

North Lancashire Bridleways Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014

1. **Welcome and new members:** One new member – Kate Harrison. Membership stands at 262.
2. **Apologies:** Kate Lennox, Sheena Robertson, Sharon Cash, Sue White.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Books to borrow or return:** The group have several titles available for loan: *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 01524 824205 if you'd like to loan or return books.
6. **Photos for the website:** new photos are needed for the website so if you have any horsey pictures you'd like to share please let us know. They can be forwarded to Frances at email: f.clisham@btinternet.com or bring them along to the next meeting.
7. **Christmas meal:** will take place on Friday 17 January at The Smithy, Holme 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Sheila collected payment and menu choices at the meeting.
8. **Whittington Races – Easter Saturday 19 April 2014:** Help is required collecting gate money from about 10am on the day of the races. In return helpers can attend the races free of charge. The organisers, Vale of Lune Hunt, make a generous donation to the NLBS for helping. If you would like to help please contact Eve 01524 824205.
9. **Annual Fundraising Ride – Sunday 4th May 2014** This year the ride will be in the Farleton area (nr Burton in Kendal) setting off from the new Auction Mart site at M6 J36. Help is required with all aspects of organising the ride, especially on the day, including manning the gates and supervising a busy road crossing. Every little helps and a couple of hours manning a gate would be very much appreciated by those taking part. Contact Eve for more info.
10. **Talk for Farmers** NLBS have been invited to give a talk about the work of the group to Milnthorpe and Burton farmers discussion group.
11. **Local Access Forum:-** A Lancashire representative is needed to attend meetings. Claire Mitchell kindly volunteered to take on this role.
12. **Any other business:**
 - (i) *Future speakers:* Julie has done a great job organising a variety of speakers for our meetings and is now putting together a programme for 2014. Please contact her at horsejulie@yahoo.co.uk if there is anyone you'd like to come along and give a talk.
 - (ii) *Black Castle Lane* (which runs from Beaumont, Lancaster, to Bolton-le-Sands) – please be aware work has started on the Heysham M6 link which will cross this lane so if riding this way you may encounter heavy machinery especially on a week day. There may also be times when the lane is closed.
 - (iii) *Number Bibs* It was decided to purchase a set of bibs for use at our fundraising rides and which could be loaned to other groups for a donation to the NLBS.

Following the business meeting local poet Jim Stewart entertained us with renditions of his poetry.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Speaker: Cedric Robinson, MBE - Queen's Guide to Morecambe Bay

**Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB
Please come along and bring a friend**