

North Lancashire Bridleways Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2013

- Welcome and new members:** No new members since the last meeting. Membership remains healthy at 259. There are still several overdue subs to collect. Please consider paying by standing order, details are available on membership application form which can be downloaded from the website www.nlbs.org.uk/membership. or contact Kate Lennox, membership secretary – email: kate.lennox@talktalk.net or tel: 015395 58516.
- Apologies:** Sue Clowes, Jackie Millett, Sharon Cash, Sue Hargreaves, Julie Sico, Sheena Robertson.
- Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- Matters Arising:** the item deferred from the last meeting regarding Life membership was discussed and it was decided to continue with the present system of annual renewal.
- Members rides:** Two members accompanied Eve on a sedate ride which she led in August. If you would like to ride in the Yealand area please contact Denise Woodcock tel: 01524 730514. Denise is happy to lead a ride so please contact her directly to discuss.
- Tack Sale, Sunday 13th October** Volunteers are needed to help on the day, please contact Eve 01524 824205. We also need cakes and sandwiches for the refreshment stall, these can be brought to the venue on Sunday morning or left with Eve on Saturday 12th.
- North West Air Ambulance** Thanks have been received for the donation from our fund raising ride in April. The charity are celebrating National Air Ambulance Week on 23rd – 29th September 2013 and are asking individuals, community groups and local businesses to be a 'Heli Hero' and help raise awareness of the fantastic work that the charity does all over the North West region. If you'd like to organize your own "Heli Hero" fundraising event or for more information you can contact the fundraising team by email via fundraising@nwaa.net or call 0151 547 7830
- Re-jigged leaflet for new members** The Group's leaflet has been updated.
- British Horse Society (BHS) on Facebook** The BHS have launched a Facebook page. www.facebook.com/TheBritishHorseSociety. You can view the pages even if you are not registered with Facebook although if you want to interact with the website you will have to sign up. Don't forget: BHS AGM: Guys Court, Bilsborrow, PR3 0RS. 7.30 Mon 14th October. Talk on worming
- Furness Riding for the Disabled** – fundraising ride 28th September from Holker Hall. Entry forms can be downloaded from their website www.furnessrda.org.uk or further info available from info@furnessrda.org.uk
- NLBS books for loan:** There are 4 titles: *Exmoor Files* by Liz Jones; *Time and Tide, 50 years on Morecambe Bay* by Cedric Robinson; *England on Horseback* by Zara Colchester and Charlotte Sainsbury; *Discover Off Road Riding: A Practical Guide* by Kate Godfrey and Shonagh Steven. Contact Eve if you'd like to loan one of these titles.
- BHS/GEM Road Safety Leaflets:** The British Horse Society joined forces with road safety organisation, GEM Motoring Assist, to take a new approach to horse and rider safety on the roads, together they have produced a leaflet 'Horse Rider Safety'. Copies can be downloaded from BHS website www.bhs.org.uk and search for "GEM Horse Rider Safety leaflet" or printed leaflets can be requested by emailing r.lucas@bhs.org.uk. Denise has obtained copies of the leaflet and is in the process of distributing them to relevant businesses including Truck Haven at Carnforth, Motor Test Centre at Heysham; local Driving Instructors; garages, tyre repairers. It was suggested copies could also be distributed to Compulsory Bike Training (CBT) providers. If you have any other suggestions please contact Denise or Eve.
- Christmas Cards:** Members were asked if they would like the Group to commission Christmas cards to sell to raise funds. Denise will make further enquiries.

Speaker for the evening was Jane van Lennep, Simple Systems who gave an interesting and informative talk on the horses' digestive system and advice on feeding your horse a natural diet for optimum health and performance. For more information on Simple Systems visit www.simplesystemhorsefeeds.co.uk.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 November 2013
An informative talk by Janice Hutchinson a local breeder of Icelandic Horses
Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB
Please come along and bring a friend

WANTED: Free n Easy Saddle: contact Janet, email: J.Blackburn11@btinternet.com /mobile: 07814409044