

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting on 10th March 2009

1. Chairperson Eve Hall welcomed everybody to the meeting. New members are Kelly Busby (Bare), Vivienne Preston (Burton-in-Kendal), Sarah, Bernice & Caitlyn Pilkington (Thornton Cleveleys), Liz Sweeney (Millhead), Gill Jackson (Arkhholme), Kate Lennox (Cark in Cartmel), Sue Moffat (Wigan), Val Seger-Bernard (Overtown) and Jim & Pauline Jemson (Lancaster). NLBS is approaching the registration of its 500th member, who will receive a 'free year'!

2. Apologies from Barbara Hartley, Janet Bebbington, Kath Richardson, Helen Moore, Sarah Webster, Jackie Millatt, Ginny Watts, Lesley Owen, Sam Robinson and Chris Bell.

3. Minutes of last meeting were proposed by Lynn Hodgson and seconded by Sue Hodgson.

4. Matters arising – none

5. Survey results. Vicky has produced an Executive Summary of the horse ownership survey recently carried out, which concludes that the economic input of horse ownership into the local economy is £7,603,200 per year. See additional information.

6. Members enjoyed a delicious 'Christmas' meal at The Punchbowl on 23rd January. Unfortunately 3 members became involved in a traffic accident on the way home, but fortunately no-one was hurt.

7. Help is needed at 2 events:-

- i) Whittington Races on Easter Saturday, where helpers get free entry to the races after they've finished their duties.
- ii) Kirkby Lonsdale Fundraising Ride. This is on Sunday 10th May, at Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club and help is needed to man gates etc. Entry forms are on our website www.nlbs.org.uk.

8. Monthly rides:

Sunday 5th April 2009 – NLBS Hincaster ride

Steady ride from Hincaster. 15 miles. Contact: Bridget Pickthall tel: 015395 61243

Sunday 19th April 2009 – NLBS Slyne ride

Steady ride with opportunity to ride on the beach if you wish. Max 6 riders. Contact: Eve Hall tel: 01524 824205

Sunday 7th June 2009 – NLBS Farleton Fell ride

Approx 3 hours on bridleways and quiet lanes. Contact: Jeanne Smith/Janis Ashworth 01524 781632

Monday 15th June 2009 – NLBS Longlands ride

From Longlands, Nr Carnforth along quiet lanes and fields. Contact: Maxine Holmes 01524 733816

July 2009 – date to be advised. NLBS Witherslack ride

Contact: Lynne Hodgson 015395 52293

9. Julie Sico has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate speakers for future meetings

10. Riders have been experiencing problems with horses on the bridleway near the Red Well, Arkholme. The County Council Enforcement Officer advises that there is no legislation to force owners of land to accept erection of fencing if they refuse to give permission.

11. Any Other Business

- i) A local man is considering setting up a Paddock Management business and would appreciate members' thoughts and feedback. It was recommended that he print some cards for distribution.
- ii) Houghton Equestrian at Kirkby Lonsdale is holding a talk on laminitis on 26th March, free entry.
- iii) Rose Thornton brought along some supplementary rides for placing in the 'Local Rides' pack.
- iv) A holiday complex development is proposed at Borrowdale, which will upgrade the bridleway to a road and change the character of the valley. Details are on the Eden District Council website www.eden.gov.uk. NLBS has already submitted an objection.
- v) A member told the meeting about 3 appalling gates on a Winmarleigh bridleway, and asked how to get something done about it. Lancashire County Council's website has a system for complaining about rights of way, and fast replies are assured.

There was then a talk from Zoe of World Horse Welfare about our nearest rescue centre, Penny Farm at Blackpool. Firstly she explained that the organisation had changed its name from ILPH as the new name was more meaningful. They were set up due to the horrific transportation conditions for horses exported from the UK for the meat market, and this is still an issue today in other countries.

Penny farm can accommodate 65 horses, and there are also 3 other centres in the UK. The Field Officers offer guidance and help first of all, then as a last resort prosecution or surrender of the animal. Horses coming into the centre have 3 weeks in isolation, then rehabilitation starts as soon as the horse is fit enough.

Rehoming details are available on their website, all homes are checked at frequent intervals. There is also an Adoption Scheme.

4 years ago new legislation was introduced in the EU to improve transportation conditions, but has not been effective and a petition has been set up. WHW also have an Overseas Training Team in countries such as Mexico, where they educate horseowners and train 'trainers' to carry on the good work.

We can all support them by attending their Open day on 12th September and participating in their toner cartridge and mobile phone recycling scheme

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 7.30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall

Everybody welcome and please bring a friend!

Additional Information

The Report, produced by Vicky & Kay, makes for very interesting reading. It is available on the web site (accessed from the News page) or if any member would like a copy then please contact Vicky, tel. 01524 832526

More rides -

South West Lakeland - Black Combe (Corney) ride on Sun 19th April. 11 & 25k at Corney Village Hall near Bootle Cumbria. Contact Andy Braithwaite 01946 821951 or e-mail andrea@Braithwaite1000.fsnet.co.uk Entries taken on day.

Burnley Bridleways Association The 2nd North East Lancashire Riding Festival (part 1) On hoof, foot or cycle.

Sat 2nd May Barley (using the restored Under Pendle bridleway) **Sun 3rd May Chipping**

Entry Fee: 1 day £15 / 2 days 25 Entries close Thursday 30th April – NO ENTRY ON DAY

Entry & Information: Miss C Towneley Dyneley, Burnley BB11 3RE 07817 725976 / mail@cositowneley.co.uk

These are not guided rides. Start as ready between 8.30am & 12pm. Complete at own pace. Marked up map & talk through given on day. Suitable for mounted or footled lead rein .

CARDINAL ALLEN CHARITY HORSE RIDE **Sunday 12th July** 25km OF BEACH AND BRIDLEWAY

START TIME 9-10AM NO LATER!!! ENTRY FEE: £15 PER HORSE which includes refreshments.

VENUE: Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Fleetwood, Lancs FY7 8AY

Contacts: PTA, Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Melbourne Ave, Fleetwood, Lancs FY7 8AY

or e-mail Janet Bebbington for form

WEST CRAVEN BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION West Craven Rides - run on the same basis as our own NLBS rides ie. for members of the particular bridleways group but if you wish to join a ride then you pay the £5 (for NLBS rides) or **£6 (for West Craven)** and that entitles you to membership for the year and hence covers any of the other rides organised by that bridleway group.

First half of 2009:

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL GISBURN FOREST - TOSSIDE –Contact Pat Royston on: 01200 446233

SATURDAY 16TH MAY WYCOLLER –Katheryn Rutter on: 01282 866456

TUESDAY 2ND JUNE MORECAMBE BAY – from Kents Bank station at 1.30 p.m. approx. £12. Contact Phyllis to book. Tel: 01729 850295

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE SWINSTY RESERVOIR –Contact Kath on 015242 51488

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE Charity Ride from Brogden Hall Farm, Barnoldswick Entries from Karen Field on: 01282 844175 (Leave message on answer phone) or Betty Brayshaw on: 01535 634881

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE RYLSTONE – Beverley Spensley on: 01200 441452 or Liz Blackburn on: 01200 426276

SUNDAY 12TH JULY HELWITH BRIDGE Kath on 015242 51488

Stonetrail Holidays - we are a new business situated just north of Sedbergh, at the northern end of the new Pennine Bridleway. We provide trail riding - from 1 hour to a full day on our small team of sturdy cobs as well as accommodation for visitors who wish to bring their horse on holiday (we can sleep up to 16 persons in 3 cottages). We have stables and 40 acres. Ample parking and immediate access to a fabulous selection of off road trails.

We would also be keen to host a social ride. I suspect many members have not had the opportunity to ride the new Pennine Bridleway yet. Although the route from Settle to ourselves is not yet officially open, our northerly section is already well established and can be ridden.