Lancashire Police said: "Criminals involved in fraud have no place to hide in Lancashire and we will proactively target offenders who are suspected. We will work with partners to ensure that people do not fall victims to these scams."

Should you be concerned about a particular incident similar to the above, we would urge you to contact Action Fraud: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

More Fleet Bikes with names:



Meet "JOS" named after the sales manager at Blackpool Honda, Simon Carter's Grandmother. North west Honda at Blackpool help us out with the loan of a new Bike every 6 months or so and reduce the cost of ones we purchase. Jos is based on the Fylde.



This is "Eric" named after Eric Wright Construction who regularly give us a huge donation every year. Eric is based on Central.



Here is "Frieda" purchased thanks to the generosity of another charity, the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust. Frieda is based in North.

Meet "Marlene" purchased directly by NWBB Lancs & lakes from donations and named by the Barrow-in-Furness Riders. Obviously based in North.



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Route 66: [Trip of a lifetime from member Keith Bridge bbr529](https://nwbb-lancs.org/route66/)

This is a trip sent to the Ed about a ride on a Harley along the length of the famous Route 66 in the "Good Old USA".

It is quite a long story, so get your mug of coffee, get comfortable, put up the "Do Not Disturb" notice and click the link below:

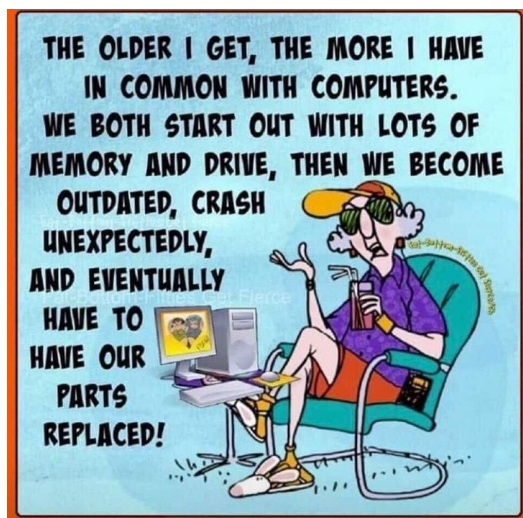
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Fun Stuff:



The only thing I take seriously in the newspapers nowadays is Fish and Chips.

And even that I take with a pinch of salt.



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They met on line



For Sale:

The following is from an ex-colleague and friend of the editor:

HONDA DEAUVILLE NT650 UK Machine. 1st Reg 05-07-2004. One owner from new, 48 000 Miles. MOT Expires 10 - 05 – 2022. VGC. Well maintained with full record. Facet fuel pump and recent New radiator. Comes complete with Large Pannier Lids
Wanted £2000 O.N.O.

Please contact Alan for further details 01257 400570. Or [Ed](#).

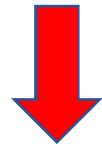


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Please Remember



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

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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 do 😊

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

Please email them to editor@nwbb-lancs.org or paulgbrooks@nwbb-lancs.org

STAY SAFE AND PROTECT OTHERS

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