

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2012

1. Welcome: Eve welcomed all members to the meeting together with two new members, Raymond Kennedy and Laura Pettit. Eve announced the sad death of Sue Gill and read out a message regarding her funeral at Cartmel Priory on 13.01.2012. Sue requested no flowers but donations to the Brooke Hospital for Horses and/or St Mary's Hospice Ulverston. Eve has sent a condolence card from the NLBS.

2. Apologies: Alma Carruthers, June Chapman, Sharon Cash, Sue Clowes, Pauline McCartney, Janet Bebbington and Sarah Webster.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record first by Frances Chisholme and seconded by Kaye Edwards.

4. Matters Arising: (i) Led Rides: Thanks to Kath Richardson who not only took out a lovely ride but gave the ten participating riders a rosette each. Eve appealed yet again to members to organise rides, which is easier than expected. Please contact Kaye if anyone can do so.
(ii) The gate at Bolton Le Sands is now complete with signs on both sides.
(iii) Viv Wood Gee's talk in November was a great success and well attended by a cross section of interested parties. £174.73p was raised for Cancer Care and NLBS presented a bouquet of flowers to Viv as a token of their thanks.
(iv) Tack Sale: this was yet another success and raised £686.68p. It was hoped to find a bigger venue but none found can match the existing facilities. The feasibility of outside tables was discussed. Tables will be limited to 20 in the hall. Eve thanked everyone who helped with the event and John Cash for his help with the tables.

5. Lune Valley BWs: Eve read out Barbara Hartley's comprehensive report on the Meeting, 21.01.2012, to discuss this matter. There appear to be more cons than pros. The Cantsfield project is still ongoing. Barbara announced she is leaving the area for a new beginning in Wiltshire, she will be greatly missed.

6. Meal at 'The Smithy', Holme 27.01.2012. Please contact Sheila Kissak. Meals need to be paid for in advance.

7. North West Coastal Trail Survey www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk. Eve urged members to download forms from the website and to fill in any areas of the coast they have ridden, pointing out any pitfalls eg. access/parking etc. The more people who participate the more our needs will hopefully be observed and met.

8. Proposed wind turbine on land south of Addington Lodge 11//01120/FUL. Kaye reported that this would be a single turbine and not near any BWs and within the guidelines. Contact the government web site for planning refs and to register complaints or otherwise.

9. AOB: (i) Our Newsletter is in urgent need of articles and items of interest to our members. Photos, favourite rides, holidays, horses pranks etc, Sheena cannot do this on her own so please get writing and let her have material asap.

sheena@creativemarketingsolutions.co.uk or phone 015242 64940.

(ii) Re The Chancellor's Autumn Statement, £2m 'Paths for Communities' Grant Scheme. New paths for riders, walkers and cyclists to be created, BHS Magazine, Jan/Feb 2012, p11. After years of patient campaigning our fight to secure the sort of provision provided for walkers

and cyclists appears to be paying off. The BHS was delighted to learn of the government's statement.

(iii) Jane gave us a report on the rescue centre for equines which she has recently set up. Eve assured her of NLBS's support for this worthwhile work for Lancaster Equine Rescue www.LancasterEquineRescue.co.uk.

(iv) The results of the BHS/Plumpton University survey on The Health Benefits of Horse Riding in the UK, which some of our members took part in, found that horse riding and work in connected with horses is very good for health. p 14 of the report quotes age ranges in the 65-74 yr as represented by five with only one at 75. Eve reckoned that was her!

(v) Used stamps for the Branbury Home of Rest for Horses. Please collect your used stamps and bring them to the meetings when Eve will send them to this charity.

(vi) Your Horse Live Exhibition: Last but not least our thanks to Sheila for arranging this outing for NLBS and also our thanks to her for her sterling work as our Treasurer.

Mr Andrew Wattam of Archway Veterinary Practice, gave an extremely interesting talk on the latest research relating to Laminitis, its causes, treatment and management, for which our many thanks.

**Next meeting on 13th March, 2012 at 7.30pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall
Helen Wain will give a talk 'Rider Biomechanics'
Strategies for Secure and Effective Riding'**

Please come along and bring a friend

Additional info:-

Change of Name for Stonetrail Riding Centre

Alison Roper would like to inform all members of NLBS that their Trail Riding & Horse Holiday centre at Kirkby Stephen has changed its name to the Eden Valley Trail Riding Centre. The new name has been chosen to better reflect the area in which they ride and also to further promote the wonderful bridleways they have in the Eden Valley. There is no change to the ownership or organisation of the business. The website link is www.edenvalleyridingcentre.com

Horse Holidays at the Eden Valley Trail Riding Centre

Stabling and grazing for horse holidays is now available at the Eden Valley Trail Riding centre for owners who stay locally in a B&B. Accommodation is also still available onsite at the centre in three luxury self catering cottages. Please call Alison Roper on 015396-23444 or visit their website at www.edenvalleyridingcentre.com

Access bodies commence Lancashire project to **rescue lost commons**. In September this year, The British Horse Society and the Open Spaces Society announced a joint project to rescue lost common land and record it for public use. The first of the project applications to add this land to the commons registers under Schedule 2(4) of the Commons Act 2006 has now been submitted to the registration authorities in Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen. The two applications cover extensive areas of heather moorland and rough grassland, including 1,500 hectares (15 sq kms) at Boulsworth Hill near Trawden and 200 hectares at Hoddlesden Moss, Darwen. A further ten applications, affecting land in Darwen and Rossendale, will be submitted over the next three to four months. Schedule 2(4) enables anyone to apply to 're-register' land that was provisionally but not finally registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965. Many areas of common land were missed from the registers when they were first opened, for a three-year period, in 1967. However, where an application was made under the 1965 Act and was cancelled or part-cancelled, the case for registration may now be reconsidered under the Schedule 2(4) provisions. In effect, all that needs to be shown is that the land still qualifies as 'waste land of a manor'; for example, that it is of manorial origin and

has not been developed or improved. Steve Byrne, who is acting on behalf of the two Societies, says: "The aim of the project is to demonstrate the significance of the Schedule 2(4) provisions by submitting applications to the two 'pioneer' authorities in Lancashire. It will focus on urban areas because land that is re-registered here will carry a right to walk and ride under section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925. Says Mark Weston, The British Horse Society's Director of Access, Safety and Welfare: "This project has the potential to provide access for horse riders on a large acreage of commons that were not registered under the original registration process". Nicola Hodgson, case officer for the Open Spaces Society, adds: "We are pleased to be supporting this pioneering project which will help to right the wrongs of the Commons Registration Act 1965 and lead to a significant increase in the amount of common land available for public enjoyment". For further information and pictures, please contact: Alison Coleman, Press Officer, The British Horse Society, 02476 840463 or email communications@bhs.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 5th February 2012 Cumbria Horse Clinic Old Hall Farm Bouth, Greenodd, LA12 8JA off A590 near Newby Bridge <http://www.oldhallfarmbouth.com/Directions.html>

Book in for one of the following riding sessions taken by Wendy Suddes:

Please note – outdoor school – BE PREPARED – for ANY weather!!

Ridden / Groundwork sessions with Wendy Suddes BHSII

Stable Management sessions Jean Rodgers BHSI

Entry fees Ridden session £15 Groundwork £10 Stable management £10 for 2 sessions

To book please contact Adele McLoughlin 01539536649 –carmel645@btinternet.com or

Jean Rogers BHSI 01539536319 £5 deposit secures a place (places limited)

Light refreshments available to buy or bring your own

FOR SALE

Two pairs of caldene black hunting boots for sale size 7-8 med / wide leg - good condition £50 each. Also a black wool hunting jacket size 40 chest £50 and a Foxey red wool hunting waistcoat £15 Tel 01524 732802

ACORN - Pony Club/Riding Club, Allrounder, Schoolmaster

15.1 HH, 16 years old, Gelding. Pony Club rallies and camps, Pony Club Area Novice Dressage & Show Jumping 2011, represented Morecambe Bay Riding Club at Festival of Champions 2011, Equitation & Riding Club Horse. Competes: Show Jumping / Combined Training / Working Hunter / Riding Club Horse / Mounted games / Dressage / Arena Eventing / Equitation / Handy Pony.

Much-loved horse, owned 7 years, delightful temperament, good in all ways. Works 3 hrs per week in riding school, excellent safe obedient ride for beginners and advanced riders. Loves to hack out on local cycle tracks/bridle paths & beach with companion, but does not hack alone. Rider now wants to step up a gear in Show Jumping/Eventing.

For loan. Could stay on current yard, which has fantastic facilities, only 5 mins away from PC & MBRC show ground. Open to suggestions. Carolyn or Elizabeth Reade

elizabeth.reade@hotmail.co.uk 01524 382315 / 07583 487825

For Sale Double Horse Trailer lfor Williams HR505R

Front/Rear Unload Early model in good condition. Aluminium floor, rubber mats, divider, breast bar, New lights. £1450 Helen Wain Tel:01524-736606, Mob:07910252888

For Sale Leyland DAF 7.5T Horsebox - 3 stalls

M Reg 1984 MOT to November 2012 Tax end of July 2012 only 2 owners

Wooden box, solid, very reliable

Paint work & luton living area need attention hence price £2800 ono

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