

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2009

1. **Welcome** Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed everybody to the meeting. Again there are a number of new members: Susan & Rachel Parker (Nateby), Lala Awde (Bolton-le-Sands), Chris. Hall (Arkholme), Jill Weatherhead (Endmoor), Maxine Percival (Sandside), Sally Johnson (High Bentham) and the following members re-joined, Linda Clarkson, Karen Mather and Kathryn Walker.
2. **Apologies** received from Sharon Cash, Janet Bebbington, Sheena Robertson, Judy Robertson and Helen Wain.
3. **Minutes of last meeting.** Proposed by Andy Awde, seconded by Ann Thornton
4. **Matters Arising**
 - i) Coastal Riding – the BHS maps have now arrived, been marked & sent off
 - ii) Visit to Hutton – the police put on a very good show and a repeat visit is planned
 - iii) Wind Turbines – this proposal has been passed to Michael Helme from Bowland Bridleways as it is felt to be more relevant to them.
5. **Three Thankyous**
 - i) from Gina Prill for our gift on her resigning her post
 - ii) from Byways & Bridleways for our £200 donation towards resolving the blocked bridleway
 - iii) from a member for the work carried out by NLBS
6. **Tack Sale Success** Members were advised of the profits made and an appeal was put out for more cakes in future! All our ride routes were sold and a substantial amount of tack is to be sent for needy equines in Gambia.
7. **Mapping for BHS** In her usual efficient way Eve responded to the BHS request to map local rides. Lorraine has become a volunteer in this scheme and is partaking of computer mapping of bridleways in the area. It is hoped to have a BHS representative to talk about the scheme at a later meeting.
8. **BHS Access Week 21-31 May 2010** members reminisced on previous action taken and decided to discuss this at a future meeting
9. **Speaker for next meeting** - the talk will be on homeopathy for equines and there will be a free sample worth £12 for all those attending
10. **Gate at Crag Bank** NLBS has paid for & organised a new gate on the shore, with the agreement of the farmers involved
11. **£10 tax on every horse owner** This tax would fund a new agency for animal health. To object online visit www.rethinkhorsetax.org.uk
12. **Uncontrolled dogs on the beach** - there have been 1 or 2 disturbing incidents recently and this was a general warning to riders to take care
13. **Annual Fundraising Ride** This will take place on Sun 25 April 2010 from Cotestones, Warton and help is needed on gates etc
14. **Christmas Meal** This will be held on 22 January 2010 at the Bay Horse, Arkholme and the menu was passed round at the meeting (see additional information).

15. Mobile Phone Donations The Thoroughbred Rehabilitation centre can make good use of your old mobiles, so please donate them

16. Any other Business

- i) Members Nadine & Phil Butler were thanked for offering to clear the cycletrack, although it was in fact done by the Lengthsman before they got there
- ii) 2 'Think Horse' signs were available at the meeting, but a reminder not to place them on the highway
- iii) Items of clothing etc were offered for sale at the meeting, also various horses are available for sale/loan
- iv) Sam Robinson is organising an evening of talks at Kirklands on 25 November
- v) A talk on responsible breeding has been organised for 19 November at Crooklands

17. Talk by Lorraine Hind Lorraine gave a very enjoyable presentation 'Rides Taken by NLBS Members', giving tips on parking, useful contacts etc. Her photos and anecdotes will undoubtedly inspire riders to try new routes in the Lakes & Fells. If you are interested in maps of the routes (by e-mail) then contact Lorraine on Lorrainehind@btinternet.com

Date of next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 12 January 2010 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

Please come along and bring a friend.

There will be a presentation on equine homeopathy with free samples!

Additional Information

Milestone Internet, which handled NLBS' web design and registration etc has now ceased trading and has been replaced by its sister company Exposure 22. NLBS members are being offered a 10% discount on all Exposure 22 photography services, including digital photograph restorations & repairs, and quality Fine Art prints. To claim the discount quote the code Family10 when visiting www.exposure22.com and www.images.exposure22.com.

Menu for the Christmas meal (Fri. Jan.22nd):

Prawn Cocktail	Pan fried Sirloin Steak	Apple Crumble
Soup	Turkey	Christmas Pudding
Melon	Roast Beef	Raspberry Pavlova with custard cream/ice cream
	Veg, Lasagne	
	Red Dragon – adzubi beans, rice, carrots chilli, onion, mashed pots.!!	

Give your choice of menu (starter, main & dessert) to Eve at the Jan. meeting or tel. 01524 824205 a.s.a.p. to make your booking. Hope to see you there.

Caravan – NLBS has been given the chance to own a small caravan (free!) for use at rides & events but we have nowhere to store it. Can you help? Preferably under cover but would like to hear of any offers. Please contact Sheila direct on 015395 66947 a.s.a.p. Thanks.

Hope you all have a very happy Christmas with your family and animals
and best wishes for the year ahead with, hopefully, better weather!!

See you in the New Year!!