

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2010

1. **Welcome** Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed everybody to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to one new member, Hannah Garnett (Carnforth), though it was pointed out that there were other prospective members at our meeting and they were also welcomed (in the hope that they will join!!).
2. **Apologies** received from Andrea Lishman, Sarah Webster, Chris Evans, Pat Hodgkinson
3. **Minutes of last meeting** accepted. Proposed Anna Twiname, seconded Diane Richmond
4. **Matters arising.** None
5. **North Yorkshire Moors Leaflets & Launch** – a superb circular route of approx. 60 miles with accommodation en route. Map guide produced by BHS and obtainable from them at www.bhs.org.uk
6. **Christmas Meal** This was the last chance for members to book a place for 22nd January at the Bay Horse, Arkholme, which is now in the hands of Katarina, an NLBS founding member
7. **Meetings attended**
 - i. On 7th December Eve & Sue Hargreaves attended a meeting at Middleton Nature Reserve. No problems had occurred with horse riders on the site and Eve brought up the possibility of extending the access
 - ii. Also on 7th December Eve attended a meeting with the Lune Millennium User Group. British Waterways showed maps of future plans, including disabled access from Caton Road sloping down from the Aqueduct to the cycle track
8. **Open Day Country Fair** at Myerscough College on 6th June. This is being organised by the Countryside Alliance, who have offered NLBS a pitch. To be decided nearer the time
9. **'Think Horse' signs.** 3 were available at the meeting, with 10 more on order.
10. **Any Other Business**
 - i. Cumbria Bridleways Society (CBS) are holding a Tack Sale at Endmoor on 27th March
 - ii. There will be a Trec event at Valliants on 24th January, comprising a training session followed by a competition. Contact Diane Richmond for details.
 - iii. Bridget Pickthall is progressing well with the Hincaster Trailway Group
 - iv. Friends of the Lakes are wanting to organise a flora/fauna ride around the Arnside/Silverdale AONB area and are looking for a volunteer to lead the ride. Any offers??
 - v. Tracy Brooks is organising an evening at the Crooklands Hotel on 12th February 'Talk to your Horse'. People are asked to bring an open mind and a photo of their horses.
 - vi. Posters are now available for the Warton ride on 25th April. Please display these and either ride the ride or help on gates etc
 - vii. Volunteers are needed to restart the members' monthly rides in the next couple of months, perhaps to arrange a joint ride with CBS?

The meeting concluded with a talk by Mr Tim Boardman, Veterinary Surgeon from Archway Veterinary Practice. Tim spoke about equine euthanasia, in a very sensitive way. He covered subjects such as when is the right time and insurance pitfalls to be aware of. He outlined the different methods of euthanasia and disposal of carcasses, and finished by reading a moving short poem. Tim's talk was interesting and useful in that it covered a subject that is often not thought about, let alone talked about.

Next Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 9th March 2010 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall,
when there will be a talk on equine homeopathy with, possibly, free gifts!!
Please come & please bring a friend!

Additional Information:

Members – any member not now up-to-date with their subscription ie. not paid since May 2009, has been removed from the mailing lists. If you hear of any grumbles, please ask if they have paid their subs. and please let me know if they think they have!! I do make mistakes sometimes and I hate to delete names! We have lost approx. 20 members this time and I think this is our ‘lowest loss’ ever (if you can understand that!). Our membership now stands at 318. Please keep up the good work of recruiting!!

Trailer - an old style Richardson, equivalent of Ifor Williams 505, will take 2 horses up to 16hh It has a solid wooden floor (recently replaced), front & rear unload. Everything in good working order. Safe and sound and ready for the 2010 season. I am asking £1,000 ono I can be contacted on 07973196056 Abi Winstanley

Dates for the coming months:

Tuesday, Feb 16th. - Fun Training day at Newton Rigg, Penrith. Bring your own horse or use a college one. Lessons, practical advice and learn about Alexander technique. Friendly, informal atmosphere, tea and coffee included. Lunch facilities on campus 9.30 – 4 £40 ppn £50 ppn including use of school horse. Accommodation evening before can be arranged for you and your horse. Limited Numbers . For more information contact yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk Tel 07760475157 (Sorry such short notice but it has gone round by e-mail – advantages of being on e-mail!!).

Tuesday March 2nd. – Horse Talk organized by Fell & Dales Group. Soulby Village Hall near Kirkby Stephen. 7.30p.m. £4 including refreshments. Chairperson Lesley Adamson (vet). Speakers – Dr. Susan Heywood, ‘Grass Sickness’, David & Alison Roper ‘Taking us a ride along the Pennine Bridleway’, Sam Galloway (vet) ‘Atypical Myopathy – an emerging threat?’ and Paul May (vet) ‘Isolation of gene responsible for Fell Pony Syndrome’. Also ‘Questions to the panel’. For more details contact: Hilary Fawcett Tel. 01768341417 or Ellen Jones 01768483511

Saturday 24th. April – Midfield dressage, Gaisgill nr. Tebay. Classes for Introductory (walk & trot only), Preliminary & Novice tests. Between classes 2 and 3 will be a display of the gaits of Icelandic horses. *If you have never tried Dressage before* then this is your opportunity to try it in small classes in a friendly and informal environment. CRC Dressage is slightly different to British Dressage so please enquire if you want further details. The number of entries is limited so please book as soon as possible to reserve your place. Anne Davies: 01204 412503 or 07980 919788 or annedavies@ntlworld.com

Sunday 25th. April - NLBS Ride, Warton Approx. 15 miles. Enquiries and Entries to – Liz Davison, 38 Beech Road, Halton, Lancaster. LA2 6QH Tel. – 01524 – 811029 E-mail - klmjdavison@btopenworld.com
More details and entry form on the web site www.nlbs.org.uk

Sunday 9th. May – Cartmel Ride organized by Cumbria BS. 13 miles with shorter route (approx. 8 miles) available. Parking on Cartmel racecourse village car park (£1 for 4 hours, £2 all day). £15 entry fee (£20 on the day). Starts between 10.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. Info. from Sue Gill, Cornbrook Orchard, Clogger Beck, Cartmel LA11 6PN Email: gillsue@gmail.com Telephone: 015395 36825

Saturday 29th. May - Cumbria Fell and Dales Show, Jenkinsons field Brougham Nr Penrith, schedules will be out shortly. Contact same as Horse Talk item.

Monday 7th June, - Morecambe Bay Ride (hopefully!!) start time 1.30 pm, if conditions are right. Will start from Kents Bank station or Silverdale (not known at this time). For more info. contact Phyllis at capstb@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 01729 850295