

# NORTH IANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

## Minutes of meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

1. Chairperson Eve Hall opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and then enlightening them with an amusing account of her recent riding accident. Fortunately she is making a good recovery. Membership Secretary Barbara Hartley then introduced new members: Kath & Molly Hilton (Tatham) and Roz. Dyer (Bilsborrow)
2. Apologies from Jackie Millatt, Sharon Cash, Tina Graham, Janet Bebbington, Lorraine Hind, Sarah Webster, Andrea Lishman, Claire Mitchell.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Sue Hodgson and seconded by Jeanne Smith
4. Matters Arising – none
5. Horse Ownership Survey. There have been 150 returns to date, which is excellent. Keep them coming in!
6. Eve had asked that new material be brought in to update the NLBS display boards, but unfortunately nobody had responded to this. Could members please bring photos etc to the next meeting
7. This year's annual fundraising ride is now announced for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The venue is Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club and the route is 15 miles of bridleways and quiet lanes in the Kirkby Lonsdale area. Help is needed to man gates etc and entry forms are available at [www.nlbs.org.uk](http://www.nlbs.org.uk) or from Chris Bell 01524 822925/email [cb.13@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.13@btinternet.com)
8. Eve thanked Sheena for another great newsletter, with some really interesting articles
9. Thanks also to Kay for her hard work in updating the website
10. Leaflets were given out for the Trans Pennine Trail
11. Eve displayed an article praising Tarja Wilson's work. Tarja, a Countryside Agency employee, has been a great help to NLBS in developing new routes etc.
12. This year's (last year's?) Christmas meal is to be held at The Punchbowl, Bentham on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009
13. Eve distributed information for Field Officers clarifying their duties
14. Eve and NLBS Secretary Vicky Lowe are to attend an Access meeting at Preston next week on NLBS behalf
15. A Wind Farm is again proposed at Sillfield, Gatebeck, close to many bridleways, and a suggested letter of objection was distributed
16. Forthcoming Trec Events were announced, including a Fun Day on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan and a Training Day on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Details are available on the BHS website, or contact Diane Richmond, tel. 01524 791821 or e-mail [diane.richmond@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:diane.richmond@hotmail.co.uk) for membership.
17. Any Other Business:-
  - i) There is a Barefoot Talk arranged
  - ii) Ponies UK are holding a talk on 'Showing Preparations – What is the Judge Looking For?' at Crooklands Hotel at 7.30pm on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
  - iii) The Brewery Theatre at Kendal is holding a talk on bridleways on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please see their website for details and in Dates for your diary (following)
  - iv) Bigland Hall is holding a Western Training Day on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, Please see their website [www.biglandhall.com](http://www.biglandhall.com)
  - v) Houghton Equestrian at Kirkby Lonsdale is now offering NLBS members 5% discount if they take their membership receipt with them. Also, they now do delivery
  - vi) A big bale of hay has been stolen from Torrisholme, so be warned, thieves about!

- vii) Bridget from Hincaster has been awarded £500 for an environmental survey, and £640 from the AONB for a bidding document, towards the proposed disused railway route. Well done Bridget!

There was then a talk from Sam Robinson, local franchisee for Simple System Ltd., who had brought along lots of samples of the products. This equine feeding system works with nature and is free from cereals, pulses, molasses, preservatives and additives. It is a fibrous diet with added protein, vitamins and minerals. Sam explained that there are a number of benefits, including improved behaviour, and that it can be fed just before and after work, and even during. Simple System is made of grass and lucerne, with complementary products based on linseed. It is only sold through trained franchisees and has a very useful helpline. Sam will do ration plans, yard visits, free local delivery. There was a Question & Answer session which members found interesting. Sam can be contacted on 01524 733235 / 07900925172.

**Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall.**

The speaker will be from Penny Farm, World Horse Welfare.

Every body welcome and please bring a friend!

**Membership News:**

Although we have 64 members who have not renewed their subscriptions, we still have a membership of 302 fully paid-up. That is excellent – just a pity we could not retain the 'lost'64!

As each 'new' person joins NLBS they are numbered and we are approaching the 500<sup>th</sup>. person to register! In the present culture of 'buy one get one free', the 500<sup>th</sup>. person, on payment of their subs., will get an extra year's subscription **free!!!!** Over 2 years for £5 – you cannot do better than that!!! So if you have any friends who have been thinking about it, then tell them to get their application in fast! They may be the 500<sup>th</sup>.. Sorry but this does not apply to those who might think of rejoining – you already have a number – but even so, I think you all get your money's worth at £5 per year. Thanks for such great support. Keep up the good effort!

If you are considering or would consider setting up a Standing Order to pay your £5 subs. yearly then a form is enclosed for you to complete and take to **your** bank, or set up the payment online. This method would be greatly appreciated and you never need to remember when to pay! If you have no form enclosed it is because you already pay in this way, have paid in advance or are an Honorary member. Thanks!

**Dates for the 2009 diary:**

**Tues. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Talk at the Brewery Arts Centre:- 'Bridles Revisited - A Rural Ride Through Middle England' is a lecture and film by Peter McDonald. Tickets are £7 available from the Brewery on 01539 725133 or [www.breweryarts.co.uk](http://www.breweryarts.co.uk)

**Tues. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - One Day Fun Horse Course** University of Cumbria Equestrian Centre, Nr Penrith. Bring your own horse or use a school horse and enjoy a day of fun and learning. Practical Tips. 2 Riding Sessions. £35 with your own horse, £55 with use of school horse. For more details or to book your place: tel 015394 45124/Email [yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk](mailto:yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk)

**Wednesday Mar 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm - "HORSE TALK"** Soulby Village Hall Nr. Kirkby Stephen  
Chairperson – Harold Birkbeck; Paul May (vet) discussing *Fell Pony Syndrome*; Lesley Adamson (vet) – *horse worming regime*; Dr Lister – *nutritional advice on feeding the native pony*. **Ask the Experts** - your chance to put your horsey questions to the panel **plus** farmer and racehorse trainer Arthur Slack and Emma Woolley native pony breeder, rider and trainer. ALL WELCOME. £2.50 including refreshments. For more details Hilary Fawcett Tel. 017683 41417 or Ellen Jones 1768483511

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May - NLBS Kirkby Lonsdale Ride** Details in minutes above.

**Sunday 17 May 09 - Tebay EGB ride** Starting from Newbiggin-On-Lune, Tebay, Cumbria. Open fells and bridleways - excellent going. Minimal road work. Contact: Ros Denby, 7 Riverside View, Great Asby, Appleby, Cumbria  
Tel: 017683 51210/079808 22747 Email: [rosdenby@googlemail.com](mailto:rosdenby@googlemail.com)

**28<sup>th</sup> June -30<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> July - Adult Summer Camp 2009** University of Cumbria Penrith Campus.  
2 nights accommodation inc B&B, training, demonstrations and interactive lecture demonstration. 2 nights stabling inc shavings.  
Tel: 015394 45124 or email [gayle.charnley@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:gayle.charnley@cumbria.ac.uk)

**Other Info.:**

For sale: 2 saddles Full size synthetic western saddle as new £95 o.n.o. Childs synthetic western saddle as new £75 o.n.o. both from Robinsons. Please contact Phyllis on 01729850295 or e-mail [capstb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:capstb@yahoo.co.uk)

**Query from a member:**

Just wondered if you had any info on any yards in Lancashire that do retirement livery?

I am looking to retire my 18yr old arab gelding who is very quiet and sensible. Only asking on the off chance thank you in anticipation. Please e-mail Dawn on [Tri34cky@aol.com](mailto:Tri34cky@aol.com) or tel. 07786 015766 if you can help.