

North Lancashire Bridleways Society

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10th July 2012.

Before beginning the meeting Eve announced the death of Jeff Bell aged 84 yrs of Winmarleigh. She described how he used his cattle wagon most Sundays to ferry ponies and children to local shows and rides. Up to ten ponies head to tail, bar between children and tack all squashed up in the Luton. Peering through a gap, they would ask, "Are we there yet?" No thought for Health & Safety! In later life Jeff was a farrier to many of his girls as he called his clients. He was always willing to tack on a lost shoe. He will be missed. Eve has sent a card from the NLBS.

1. **Welcome:** Eve welcomed all members, as well as new member Adele Horner of Ingleton. Kate Lennox membership secretary, reported that NLBS has lost 75 members in the year 2011 and again this year 90 members have not yet renewed their membership. Both Kate and Eve urged present members to remind friends and acquaintances to keep up membership. It was felt that at £5.00 pa it remains extremely good value.
2. **Apologies:** Kate McLoughlin, Sheena Robertson, Sarah Webster, Steve and Linda Hobson and Pauline McCartney.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Amendment of date for current meeting from 12/06/2012 to 10/06/2012 proposed by Eve and seconded by Julie Sico.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Vice Chair Person:** Julie Sico very kindly offered to be Vice Chairperson. NLBS appreciated her generous offer in giving of her time in this way.
6. **Carriage Driving Taster:** A dozen members had an enjoyable and instructive evening at John Moorhouse's farm in Cartmel in June. Some had a go at long reining and everybody learned a great deal. Afterwards they all adjourned to the pub. Our appreciation and thanks to John and his daughter and their lovely patient horse.
7. **Coming Events:** (i) NLBS Tack Sale Sunday 14th October 2012. This will be held at Hest Bank
8. Memorial Hall as no suitable alternative has been found. (ii) Saturday 25th August 2012 Waterside Parishes Charity ride including pony club Kestrel ride. (iii) Bowland Trec, Scorton 25th & 26th August, 2012.
9. **Gates and Latches:** There has been no response to reports of faulty gates and latches. This is hard to believe as there must be some horrible gates in our area. Do report them to Eve and NLBS will get on the case. Eve reported that Greenlands Farm, Tewitfield, have agreed to NLBS replacing easier catches on their bridleway gates.
10. **Definitive Map Modifications:** The track from Bolton-le-Sands down to Carnforth is set down on the map as a foot path but appears clearly marked as a wide stone walled track. NLBS has put a new gate on it as local riders use the path. It was suggested that it would be useful to collect user evidence from those who have regularly ridden the route over the years.
11. **AOB:** (1) Congratulations to Liz Davidson riding Kay Edwards Gweno who did well in the Wales TREC. (ii) A stretch of the Pennine BW has been opened near Clapham and Ribble Head. (iii) Hincaster Trailway - NLBS have donated £750 towards wheelchair access improvements. (iv) Due to increased postage all members are encouraged to receive the Newsletter via email. Hard copies will be available at meetings and in 'horsey shops'. It was hoped that copies would be available at this meeting but this was not possible. (v) Website - Kay reported that the website is temporarily out of action. It is hoped to rectify the situation asap. In the meantime please contact either Eve or Kay if there are problems.

Our thanks to Callum Garvey of Vale Farriery, Burton-in-Kendal, who kindly gave us an up-to-date, illustrated talk on laminitis in which he brought to light the latest developments in the management of this chronic and painful disease. As a result of ongoing research it seems there could be a little more hope on the horizon for laminitis sufferers.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 11th September 2012 at 7.30pm
at Hest Bank Memorial Hall
'All Fall Down'**

Pat Gregory will talk about a 'mystery' equine illness.

Please come along and bring a friend.

(Please note all meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the prescribed month)

Additional Information:-

Saturday 8th September 2012, Riding for the disabled pleasure ride Holker Hall. Info and entry forms now available to download on the website www.furnessrda.org.uk

For Sale - Bertie - 10.3hds 23 years old Exmoor x Shetland (mini version of Exmoor, very cute - loved by all!!).

Extremely good and safe with traffic, children. Used as a companion for last 2 years. He was diagnosed with Cushings in December 2011 and is now on Prascend, however is a happy, sprightly little pony. He is easy and a pleasure to look after and have around. He is passported, on the worming programme by the Vet, vaccinated etc to date. This pony wants for nothing! He is for loan due to lack of time. He will come with complete wardrobe, no tack for him as he has not been ridden in present home. First and foremost an exceptional and knowledgeable home required for a truly one in a million pony!! Please contact Sara on 07707 593 115.

Request from Diana - I am looking for somewhere to break my journey from Somerset to Blair to compete at 3 day event as near to the M6 as possible. The plan is to find somewhere for the night of Monday 20th August on the way and Sunday 27th for the return. There are 2 horses and there will be 2 people. If there was somewhere that could do supper that would be ideal. email - Doeyharris@hotmail.co.uk

Ride Round England

William Reddaway is attempting to ride to the four corners of England and visit 30 cathedrals next summer. His website is <http://www.rideroundengland.org/> and the route he is currently planning on undertaking can be seen <http://maps.rideroundengland.org/route.html>. If you look at the website you will see that William is currently looking for local knowledge on his chosen route - are bridlepaths passable, roads that look like quiet country lanes really rat runs or are there any suitable rights of way not shown. In addition William is looking to compile a list of local vets, saddlers, farriers etc and also overnight accommodation for Strider and himself. He is happy to sing for his supper or attend club events to give talks etc. If you, or your members think you can help in any small way please feel free to either contact William william@rideroundengland.org