

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2010

1. **Welcome.** Chairperson Eve Hall welcomed all members, particularly those who have recently joined. Tracey Howard (Nether Kellet), Patricia Royston (Slaidburn), Justine Greensmith (Lupton), Adele McLoughlin (Cartmel) and Maria Ryan (Churchtown).

2. **Apologies** from Lorraine Hind, Pauline McCartney and Sarah Webster.

3. **Minutes of last meeting.** Proposed by Jackie Millatt, seconded by Anna Twiname.

4. **Matters arising.**

- i. Thanks to Katarina for a lovely Christmas meal at the Bay Horse, Arkholme. In future could members who are unable to attend **please** phone the restaurant to cancel, in order to avoid wasted food.
- ii. The ride in Arnside/Silverdale AONB has now been arranged by Nicola Evans of Natural England, and is scheduled for Sunday 13 June.

5. **Proposed link road.** We have been assured that the extra bridleway promised at Blackcastle Lane, Slyne is still on schedule.

6. There are plans to downgrade a bridleway at Ingleton. NLBS, as well as individual members, have submitted objections.

The bridleway at the Redwell, Arkholme has been reported due to very wet & boggy conditions, difficult gates and an unsafe bridge. The owner has offered to put hardcore down and ease the gates, but he may need financial assistance and NLBS may assist

7. **Whittington Races.** Sat 3 April. We are again working on the gates in return for a donation to NLBS, so need as many volunteers as possible. Please contact Eve on 01524 832526 if you haven't signed the form passed round at the meeting.

8. **Just a reminder** that we need loads of helpers for the annual fundraising ride at Warton on Sun 25 April. **Please** contact Eve on 01524 832526 to volunteer your services.

9. **Eden Valley Loops.** Cumbria Bridleways Society needed £18,000 to get this project up and running. The route already exists but needs upgrading, and links the Penrith area to the Pennine Way. Grants & donations have led to only a £700 shortfall, so NLBS members agreed to donate £500.

10. **'20s, Plenty for us'**. Dynamo is involved in a campaign to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in certain areas. Eve sent a letter of support on our behalf.

11. **Any Other Business.**

- i. Vicky Lowe has decided to resign as Secretary which is very bad news for us. We've had 1 nomination for the post, but if anybody else is interested could they please contact Eve on 01524 832526.
- ii. Houghton Equestrian has moved from Kirkby Lonsdale to Clapham. Take your membership receipt for a discount.
- iii. 'Save our Borrowdale'. This campaign, which was supported by NLBS, has had a successful outcome.
- iv. The Holker Hall ride, in aid of RDA, will be held this year on 18 Sept.

Julie, the founder of Crossgates Bioenergetics, Settle, then gave a presentation on her company, which has been in business since 1998. Julie attended a talk on homeopathy which turned her life around, and she started using homeopathic remedies on her farm, then on horses and other animals. She qualified as a homeopath and her business now has 18,000 customers and 8 different departments. They work alongside the medical & veterinary professions.

Bioenergetics is based on the theory that we all resonate at particular frequencies and if this is too low it affects our health. Tests carried out on hair, feathers etc can diagnose ailments, & remedies can then be prescribed in spray form or as pendants, tinctures etc. There are no side-effects and the products can be used on competition animals.

Julie is more than happy to give advice over the phone and handed out free samples of her products.

**Next Meeting is our AGM. 7.30pm Tuesday 11 May at Hest Bank Memorial Hall
Ian Sedgwick, Pasture Management, is coming along.**

He will tell us about his services but would then prefer a question and answer session so please be ready with any pasture management queries.

Please come and bring a friend!

Additional Information

Membership - NLBS subs. are due in May so, hopefully, you will bring your subs. to the meeting – still £5 per single/partner/family for a full year from May '10 to May '11. If you have joined recently, your subs will run through until May'11, some have already renewed and some have paid well in advance. Please check on your receipt. If you are not sure then contact me on 015242 21026 or Batmillhouses@aol.com If you cannot pay in person then please post to Mrs. B Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF and make your cheques payable to NLBS. Thanks.

Police visit - Julie Sico has arranged another visit to the Police Headquarters at Hutton near Preston. The last visit there was very popular and oversubscribed, hence another visit, and those of us who were lucky enough to go thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. In fact, I think some would like to go again so that says it all.

The visit is on Wed. morning June 9th. at 10.00a.m. at Hutton and it will last all morning. We are only allowed 20 people on the visit and there are already quite a few places taken so it is important that you book your place quickly if you wish to go. This info. has already gone out on e-mail.

To book your place or for any queries please contact Julie direct on her mobile 07951 670625

Kath. Richardson offered this information – “You might like to let NLBS members know that the West Craven Group has also arranged a visit to the Police Horses on Wed 19th May at 10.00am. If anybody is interested and can't make it to your visit on the 9th June, there may still be a few places left so anybody wishing to join us will be most welcome, please contact me on 015242 51488 “

Rides –

Sunday 9th May 2010 – Cartmel Ride (details in Jan. minutes). NOTE: The starting point for the Cartmel ride has had to be changed from Cartmel race course to Greenbank Farm, Aynsome Lane, Cartmel, although this will not affect the planned route. More info. from Sue Gill, Cornbrook Orchard, Clogger Beck, Cartmel LA11 6PN Email:

gillsue@gmail.com Telephone: 015395 36825

Saturday 3rd July 2010 - Annual Charity Horse Ride to raise funds for pupils going to Lourdes Ride at Cardinal Allen High School, FLEETWOOD

The ride will consist of approx 1 mile of road, a couple of miles of bridleway and the rest is along the beach towards Blackpool (approx 25km). Shorter route available. Entry fee £15 per rider. Free refreshments to all riders. Start time 9-10am.....NO LATER!!!! Rosettes to all who complete the ride.

Entry forms available from: J Bebbington, Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancs FY7 8AY Tel: 01253 872659

Saturday 18th September – Furness RDA Holker Ride (details in Jan. minutes). Web site - info@furnessrda.org.uk

Summer Horse Camps (but in B&B!) - Classic Hackers and Cumbria University Adult Horse Camps.

27th - 29th June and 11th - 13th July Fun for you and your horse. Friendly learning environment. Indoor and outdoor schools. Limited places to 8 per camp. For more information email yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk or TEL 015394 45124

Show Dates

Saturday 29th. May - Cumbria Fell and Dales Show, Jenkinsons field Brougham Nr Penrith. Contact Hilary on keithandhilary@argill.wanadoo.co.uk

Saturday 12th. June – Fell pony show at Crooklands

Sunday 11th July – Tebay Show

For all the above see the Fell Pony Web site or contact Hilary on the above e-mail.

Special Event – Dalemmain 'Packs & Tracks' unique countryside event at Dalemmain House, Ullswater on **May16th**. 10.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. £6, children free. Many displays, demonstration etc. Refreshments. Ticket includes access to Dalemmain's beautiful gardens. More info. www.cumbriabridlewayssociety.org Tel 01539 823208/567578