

## **NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2011**

**1. Welcome:** Eve welcomed all members to the meeting together with four new members, Angela Haslam, Heather Haslam and Rebecca Haslam of Shap and Anne Robinson of Austwick. Paid up members and renewals amount to 307 members.

**2. Apologies:** Sue White and Sarah Webster.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting:** a correction was made to the date of Jo Birkbeck's demonstration and the minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record proposed by Barbara Hartley and seconded by Christine Evans.

**4. Matters Arising:** None

**5. Tack Sale** Sunday, 16th October, 2011. Members were asked to distribute flyers. There will be 20 tables this year, less than previous years, due to construction of a stage in the hall. Members were encouraged to pledge sandwiches and cakes. These can be dropped off at Eve's house on the Saturday evening if donors cannot get to the sale. Please help to make this the success it always is.

**6. Matters Arising:** (i) Bay Ride is planned for 05.10.2011 depending on conditions. Contact Phyllis Capstick on 01729850295 to check details. (ii) Lowther Ride for RDA and NLBS 02.10.2011. (iii) BHS Trip to HOYS 04.10.2011, £50. Check BHS web site. (iv) November Meeting has been changed to Monday 07.11.2011 at 8pm when Vyv Wood Gee will talk about her journey along the drove roads from Skye to London with her Fell ponies. There will be a raffle in aid of Cancer Research for which prizes will be gratefully received. (v) Meeting to discuss the proposed Lune Valley River Bridleways at Mole End Farm on 21.09.2011 at 7.30. (vi) NLBS Fund Raising Ride at Kirkby Lonsdale 29.04.2012

**7. Bridleway at Borwick:** Eve reported that this needs maintaining and suggested members get together to combine their efforts in their specific area to make this more rideable.

**8. Linda Hughes' Memorial Walk:** Janet Darwen thanked all members who contributed to the sponsored walk along the Cumbrian Way to Carlisle, in memory of her late sister Linda Hughes. The walk raised £8,600 for St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston for which, many thanks.

**9. AOB:** Please let Eve know of any gates, paths etc which might be in need of repair. Stallions on BWs was raised and Eve said they were definitely not allowed on BWs.

Jo Birkbeck's demonstration at Beaumont Cote was a great success where she dealt with different horse and pony problems and announced various taster lessons for handlers. 85 members attended.

Eve urged everyone to make an effort to remove ragwort.

Jane Armstrong Lancaster excelled in a recent TREC Competition by achieving 134 points out of 160 and was rewarded with the Lucky Jim Perpetual Plate for the competitor with the highest PTV score. Congratulations.

The BHS invites signatures in their quest to get all footpaths turned into BWs. Please go on their site and sign up.

Mr Peter Boustead, Fell Pony Society Approved Judge gave a lively, humorous and highly informative talk on judging not only Fell ponies but all our native ponies. We all learned something new. For which all our thanks.

**Date of next meeting Vyv Wood Gee  
Monday 07/11/2011 at 8pm**

**at Hest Bank Memorial Hall**  
**Please come along and bring a friend.**

**Additional info:-**

**Dates for the diary:-**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Hindcaster Trailway Group** Work Party. 10am Bradley Farm Hincaster. Safety shoes required some available, for more details tel Bridget 015395 61243.

**Sunday 2nd October 2011 Sponsored Ride Lowther** Eden Group RDA  
Rides of 20 miles / 12 miles / 5 miles available.

**Wednesday 5th October - Morecambe Bay ride** Contact Phyllis Capstick

**Sunday 9 October 2011 Join-up Taster Day with Jo Birkbeck, BHSII,**  
Monty Roberts Certified Instructor, Green Bank Farm, Coach Road, Warton, Nr Carnforth. To include classroom work, practical work and guided join-up. Indoor School. Horses provided. £40 per person. 11.00am start. For further information contact Jo Birkbeck- tel: 01524 782515 email [jobirkbeck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jobirkbeck@hotmail.co.uk)

Starting **October 11th British Horse Society's Horse Owners Certificate** courses? Would you like to develop your knowledge of horse care in a friendly environment, with chance to practice practical skills? Level One starts on October 11th, 2011 at Over Kellet Village Hall, (7 to 9pm), Levels 2 to 4 follow on. (Practical sessions at local yard) Cost £52 (£47 if you book and pay before 24th Sept)  
An optional exam at the end of each course (£23) gives you a great acknowledgment of new skills obtained and a certificate. If you have already done some of the courses then join in at the appropriate level. Further info contact Helen on 01524 736606 or email [helenwain@talktalk.net](mailto:helenwain@talktalk.net)  
Check out Helen's latest running excursions with the chance to win a taste of fair trade at <http://www.justgiving.com/Helen-Wain0>

**Sunday 16th October. NLBS Tack Sale,** Hestbank Memorial Hall.  
Open to the public from 11 am onwards, refreshments available.

**Saturday 12 Nov - Trip to Your Horse Live Exhibition.** To fill a 33 seater coach the travel cost would be approx £21 per seat, 24 seater approx. £25 per seat. Tickets into the exhibition are approx £20 per person which can be purchased from their website or pay on the door. Starting from M6 jn 36 at approx. 7am, picking up at Carnforth (Traveller's Choice where cars can be left for the day) and Caton Road Lancaster. Return from the exhibition in Warwickshire will be approx 5.30 pm. Many live demonstrations to watch and plenty of trade stands. To book a place tel. Sheila on 015395 66947 between 8 - 9 pm. Please phone before 16 October.

**Saturday 19th November.** Midfield Farm Stud, Tebay, Dressage Competition.  
Class 1, Walk & Trot test 1A. Class 2, Prelim 3A. Class 3, Prelim / Novice 4A.

**For Sale:-** 13.1 Tricoloured 12 year old mare, companion/Gentle hack.

Lovely chunky mare looking for a new home, she can be ridden by lightweight person on a gentle hack once or twice a week. Fantastic confidence giver, great in traffic. Vaccinations/worm count up to date, very good doer will live out. Looking for 5 star home for her, £500 to include made to measure saddle or would consider loan to good home. For more information ring, Anna 015395 67699 or email [bordersales@btinternet.com](mailto:bordersales@btinternet.com)

**For Sale** Good hay for sale, small bales, 2010 and 2011 crop.

Contact John Dickinson tel 015395 63511.

You are invited to e-sign a petition for more bridleways at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/15341>

Hincaster Trailway Group launch new website [www.hincastertrailway.co.uk](http://www.hincastertrailway.co.uk) Featuring News, Events, Activities, Downloads, a Gallery of photos and Links to our supporting organisations. Fundraising - Ian & Diane McHardy have devised a "Fiendish Film Quiz" to raise funds for the Hincaster Trailway Group. At £1 per sheet with a 1st prize of £30 and 2nd prize of £15, this will keep you entertained over the autumn evenings. Closing date 25th November 2011. Quizzes are available to collect direct from Bridget 015395 61243 and are on sale in Milnthorpe Post Office.

Community Project Lune Valley NLBS members living in, Arkholme, Melling, Wennington, Tatham, Wray, Quernmore, Roeburndale, Over Wyresdale, Caton with Littledale, a website has been put forward that may be of interest to you. The barn website address is <http://www.b4rn.org.uk> This website relates to a community project in the Lune Valley which is aiming to bring world class 1Gb broadband to rural areas. In order to go ahead the project needs people living in the area to register their interest on the website before the end of September.