

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2010

- 1. Welcome:** Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting and asked for a minute's silence for Alex Pimley who sadly died on June 2nd.
New members welcomed were Diane & Laura Nelson (Carnforth), Jennie Haigh & Andy Bryan (Over Kellet) and Georgina Dudley re-joined.
- 2. Apologies:** Bridget Pickthorn, Anna Twiname, Sarah Webster, Pauline McCartney, Steve & Linda Hobson.
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. Matters Arising** none.
- 5. Thanks** to Julie Sico for setting up and arranging the visit to the Police Mounted Division. Yet again a great success. Julie proposed a visit to a side-saddle demonstration which she will look into. Thanks to both Lady Reay who loaned her facilities to NLBS and to Jo Birkbeck where she worked with several horses correcting behaviour and also demonstrated riding techniques.
- 6. Young Farmers' Community Challenge:** The Hincaster Trailway Project was worked on. Four gates were needed for which £400:00 was pledged from NLBS funds. Two gates are already in place. Photos to show work in progress have been taken. Ongoing support for this project is required.
- 7. Monthly Rides:** Thanks to the organisers of two rides which have taken place. Greenway Riders, Ulverston, Sunday 25th July at Lowick Bridge. 10 or 5 miles. £10:00 or £12:00 on the day.
- 8. Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre** - appeal for new horsebox. A new one is required to replace their 18 year-old one. It was agreed by the group that a donation of £50:00 would be given.
- 9. Cross Bay Ride:** A video of the BBC Country File filming will be shown at the next meeting.
- 10. Tack Sale:** This will be held on 17th October. This is a fundraising event for NLBS so please support it by pledging sandwiches, cakes etc. as well as practical help.
- 11. Bridleway (BW14) Redwell:** Eve had an onsite meeting on 24th June with the Rights of Way Officer. Mrs Patrick, who lives nearby, has replaced a bridge. Mr Burrows has repaired hard core and a gate, for which Eve has thanked them. NLBS has agreed to pay towards fencing at the other end.
- 12. AOB** - none.

Ceri Watkins, GIS Officer, BHS, E-magin gave an informative illustrated talk regarding the downloading of bridle routes from any part of the country. This system will only be as good as the information submitted. Ceri Watkins praised NLBS for responding so promptly and with so much information together with Lorraine Hind's comprehensive response on-line. The BHS system is still in its early stages and it will be some time before it is finalized.

Next meeting - Tuesday September 14th starting at 7.30pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall

Liz. will give an illustrated talk about riding the North York Moors and Dales ride which was launched by the BHS last December.

Please come along and bring a friend

Additional Information

NLBS Subs. – I have now sent out all receipts from standing orders/subs. etc for the present 'year' which began in May. There are about 80 members who have not renewed. **Please, PLEASE** send in your £5 subs. if you wish to continue your membership. It is so time-consuming to have to remind you all individually. You can check with me if you are not sure. Otherwise, perhaps you could let me know if you do not wish to continue so that I can remove your name from the records. My address: B Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF, tel. 015242 21026 , e-mail Batmillhouses@aol.com or pay at the next meeting.....but **please** pay. It is still only £5.

Special Request - Horse riders on the beach at Bolton le Sands/Hest Bank are requested not to ride **over** the sea defences on the beach but only to cross at the end near Pasture Lane, probably because we are helping to destroying them. This seems a sensible request so please pass on to other horsey friends – and persuade them to join NLBS while you are chatting!!

Pony for sale. As I knew our Chairperson, Eve, had just been on a riding holiday at Crosby Garret, staying with Meg & Will, you can imagine me catching my breath when I received the following e-mail from Meg – “I am looking for a very special home for Eve,our Shetland mare.(Phew!!) Perhaps a 'pony club' home where she will be kept busy and interested. Eve is 14 now (is she only 14???) but has much left to give, especially confidence to any young child learning about ponies and how to ride. As most of you will know, she has been in the ribbons in every show she has been taken to, including Overall Champion (young riders) She was first pony for her last jockey on and off lead rein, ridden almost everyday and enjoying pony club days and camp. A caring home is of paramount importance. Thank you, Meg (Well, most of that could apply to the Eve we know!!) Sorry for my interpolations but I could not resist. Seriously, if anyone is interested in Eve, the Shetland, then contact Meg on Mhbarnett@aol.com or tel. 017683 71796

Thank you from Vicky -I would like to thank NLBS for the £30 gift voucher received as a leaving present in May. I have recently been to Waterstones to spend it. I bought 3 poetry books -The Works by Pam Ayres, Collected Poems by Roger McGough and the collected poems of John Betjeman . Thank you all again. Vicky Lowe

Message from Tarja, Countryside Officer - Thought you might be interested in this: www.lancashire.gov.uk/treesandwoodlands The aim is to encourage and assist landowners and community organisations implement small scale tree planting projects to increase Lancashire's tree and woodland cover. In addition to the visual improvements trees will make, the trees will capture carbon dioxide to help reduce the effects of the emissions from the treatment of our domestic waste. We have a priority to plant trees as part of woodlands that will grow on to maturity. Lancashire Trees and Woodlands Grant is about small scale community projects, if you would like information about the larger county wide Woodlands from Waste programme, visit the Woodlands from Waste Website. Mrs Tarja Wilson, North & West Bowland Countryside Officer, tel. 01200 448000/07887 830853 or e-mail Tarja.Wilson@lancashire.gov.uk

Reminder of rides - Saturday 18th September – Furness RDA Holker Ride. Tel. June Chapman 01229 716479 or look on the web site – www.furnessrda.org.uk

Sunday 26th September 2010 - Discovering Saddleworth's Bridleways Fun Ride

Friezland Arena, Greenfield , OL3 7JA off Manchester Rd A635 (open to cyclists and horse riders)

ROUTE: There will be a choice of 2 Circular Rides, both rides cover quiet lanes, rough tracks and sections of the Pennine Bridleway Network. Choose from a medium (18km) or a long (25km) ride; please take into account the fitness of your horse (or bike?). 9.30 am START. £2/entry including a rosette at the finish. No entries on the day. For more info contact Jennie tel: 01457 872598 or email: env.brownhill@oldham.gov.uk

Message from Helen Wain - HORSE OWNERS CERTIFICATE LEVEL 1 TUESDAYS 7.00 - 9.00p.m. STARTING SEPTEMBER 14th, 2010 FOR 7 WEEKS (+ EXAM) OVER KELLET VILLAGE HALL, Carnforth, Lancs (just off June 35, M6) Suitable for ages 12 and over. COST £52 PLUS EXAM (£23) Contact Helen Wain (B.H.S.A.I. regd) for Information/booking (01524 736606) or email helenwain@talktalk.net You **do not need to own a horse. Course includes practical sessions at local yard. LEVEL 2, 3 & 4 follow on, (Nov., Feb., April, 2010/11) Also **Level 4** Horse Owners Certificate course on alternate Weds from September Please contact Helen Wain (as above.)**

E-mail Addresses – if you now have access to an e-mail address and are not on our e-mailing list then please let me know. You get even more value for money if you are on the list. E-mail me at Batmillhouses@aol.com

And finally, thanks – to Andrea Awde for taking over the minutes from Sue Clowes. Thanks to Sue also, for her gallant efforts.

