

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March, 2011

1. **Welcome:** Eve welcomed all members present and especially three new members Ruth Garstang of Tatham Fell, Lisa Mashiter of Bolton Le Sands and Michelle Fallon of Barrow-in-Furness.
2. **Apologies:** Sheila Robertson, Sharon Cash, Linda and Steven Hobson and Jean Smith.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** were confirmed as a true and accurate record, first by Julie Seco and seconded by Jan Crookes.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Whittington Races:** Members were asked to volunteer their help in collecting the entrance fees on Easter Saturday, 23.04.2011 from 10 am. Bring a shoulder bag for money collection. Free entry to races for those who help out.
6. **NLBS Farleton Ride:** Easter Sunday, 24.04.2011. Please volunteer to man gates. This is an easy job and makes all the difference to the riders' enjoyment. Contact Eve.
7. **Rides:** Caroline Cummings would like to thank those who came on her ride - it did her youngster the power of good. Eve urged members to arrange monthly rides. Share your favourite ride with your fellow members. It's easier to arrange than you think! Let Eve know when you can do so.
8. (i) **Forest Fight:** The demonstration at Grizedale Forest was well attended and NLBS were respectfully represented.
(ii) Eve read out from 'The Lancaster Guardian Files' - 5yrs Ago, 10.03.2006. Lancaster Guardian, 04.03.2011-p10. In which horse riders protested about proposed by-laws restricting the riding of horses on the shore and prom and when NLBS put the case for both being the only places where both adults and children could ride safely.
9. **AOB;** *Cumbrian Bridleways* (i) Tack Sale reminder to support this event at Endmoor 13.03.2011.
(ii) Cartmel Ride, 01.05.2011, Arrival time 10-11 am. Parking £2, Ride £15 or £20 on day. Choice of 15 miles circular or 8 miles. Tel:01539536825.
(iii) Jacob's Join, tea and coffee provided, Talk on Old Drovers' Roads, a journey with two Fell ponies, Vyv Wood-Gee on 16.04.2011 at 7.30, Shap Memorial Hall. £5.

Hincaster Trailway. Bridget reported completion of a disabled access ramp. Dry-stone Wallers are starting work in April. Sustrans will be turning up on **Saturday 12.03.2011** at 10 am to clear up. **Volunteers requested** to help weather permitting.

Some members attended a talk on animal rescue training for firemen, vets etc. It would be good to have this for NLBS' calendar. Barbara Hartley said she would look into this.

Eve reported that Poppy had been decked out in plaits and ribbons by some friends of hers and led round the village collecting for the Air Ambulance. The girls and she raised £24. Well done for the initiative.

Bolton Le Sands "Pig Farm:" track gate is to be replaced with donation from NLBS.

Yam's Lane, Silverdale. Enquiries reveal this is footpath. NLBS may try again for horse riders.

Partnership Officer has contacted Eve regarding community work help with bridleway maintenance. A meeting has been arranged to discuss this.

NLBS Newsletter: Sheena requires items for the newsletter. Please submit anything of interest directly to her. Ideas for talks, visits etc always required Contact Eve.

Our thanks to Tim Boardman, from Archway Veterinary Practice, who gave the talk 'To worm or not to worm'. This was a comprehensive, no nonsense description of equine worms, their lifestyle and hopefully their eradication. Tim gave down-to-earth advice and put a good many myths straight whilst promoting helpful discussion.

**Date of next meeting on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall
Please come along and bring a friend**

NLBS Promotion Night by Lakes Personalised Prints & Embroidery Service. NLBS member Sally Burrow, will bring along a selection of goods suitable to take NLBS logo. Also bring along your own pix eg your horse on favourite ride. Profits to NLBS. Please come along and support us.

Info:

Request for help - Kate Dashper and Janet Cochrane are doing a survey of people's riding habits and potential interest in riding holidays. There's a dual purpose here. It's partly academic as Kate and Janet won a grant to do research into the topic, and partly because along with 2 other people they've set up 'Ride Yorkshire' – a social enterprise which aims to bring more people to Yorkshire to ride so as to put money into the rural economy and widen participation in riding. Through the survey, they'd like to find out more about what people want to do and how market needs can be best served. It would help if you could possibly please fill in the survey at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ridingholidays> If you'd like to know more, please email or phone me on 01759 368303. website is 'coming soon' – www.rideyorkshire.org – And if you're a supplier there will be the opportunity soon to list your business. Dr Janet Cochrane, Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for Responsible Tourism, Leeds Metropolitan University.

North West Bridleway Routes on EMAGIN

I thought that it might be useful to send you a list of the routes that we currently have on EMAGIN in the North West and a description for each one. The link to EMAGIN where you can view these routes is:- http://www.emagin.org/Routes_by_Region/North_West.aspx

We have also set up regional EMAGIN facebook pages to try and promote the routes and engage with people so that they can comment on them and send in their photo's.

The NW link is:-

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BHS-Emagin-North-West/123097797758753>

If you can help us by promoting the routes we would be very grateful, if you have any additional routes to add, please contact Emagin at Head Office. [Karen Lewty Regional Development Officer - North West](mailto:karen.lewty@regionaleconomicdevelopment.co.uk)

Our first Morecambe Bay ride this year is scheduled for the **Thursday 26th May**, starting from Humphrey Head again. Start time 12.30 p.m. Phyllis Capstick West Craven bridleways.

Ulnes Walton Bridleways Pleasure **Ride Sunday 20th March** at Torotrack, Moss Side Industrial Estate, Leyland. Long ride 20 miles, shorter ride 15 miles. Entries in by 14th March 2011 fees £12.

Join Ride Yorkshire's first Sponsored Fun Ride on Sunday 10th April 2011 and enjoy the best scenery in the Yorkshire Dales whilst raising money for a great cause, enabling disadvantaged children to ride. Four route options (5.5-18 miles) Start from Threshfield Quarry, Grassington Plenty of parking Map, directions and hi-viz tabard provided Hot & cold refreshments available at start & finish Posters available to display, just let us know and we'll post you some!
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