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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

To date our Calls: 97,502 & Runs completed: 95,208

Another Milestone:

95,000 calls completed by Steve Pugh, Controller and Patrick Thorsby Lancaster Rider.
Lancaster Pharmacy to Westmorland Switchboard on 25th April 2021.

Enhanced Rider Scheme (ERS):

If you're thinking of embarking on advanced rider training this year, you're in luck! NWBB-LL can offer members free training for the DVSA's Enhanced Rider Scheme – the ERS.

The ERS is an intermediate advanced riding qualification which is supposed to be fun but also informative. Passing the ERS won't qualify you to ride a liveried NWBBLL Fleet bike, but will set you well on the way for taking the IAM, ROSPA or DIAMOND advanced qualifications which will. Did I mention it's free, too?!

For more information check out <https://www.gov.uk/enhanced-rider-scheme> or call Gary Johnston (BBR244) on 07943964027 and watch the video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90jLHO-ASmk>



Bike for Bobby: Bobby Ball, comedian and our first ever Patron, shown here with Lee Townsend and yours truly at the A&E entrance to Blackpool Victoria Hospital. A charity Bike & Fun day is being organised on 24th July 2021 starting at 11am, to raise money for a 1.5 times the size of him statue and what's left over will come to NWBB Lancs & Lakes.

If you're interested click the link below:

<https://www.universe.com/events/bobbys-bikers-charity-bike-and-fun-day-tickets-G3SZJC>

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You never know who you'll meet:

One of our Riders (John Fewtrell) was spotted taking a break in Churchtown by a colleague from Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes, Cally Ross, and of course had to take a selfie.

Ed: Good to see you both wearing masks.

Always good to meet other Blood Bike members, hope he bought you something Cally 😊.



And yet another Relay:

 From John Walker, North Area Manager.

I have just done the link up at Tebay through to Standish. Met Darren from Lifesavers Scotland Blood Bikes and passed to Mike from Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes. Northwest Blood Bikes not on duty during the day but with help from Sue our controller more than happy to assist with relays at any time. All for a Dutch Consultant working in the UK. Well done to all involved.



And another:

 From East Rider Peter Leonard.

“That was an interesting, challenging and rewarding job last night. (24th April 2021) The brief was to take a small package from Burnley Path Lab to Manchester Donor Centre. I hadn't been there before but, armed with post code and sat nav, problem solved.

However, when I collected, the lab member stipulated it needed to be there before 20:30 as it was going on an NHS vehicle as part of a relay that would eventually see it delivered to Bristol. It was vital that it did not miss the next leg.



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On entering the post code in the sat nav, I observed that the predicted arrival time was, you guessed it, 20:30 so I knew it would be a close run thing. However, I set off refraining from all "Higher cause risk-taking" and "trying to beat the sat nav" because I know the NHS would not like me being added to their patient list.

Fortunately, the evil gremlins that control traffic lights were smiling kindly on me and gave me a clear run so, with some careful filtering and prudent lane selection, I arrived at the door at 20:28 just as the NHS driver was loading up. Phew!!

Now, here's the best bit. The lady who handed me the package expressed her thanks and said we would be saving the taxpayer nearly £300 in taxi fares."

That makes it all worthwhile: [#itswhatwedo](#)

Thank You: From Pre-analytics manager at RPH, Maria Burn who is also an Associate Member.

Apparently a piece of analytic equipment went down at CDH so a lot more samples had to be transported across to RPH on the weekend of 17th & 18th April and Maria sent her thanks to the Central Area Manager, Mike Hockney to pass on to those on duty.

Ed: I wondered why I was carrying a lot more stuff on the Sunday when I was on duty. Good to know we are always there for the NHS Hospitals we serve. [#itswhatwedo](#)

Later: Something you realise as you get older:

I did not write this and I'm not sure who did - but WOW does it speak to my heart!!! Worth the read. Don't wait to read it **later!**

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and its already Friday.... and the month is already over.... and the year is almost over.... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends, and we realize it's too late to go back...

So, Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...
Let's keep looking for activities that we like...Let's put some colour in our grey...
Let's smile at the little things in life that puts balm in our hearts, and despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters...I'm doing it after...I'll say after...I'll think about it after...
We leave everything for later like " after " is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...Afterwards, priorities change...Afterwards, the charm is broken...Afterwards, health passes...Afterwards, the kids grow up...Afterwards parents get old...Afterwards, promises are forgotten...Afterwards, the day becomes the night...Afterwards life ends...**And then it's often too late**

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So, Let's leave nothing for **later**...

Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

So, let's see if you have time to read this message and then share it.

Or maybe you'll leave it for... "**later**" ...

Something Despicable and Serious:

Rise in Coronavirus Phishing Scams

The email, which attempts to trick people into handing over their bank details, was reported more than 1,000 times in 24 hours. It appears to come from the NHS and asks the recipient to click on a link to accept or decline an invitation to receive the coronavirus vaccine. If they click accept, they are asked to input personal information and their bank card details.

The national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime has previously warned about coronavirus vaccine scams, with many people reporting receiving fake text messages purporting to be from the NHS. But it still goes on.



How to protect yourself

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay.

The NHS will never:

- ask you for your bank account or card details.
- ask you for your PIN or banking password.
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

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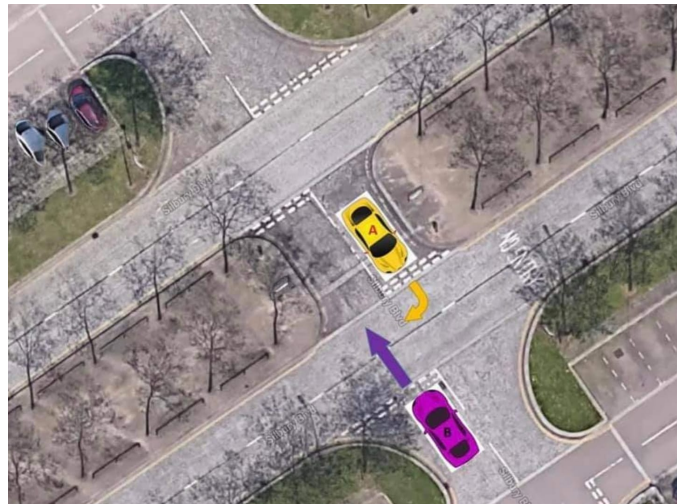
If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726** which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040) or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

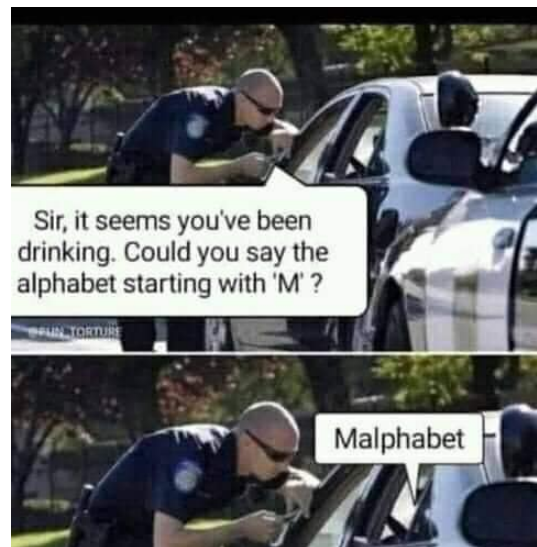
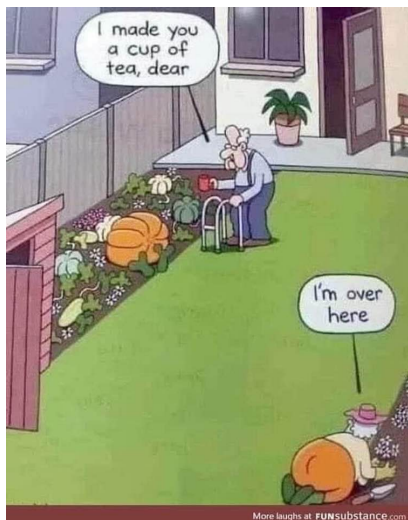
Question: Who has right of way?

The answer is at the bottom of the last page (**No cheating**):

I have to say there are a lot of Police Traffic Officers don't know the answer.



Bit of Fun:



**My friend writes songs
about sewing machines.
He's a Singer songwriter.
Or sew it seams.**

Items For Sale:

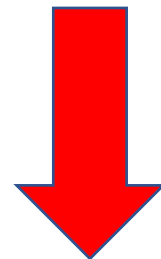
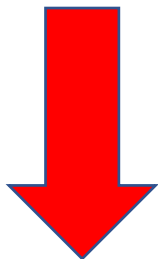
Items which may be of interest to other members or our customers, especially Motorcycling or Motoring;



Price reduced: £10

From member Keith Bridge. Email:

bbr529@nwbb-lancs.org



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

Answer to “Who has right of way”: No-one has right of way, the road running between the two cars is a one-way street, not a Major road, therefore it’s all down to manners/courtesy. **Courtesy is a great factor in Road safety.** If either car was actually over their “Give Way” lines, then they would have right of way.

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