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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

To date our Calls: 99,207 & Runs completed: 96,876

Sent to us by Maria Burn, Pre-analytics Manager at Royal Preston Hospital

Financial services and insurance company Ecclesiastical have launched their annual 'Movement for Good' awards, and will be donating an incredible £1 million to 500 separate good causes across the UK. It's super quick and easy to vote, just go to www.movementforgood.com and click 'Nominate a Charity' - you'll just need the charity number. It's everyone's personal choice whether you vote or not.

Our charity number is **1147282** and that's all you need to put in the box when asked, do not put the charity name, the software will automatically find our charity. Then fill in what is asked. Our pathfinder has put "Health" and "Volunteer" in each of the boxes when asked, but you can also use "Charity Worker" from the drop down.

So Sad: From Andy Mackenzie

A few weeks ago, we heard the tragic news that a nine year old boy, Jordan Banks, died after he was struck by lightning whilst playing football. Blackpool displayed a united grief by holding a convoy of 1000's of vehicles in Jordan's memory, along Blackpool promenade and St Annes to the Common Edge playing fields where a wreath was laid from the people of Blackpool and Fylde.

Some of NWBB Lancs & Lakes Blood Bike riders participated in the convoy as a group in full uniform to represent our Blood Bike group. Andrew Mackenzie (Fylde AM) had the pleasure to ride alongside colleagues Chris and Gillian Ryder, Scott Etheridge, Keith Urwin, Matt Godden and Dave and Laura Rees.



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Newsletter compiled and edited by Founder Member: Paul G Brooks

Relay from Birmingham to Dumfries: From Rider Dave Marsh.

Yet another relay: Dave Marsh collecting from Chris Durham, from SS&CBB at Lymm Services.
(Pictures taken by kindly members of the public)



Then handing over to Eric Stuart at Tebay Services for onward journey to Dumfries



Dave described the run as *“Although a little fresh, it was a beautiful morning with snow on the Cumbrian hills. The package was delivered within the allotted time slot. It was a privilege to be involved in the relay”*

Well done Dave, and Sue Wolstenholme for Controlling and not forgetting Chris & Eric of course.

Stay Safe:

Our friends, the Firefighters, urge people to Stay Safe when out enjoying water beauty Spots.



They get busy enough usually fighting grass fires in the summer months.

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Something for Members Only:

NWBB Lancs & Lakes need to update records for “Who to contact in an emergency, or if your phone fails and we can’t contact you – or heaven forbid you forgot to text the “Home Safe” message 😊. We call it NOK but it doesn’t have to be your next of kin.

It’s a voluntary thing intended to help us look after you if you are out and about on NWBB Lancs & lakes business.

When you log into the Members area on the website, www.nwbb-lancs.org it will ask you to complete a new one.

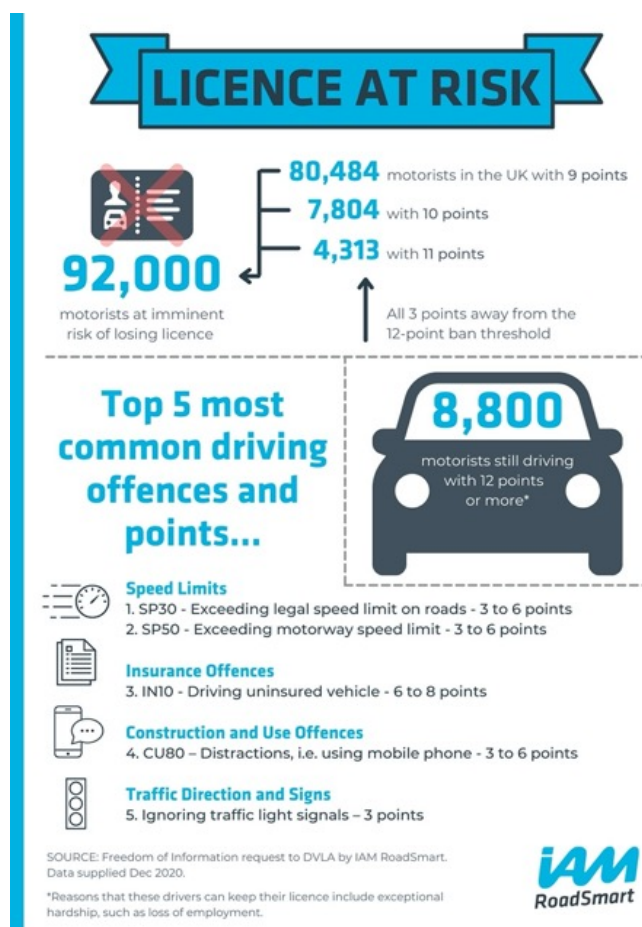
Did you Know?

92,000 motorists are at imminent risk of losing their driving licences.

DON'T BECOME ONE!

If you are not already a member of one of the Advanced motorist groups, why not become one. Yes, it has a small annual cost, but the benefits it gives you are immeasurable. Or even do the Enhanced Rider Scheme (ERS)

- 1) Better and safer driving/riding techniques.
- 2) Better awareness of what’s around you.
- 3) Often, cheaper Insurance.



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Fylde Mayor honours NWBB LL

From Fylde Area Manager Andy Mackenzie



During 2019 NWBB became one of the Mayor of Fylde chosen charities. We stood alongside and supported her in a few events which gave us the opportunity to raise funds at events that we would normally not have been allowed entry, including the hugely popular 1940s Wartime Weekend at Lytham.

Unfortunately, in 2020 the progression of the pandemic caused us to close our event calendar. A

few days ago, Andrew Mackenzie (Fylde AM) and Graham Addison (Fylde Deputy AM) were invited for tea and biscuits at the Fylde Town Hall where, after some polite conversation, they were presented with a cheque for an extra £1000 by the outgoing Mayor and her deputies. Andy says: *"Too be honest I think it was the only way she could get them to leave 😊"*.

Fleet Bikes with names:

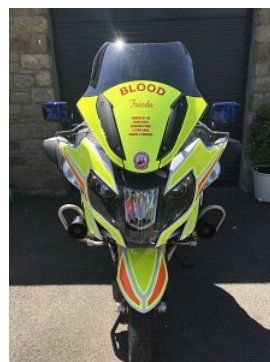
Most of our 18 Fleet bikes have names, some because the name means a lot to us and some just called a name picked out of a hat. Here are some.



This BMW is named Russell in memory of our Rider Russell Curwen who was lost in a collision whilst on his way with samples from Westmorland General hospital to Lancaster Royal.

Always thinking of you Russ, R.I.P.

This is Brenda, named after our most mature Lady, Controller, Brenda Taylor. (known to Ed as Ma'am)



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This BMW is named Marcel in memory of Marce I Falloon, who sadly passed away suddenly during the night several years ago.

(Ed: Such a lovely man and brother of member Colette Falloon, who took up motorcycling because of him.)

For Information:

Many people don't know what the markings are on their tyres, and remember tyres are your only contact with Mother Earth when on a bike or in a car. They must not only have a good tread, they must be suitable for your bike or car. Advice from the tyre specialists, "Don't mix makes or type".

Dates on tyres: Their 'Date of Birth' is written on the tyre sidewall. Look for the four-digit code. The first two figures represent the calendar week in which it was made (from 1 to 52) and the second two figures are the year of manufacture. So, a code of 1316 would mean your tyre was made between 28th March and 3rd April 2016.

Ed: Having been on extensive tyre courses at both Dunlop and Michelin I will only ride a bike with a repaired tyre to get me home, then it's a new tyre. A car is different because there's four 😊.

Everyone this is how you read your tire size



Sharing this because not everybody has a dad to teach them this stuff

Something Different for you, family members or Friends:

Click the link below, or pass it on to someone you know who may be interested:

<https://jobs.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/>



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Metro News:

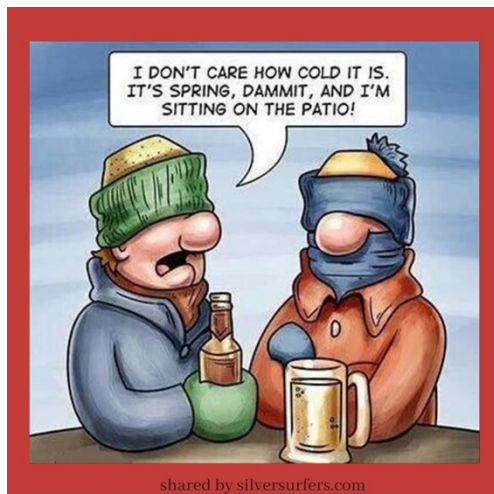
We appear to have been mentioned in a local paper, the "Metro" along with colleagues across the UK. It mentions NABB having 32 member groups, but if you add the groups like NWBB L&L which are not part of NABB then the figure goes up by about another 10 and NWBB is still the largest group and the busiest, so take a pat on the back every one of you.

Click on the link: <https://metro.co.uk/2021/06/01/the-bikers-saving-lives-with-vital-deliveries-across-uk-during-covid-14671432/>

Volunteer Skills:

Recent events and communication from Members has indicated that we have a lot of skills available within the group. Infuture weeks we will be trying to find out more of what's available so we don't spend money on things members might gladly have done at a much better price. (Ed: Don't they mean FREE 😊)

Fun Stuff:



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Items For Sale:

The clothing below is from a non-member biker (Ambulance man) wanting to help:

Gents XXL marked Bike jacket
condition. £20 to NWBBLL



(more like XL though) Good
Contact Ed.



Ladies size 12 bike trousers like
new condition, worn once.

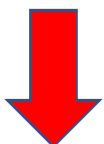
£20 to NWBBLL Contact Ed.

PRIVATE GARAGE TO RENT

Fulwood Preston off Lytham Road
With new up and over (Hormann) door and roof.
16 ft x 8 ft Ideal for storage of vehicle or dry goods.
No business permitted.
£80 p/calendar month (Includes NWBB Discount)
3 months minimum 1 full calendar month notice
required either way.
Rent payable in advance on the 1st of each calendar
month.



Any enquiries to Ian Taylor BBR576
Mobile 07711833029 or Email



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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 😊

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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